

Report of one day seminar on The Goa Land Development and Building Constructions Regulations 2010

The Institution of Engineers (India), Goa State Centre in association with Institute of Town Planners, India-GRC and Town and Country Planning Department, Government of Goa, has organized a one day Seminar on The Goa Land Development and Building Constructions Regulations 2010, to deliberate on the existing regulations and formulate the suggestions for better procedures and clarity on the interpretation of various provisions.

The Seminar was held on 2nd July 2016 at the Multipurpose Hall, Central Library, Panaji. From 9AM to 6PM.

Around 180 nos delegates including members of the Institution of Engineers, Institute of Town Planners, Indian Institute of Architects, CREDAI, Valuers and other professionals involved in the process of Land Development and Building Construction attended the seminar.

Shri. Laxmikant Parsekar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, inaugurated the seminar in presence of Dr. S. T. Puttaraju, Chief Town Planner, Govt of Goa, Ar. Snehalata Pednekar, Chairperson of Insititute of Town Planners, India – GRC, Er. Gerard D,melo, IEI Chaiman, Er. Yogesh Bhobe, Hon. Secretary,IEI and Er. Thomas D' Costa, Convenor of the Seminar.

The existing Goa Land Development and building Regulations 2010, presently in force, were discussed in detailed during the Seminar.

There were four Technical Sessions on General Requirements, Procedures and Documentation, CRZ Regulations and Requirements for Development in Conservation Zone. At the end of these four sessions, there was **an important Question and Answers Session**, to clarify any **doubts / Queries / Questions / interpretation of provisions which was send by the delegates in advance along with the registration forms and** to formulate suggestions/recommendations to the Government.

The Seminar was conclude with a Valedictory function at which Adv. Francis D'Souza, Dy. Chief Minister of Goa, was the Chief Guest. Mr. Swapnil Naik, IAS, Collector, South Goa District as Guest of Honour.

Shri. Laxmikant Parsekar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, during inaugural, while congratulating the Institution of Engineers, expressed the need to simplify of building regulations so that common man can build their houses without any difficulties. He also focused on scarcity and demand of land especially in Goa and requested to restrict the planning of second / third houses concept as every bureaucrats and even every migrant worker, wants to have their house / or small zopdi in Goa.

Dr. S. T. Puttaraju, Chief Town Planner showed the willingness of the department to accept any suggestion / recommendation which will help to simplify / revise the existing building regulations. During the Question - Answer Sessions, he answered most of the queries, issue of interpretations asked by the delegates.

Adv. Francis D'Souza, Dy. Chief Minister of Goa, requested all the stake holder Engineers, Architects, town Planners, Builders to come together towards better planning and sustainable development in Goa. He also requested officials of Town Planning Department to help Goan people during approval so that they can build their houses without any difficulties.

Er. Thomas D'Costa, Convenor of the seminar while thanking the Institute of Town Planners, GRC, and the Town and Country Planning department for theirs association and support towards this seminar, emphasized the need for all the stake holder like Engineers, Architects, Builders, Valuers and professional to come together and work positively towards revision and improvisation of the existing building regulations with their experts suggestions and recommendations towards planning of better Goa.

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