

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STATE MEDICINAL PLANTS BOARD GOA HELD ON 13TH AUGUST 2020 AT CONFERENCE HALL, PARYATAN BHAVAN, PATTO, PANAJI, GOA.

A meeting of the State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPB) Goa was held on 13th August 2020 at Conference Hall, Paryatan Bhavan, Patto, Panaji, Goa under the chairmanship of Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon. Chief Minister/Forest Minister.

Following attended the meeting:

Members:

1. Shri Puneet Kumar Goel, IAS, Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Goa.
2. Shri Subhash Chandra, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.
3. Dr. Eknath Chakurkar, Director, Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
4. Shri Neil Alphonso, Director, Agriculture.
5. Dr. Sangram Das, Professor & Head of Department of Dravyaguna Gomantak Ayurvedic Mahavidyalaya & Research Centre.
6. Dr. Jose D'Sa, Director, Health Services.
7. Dr. Mahesh Verlekar, Curchorem.
8. Dr. Diwakar Velip, Canacona.
9. Shri Shirang Jhamble, Savio-verem.
10. Smt. Deep Shikha Sharma, IFS, Dy. Conservator of Forests (Research & Utilisation) and Chief Executive Officer, SMPB-Goa

Special Invitees:

11. Shri Santosh Kumar, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.
12. Shri Keshav Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests.
13. Shri Saurabh Kumar, IFS, Conservator of Forests.
14. Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board.
15. Dr. Datta Bhat, Dy. Director (AYUSH).
16. Shri Suraj C. Naik, Assistant Private Secretary, Ministry of State (I/C) AYUSH.

At the outset, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests welcomed the chairman and all the members of the SMPB. All members introduced themselves to the

Chairman. The Member Secretary briefed the board members about the objectives and activities of the SMPB and with the permission of the Chair, read out the agenda of the meeting which were already circulated to the members.

Following was discussed and decided-

Agenda No. 1: Review of Works done by State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPB)

Goa; The Member Secretary made a power point presentation on the composition, schemes and activities carried out by SMPB, Goa. A short documentary by SMPB on Gulvel/Giloe (*Tinospora cordifolia*), also called Amrit bel was also shown to the members and its immune-boosting qualities were explained.

1. The Chairman desired that fresh attempt be made to utilize the previous years' funds for subsidy for the growth of medicinal plants by farmers. Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board (MS, GSBB) will help in identification of farmers. (Action: CEO, GSMPB; MS, GSBB)
2. The subsidy may be disbursed on the basis of the Krishi Card issued by the Department of Agriculture or Kishan Credit Card (KCC) or on certificate by Zonal Agricultural Officer (ZAO). (Action: CEO, GSMPB; Dir, Agriculture)
3. The SMPB should hold consultative meetings with different stake holders and with farmers so as to decide about target made under NAM scheme.

(Action: CEO, GSMPB)

Agenda No. 2: Approval of Annual Plan of Operations for year 2020-21; The Annual Plan of Operations for 2020-21 was approved by the Board with following remarks:

1. 50 schools should be covered for the School Herbal Gardens.
2. Additional fund to be sought for additional works of Aushadhi Vatika at Raj Bhavan.
3. For better communication between the public and the SMPB two Nodal Officers or Consultant may be appointed for North Goa and South Goa respectively.

4. The species for plantation by farmers to be decided after obtaining expression of interest from them for which consultative meetings to be carried out in association with GSBB.

5. Attempt should be made for buyback arrangements with herbal medicine producing companies.

(Action: CEO, GSMPB, MS, GSBB)

6. Turmeric and Ginger may also be included for subsidy in next financial year as these plants can be easily grown in Goa.

The Chairman issued further directions on related matters:

1. Exploring convergence of Govan project with schemes of the SMPB

(Action: CEO, GSMPB; MS, GSBB)

2. Reviving JFMC and their participation in SMPB programme.

(Action: DCF (North), DCF (south), CEO, GSMPB)

Agenda No. 3: Presenting Annual account of income and Expenditure, balance sheet and Receipt and payment from year 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 ; Annual account of income and Expenditure, Balance Sheet and Receipt and payment from year 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 were presented which was adopted by the Board.

Agenda No. 4: Constitution of Advisory Committee for scrutinizing Annual Plan of Operations, monitoring physical and financial progress and annual account of SMPB; The Constitution of an Advisory Committee as mentioned at para 2.6.5 of Memorandum of Association of SMPB, was decided for Scrutinizing Annual Plan of Operations, monitoring physical and financial progress and annual account of SMPB and other assigned tasks from time to time, consisting of Following members:

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| 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests ... | Chairman |
| 2. Chief Wildlife Warden... | Member |
| 3. Chief Conservator of Forests ... | Member |
| 4. Dr Pradip Sarmokadam, MS, GSBB | Member |

5. Shri Suraj Naik, APS to MOS (I/C), AYUSH

Member

6. Dy. Conservator of Forests (R&U) ...

Member
Secretary

It was decided that Dr Mahesh Verlekar will act as Nodal Officer for Dept of AYUSH, who will also help SMPB for the NAM project scheme of subsidy of medicinal plants to farmers.

Agenda No. 5: Distribution of "VAIDYAMITR" Card; Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed Vaidya Mitr Cards to 13 traditional healers/vaidyas as per the list attached.

Meeting ended vote of thanks to the Chair.



**Deep Shikha Sharma, IFS
Member Secretary/ CEO SMPB**

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