

**CITIZEN'S CHARTER FOR DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE (DoE&CC),
PORVORIM – BARDEZ - GOA**

1) Introduction:

The Department of Environment (DoE) was independently set up since the year 2018, after bifurcating from the Department of Science, Technology & Environment and presently located on the 1st floor of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Bhavan, Dte of Planning, Statistics & Evaluation Building, Behind Pundalik Devasthan, Pundalik Nagar, Alto-Porvorim. And now recently the nomenclature of Department has changed to “Dept. of Environment and Climate Change (DoE &CC)” since 27/02/2020.

2) Organization:

The Department is headed by the Director who is also the ex-officio Joint Secretary to the Government. The Department implements various projects relevant to the State, preparation of Coastal Zone Management Plan, Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (ICZMP) and various schemes relevant to environmental pollution, enforcement of “environmental protection/pollution control” laws. The State Department of Environment is the nodal agency for environmental management, conservation and protection of natural resources and endangered ecosystem as well as eco-restoration, development, protection and maintenance of selected natural reserves. The mandate of the Department is executed through various statutory and non-statutory agencies/authorities listed below:-

1. Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB).
2. Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA).
3. Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB).
4. Goa State Expert Appraisal Committee (Goa SEAC).
5. Goa State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (Goa SEIAA).
6. Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA).
7. Nodal Agency Climate Change.
8. Goa Environment Protection Council (GEPC).
9. Goa Coastal and Environment Management Society (GCEMS).

3) MAIN ACTIVITIES OF DoE&CC

1. Promotion of appropriate environmental projects relevant to the needs of the State.
2. Implementation of environmental awareness drives through grant-in aid to our Authorities..
3. Publication of papers, brochures and books etc. relevant to Environment.
- 4 Administration of statutory and advisory bodies on Environment.
5. Drafting of environmental legislations proposed by the Government from time to time.
6. Nodal Dept to implement ‘State/Central’ Acts/Legislations on environment and pollution control through the respective enforcement authorities.

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4) Services offered by the DoE & CC:

(i) Clearances under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986:

All 'constructions/developments' (including houses, hotels and resorts) located within 500 mts. of the High Tide Line (HTL) along the sea coast and within 100 mts. (or the width of the water body, whichever is less) along either banks of "rivers/creeks/backwaters" influenced by tidal action, require prior clearance under the CRZ Notification of 1991. Applications in the prescribed format (available at GCZMA, Porvorim & on their website) should be made to the Member Secretary (GCZMA) on the address in APPENDIX -I. The proposals are scrutinized for approval within one month of the date of receipt of completed applications. Projects requiring clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MOEF), Government of India (New Delhi), are first recommended by the GCZMA and forwarded to the MOEF.

(ii) Environment Impact Assessment (EIA)

Industries including Thermal Power Plants included in the Schedule of the Environmental Impact Assessment (E.I.A.) Notification No.S.O.1533 of 2006 are required to obtain prior environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, (MoEF), (GoI). Public Hearing is mandatory for all such proposed industries and a report of the said Hearing is forwarded to the MoEF who decides as to whether environmental clearance is to be given or not. Applications should be first made to the Member Secretary, Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) on the address in APPENDIX - I in the prescribed format available with the GSPCB, requesting to conduct the Public Hearing. In cases of proposed mining leases, Public Hearing is mandatory only for lease area of more than 25 Hectares. Subsequently the proposals in the prescribed format should be forwarded either to the MoEF or GSEIA, GoI, as the case may be, alongwith the Report of Public Hearing, Consent to Establish (NOC) issued by the GSPCB, and all other supporting documents (e.g. EIA Report, EMP Report, etc) as per the EIA Notification, 2006.

(2) Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate under the Water and Air Pollution (Control) Acts:

All industries including those which are not listed in the Environment Impact Assessment (E.I.A.) Notification, 2006 have to obtain Consent to Establish (NOC) under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 prior to the commencement of their construction. On completion of the construction work, all such industries are again required to obtain the Consent to Operate under the said Acts prior to the commencement of industrial production. Applications in the prescribed format alongwith all the relevant documents and the prescribed fees should be made to the Member Secretary (GSPCB) on the address in APPENDIX - I. The proposals are scrutinized for approval within one month of the date of receipt of completed applications.

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(3) Authorization under Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989;

All proposals involving industries generating hazardous waste, as defined in the said Rules, require prior authorisation to dispose off their hazardous wastes. Those desiring to obtain such an authorisation should contact the Member Secretary (GSPCB) on the address in APPENDIX – I. The proposals are scrutinized for approval within one month of the date of receipt of completed applications.

(4) Authorisation under the Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998:

Every occupier of an institution generating, collecting, receiving, storing, transporting, treating, disposing 'and/or' handling bio-medical waste in any other manner except such occupiers of clinics, dispensaries, pathological laboratories and blood banks providing 'treatment/services' to less than 1,000 patients per month should obtain authorization from the GSPCB. Also, every operator of a bio-medical waste facility should obtain the authorization from the GSPCB. Applications in the prescribed format (available with the GSPCB) should be made to the Member Secretary (GSPCB) on the address in APPENDIX – I.

(5) Authorisation under the Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000:

All municipal authorities/local bodies and all operators of waste disposal facilities have to obtain authorization from the GSPCB for setting up municipal waste processing and disposal facilities including sanitary landfills. In this regard, municipal authorities should comply with the implementation schedule as indicated in above mentioned rules. Application in the prescribed format should be made to the Member Secretary (GSPCB) on the address in APPENDIX – I.

APPENDIX-I

- 1) The Director,
Department of Environment and Climate Change (DoE &CC),
4th Floor, Dempo Towers,
Panaji - Goa 403 511.
Email: dir-env.goa@nic.in website: www.envcc.goa.gov.in
- 2) The Member Secretary,
Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB),
Near Pileme Industrial Estate, Opp. Saligao Seminary, Saligao, Bardez, Goa -
403511.
Telephone No.: (0832) 2407700/2407701/240770238567/2438550
Tel/Fax No. : 0832-2407700
E-mail : goapcb@gmail.com website: goaspcb.gov.in
- 3) The Member Secretary,
Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB),
Dempo Towers, EDC Complex,
Patto, Panaji – Goa 403 001
Telephone No.: (0832) 2407032
E-mail : goanbiodiversity@gmail.com website: www.gsbb.goa.gov.in
- 4) The Member Secretary,
Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA),
C/o Goa State Biodiversity Board,
Saligao, Bardez, Goa - 403 511.
Telephone No.: (0832) 2407032.
- 5) The Chairman,
Goa State Expert Appraisal Committee (GSEAC),
C/o Dept. of Environment & Climate Change
Porvorim – Goa.
- 6) The Secretary,
Goa State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (GSEIAA),
C/o Dept. of Environment & Climate Change
Panaji – Goa.
- 7) The Project Director,
Goa Coastal and Environment Management Society (GCEMS),
C/o Department of Environment and Climate Change,
Panaji.