

**SUB: TOURISM POLICY FOR ERECTION OF TEMPORARY SEASONAL STRUCTURES, BEACH SHACKS, HUTS AND OTHERS FOR 2019-22**

**ADDITIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR ERECTION OF TEMPORARY SEASONAL STRUCTURES, BEACH SHACKS, DECK BEDS AND OTHERS AT MORJIM AND MANDREM BEACH STRETCHES AS PER DIRECTIVES OF FOREST DEPARTMENT.**

1. The turtle nesting beaches identified as such, by the Forest Department/Wildlife unit/Competent Authority, the following conditions shall apply :

(1) No licenses shall be issued in Morjim and Mandrem, Galgibag and Agonda beaches without there being a specific permission from Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA).

(2) The following recommendations as suggested by Forest Department shall be scrupulously followed by the shack allottees on Morjim and Mandrem beaches:-

- (i) No beach beds to be set up in the intertidal zone. The existing practice in Morjim is to lay the beach beds very close to the waterline leaving little scope for the turtles to move up;
- (ii) The beach shacks to desist from installing any outdoor illumination. The indoor lighting should also be muted and provided with opaque shields on sea facing side;
- (iii) Playing of loud music by the shacks beyond 06.00 p.m. and holding of beach parties to be prohibited;
- (iv) Movement of any automobile on the beach to be prohibited;
- (v) It should be made incumbent upon the shack licenses to play a proactive role in ensuring conducive condition to the marine turtles besides information sharing with staff of Forest Department which monitors the entire coast.
- (vi) Anybody found violating these recommendations shall be liable to pay compensation of Rs.1.00 lakh for each violation and the compensation shall be recovered by Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA). In case, the amount of compensation is not paid by the delinquent/s his/their case shall be referred to the Tribunal for seeking necessary orders in that regard.
- (vii) The Forest Department, Government of Goa to keep vigilance along the said beaches and report incidence of any violation of

the said recommendations to Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) for further action.

- (viii) Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) shall promptly act upon the report made by Department of Forest, Government of Goa in respect of violations of their recommendations.
  - (ix) In case of habitual violators of the said recommendations the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) shall revoke the license granted to shack owners/operators and remove/demolish shack/structure in accordance with law.
- (3) The precise location of the shacks on Morjim and Mandrem beaches shall be fixed in consultation with Forest Department who may identify the turtle nesting sites.
- (4) The allottee shall not allow the following after sunset and sunrise (i.e. after 6.00 p.m. till the sunrise on the next day).
- a) Operation of beach shack & related activities like placing of deck beds.
  - b) Artificial lighting.
  - c) Playing of loud music.
  - d) Display of fireworks as these can have adverse effect on the turtles nesting.
- (5) The Shack allottee shall inform of any incidents of nesting, and shall actively co-operate with the forest staff, in protection of turtle, turtle nesting site, turtle eggs hatching etc.

**DIRECTOR OF TOURISM**