

A.V.C.B Traditional Fishermen Association

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REGD. No. 200/GOA/2004

Ref:- AVCBTFA/433/2021
To Captain of ports
Panaji Goa.

Date:- 11/01/2021

SUB: ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS FOR DESILTING RIVER SAL.

Ref: Work Order No CP/HSO/264/2862 dated 24/11/2020

Dear Sir,

We thank you for the opportunity to show you some facts regarding the Sal river, Her nature and Her fisheries during the joint inspection held on the 8th of January 2021. As discussed, we are submitting herewith the mandatory conditions for the commencement of desilting of River Sal:

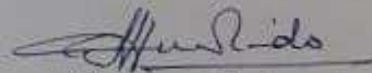
1. NO CAPITAL DREDGING TO BE UNDERTAKEN – It is essential to remove the silt, dirt and pollutants that have been released in the river due to urbanization, industrialization, land use changes and human activities in the watershed of the River. At the same time, the EIA Notification 2006 does not allow capital dredging without first obtaining an Environmental Clearance. We, the traditional fisher folk of River Sal, totally support the restrictions on capital dredging of rivers and we insist that our fish and shell fish breeding areas, fishing areas and fisheries are not destroyed, as will be the case if any capital dredging is carried out.
2. ALL SEWAGE AND URBAN/INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS FLOWING INTO RIVER SAL MUST BE STOPPED AND LAND USE TO BE REGULATED – River Sal is most affected by the raw sewage being emptied into the River from Margao City, other urban sprawls across Salcete, STPs including the Government run STP at Sirvodem, industrial estates and garbage dumps like Sonsoddo. River

Sal cannot be looked after unless all of the sewage, garbage, silt and other polluting effluents are stopped. The land use changes, filling of low lying areas and other human activities that affect River Sal must also be strictly prohibited.

3. NO PERMISSIONS WILL BE GIVEN FOR COAL HANDLING OR CASINO/ MARINAS/ OTHER TOURISM ACTIVITIES IN THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF RIVER SAL – River Sal is a small, extremely eco-sensitive River, with amazing biodiversity and fisheries, and critical importance for the well-being of Salcete Taluka. The River maintains the environment of this densely populated Taluka by managing pollutants through natural (biological, physical & chemical) processes. The existing anthropological activities are unsustainable and have to be curbed if we have to restore the River to an acceptable standard. It is essential therefore that no coal or other commodity handling, casinos, marinas or other tourism activities are permitted in the River.
4. RIVER SAL TO BE USED STRICTLY FOR FISHING ACTIVITIES – It is essential that River Sal may not be used for any other activities except fishing, so that the River can be revived.
5. ANY FURTHER DESILTING WORKS FOR RIVER SAL MAY BE TENDERED ONLY AFTER CONSULTING TRADITIONAL FISHER FOLK AND OBTAINING OUR INFORMED CONSENT - Further desilting works must be decided in consultation with and the consent of the traditional fisher folk of River Sal, who are not only repository of the factual information about the River, but are also the defenders of the River and the biggest stakeholders. We will cooperate without hesitation for any such consultation.
6. NO PERMISSIONS FOR THE MOVEMENT OF TRAWLERS BEYOND 3 KMS FROM THE MOUTH OF RIVER SAL TOWARDS THE RIVER SIDE

7. IN CASE OF ANY DAMAGE TO THE EXSISTING BUNDS ALONG THE RIVER SIDE DURNING DESILTING , IT SHOUD BE REPAIRED BY THE CAPTAIN OF PORTS

As promised during the meeting on 4th January along with the Hon Minister for Ports Mr Michael Lobo and Hon Minister for Fisheries Mr Filip Neri Rodrigues you may kindly respond with written assurances from the Department for each of the essential conditions we have listed above. We will immediately thereafter guide and assist the Captain of Ports Department and its agencies for the desilting operations which have been tendered already.


Mr Agostinho Furtado

(President)

Copy to :-

- 1) Hon Minister For Ports
- 2) Hon Minister For Fisheries



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11/1/2021
Despatcher
Captain of Ports Department
Panaji - Goa

O/o the Minister for Ports,
DRDA, Science & Technology,
Waste Management

Received: *Awala*
Date: *11/01/2021*

Office of the Minister for W.R.D.
S. Panaji, Porvorim-Goa

Received *Shirwad/leave*
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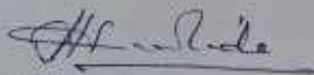
Sub: Reminder regarding Essential conditions for desilting River Sal.

Ref: Work order No. CP/HSO/264/2862 dated 24/11/2020

Dear Sir ,

With reference to your work order No. CP/HSO/264/2862 dated 24/11/2020, we had sent you a letter Ref: AVCBTFA/433/2021 dated 11/01/2021, with our essential conditions for desilting of River Sal, as the Minister for Ports had promised us during the meeting held on 4th January 2021 along with the Minister for Fisheries that he would give with written assurance from the department for each of the essential conditions listed in our letter.

We are awaiting for your kind response



Mr Agostinho Furtado

(President)



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18/2/2021

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