

# PLAN YOUR VILLAGE - GET INVOLVED

The mini-guide to the Goa Draft Regional Plan 2021



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## THIS BOOKLET ATTEMPTS TO BE A QUICK GUIDE FOR PARTICIPATION

GBA spearheaded a people's movement against the Regional Plan 2011 in 2006. The main demands were revocation of the Regional Plan 2011 and formulation of the new plan as per 73rd & 74th Amendment of the Constitution which ensures people's participation. The Government constituted a Task Force to prepare a Draft Regional Plan 2021 under Town & Country Planning Act 1974. By virtue of being prepared under this outdated Act, the DRP2021 does not follow grassroots planning in the true spirit of the 73rd & 74th Amendment to the Constitution, but it opens the doors for your participation to ensure that resources and needs of each local body are identified. It has made reference to this on document page XXXIII and suggests a two stage process for peoples participation. At the end of this current exercise you will be enabled to accurately map your Ward, identify your needs and aspirations through a questionnaire and through interactions with others. This ideally should form the base for control of surface and land utilization for use of construction or for protection in your village.

# We urge you to use this opportunity to make yourself heard and push for the Government to amend outdated State Acts (such as the TCP Act of 1974) to make peoples participation LEGALLY binding on the Government and its agencies. (Ref. Page 34). This is your right.

(The Draft Regional Plan document also mentions this on page 128, paragraph 9.2.8.)

# Remember in all areas you have a choice to change things in the larger interest.

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# **A REGIONAL PLAN IS A POLICY DOCUMENT BASED ON WHICH LAND USE PLANNING IS DONE. READ THE DOCUMENT IN THE KIT SUPPLIED.**

The policies described are from Government. You need to read the policies and verify this on the ground. Decide if the policies suit your village.

## **Chapter I - Planning for Goa-2021**

**Chapter II - Demography and Spatial Strategies** - Trends have been mapped based on a survey of 2001 and villages classified accordingly. This has a bearing on the allowable FAR and VP rating of your village, discussed later. You can request for a revised zoning if you disagree with the projections.

**Chapter III - Economic Sectors and Land Use** - Below is an example of what can happen. If a jetty is marked it can be for fishing boats under 'Fisheries' or Casinos under 'Tourism' policies. Find out under RTI what it is meant for. Decide whether you wish to keep that or reject or change it.

**Example: A new jetty can satisfy any policy, make sure you know which**



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**Chapter IV - Social Infrastructure Sectors**

**Chapter V - Physical Infrastructure Sectors**

**Chapter VI - Disaster Mitigation and Eco Sensitive Zones**

**Chapter VII - The Regional Land Use Map**

**Chapter VIII - Settlement Plan Directives**

**Chapter IX - Implementation of RPG - 2021**

## A CHECKLIST OF YOUR VILLAGE KIT KEPT AT YOUR PANCHAYAT

1) Taluka Level Map of scale 1:25,000

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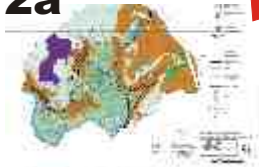
( EXAMPLE BARDEZ )

2) Two Village Maps of scale 1:5000 showing

- a) Eco and Settlement zoning in general
- b) Settlement zoning with area-wise break-ups

( EXAMPLE PILERNE )

**2a**



**2b**



3) The Draft Regional Plan (DRP) 2021 Document

4) Explanatory note on index of Land use.

5) Hard Copy of the Participatory Process

6) The Village Questionnaire ( English/Marathi/Konkani)

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**Note 1:** The Draft Plan has been mapped with limited and inadequate data as officially supplied by departments. Since you have a check on your immediate surroundings, you are expected to correct this and submit accurate information so it may be put on official record when the Regional Plan is notified. Use the questionnaire to identify your needs and aspirations. You do not have to limit yourself to the questions asked. Put down your points on

**4** extra sheets of paper.

## ILLUSTRATIONS SHOW THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MAP2a & 2b



### **SETTLEMENTS**



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GAZETTE CHANGES (SETTLEMENT)



GAZETTE CHANGES (INDUSTRIAL)



SETTLEMENT AS PER (SATELLITE IMAGE)



SETTLEMENT (RTI)



SETTLEMENTS RP-2001

The area covered will be the same in both maps, except that 2b shows the break-up.

**Note 1:** GAZETTE CHANGES can be FINAL or PROVISIONAL. FINAL is legal - whereas PROVISIONAL can be challenged and opposed. Pilerne has been marked with (surprise) Provisional Gazette changes shown in Page 31.

**Note 2:** Satellite imagery is not necessarily legal but reflect ground scenario. This needs to be checked for legal status on the ground and dealt with at the Gram Sabha if it needs to be regularized or not.

Settlement areas are shown orange in general maps (example 2a)

Settlement is based on official data AS ON DATE & does not show proposed increases except for Government proposals / Policies (as different colours)

Zoning on maps need to be checked with boundaries ON THE GROUND IN YOUR AREA. Differences have to be brought to the notice of the Village Level Committee of your Panchayat. During this entire process it is very important to maintain acknowledged copies of documentation submitted at each stage, by individuals & groups, for future reference.

**AUTHORITIES** - (Black text is official for this stage of the DRP 2021 Process while blue indicates what is recognized by the Constitution yet not followed at this stage.)

**Ward Development Committee (WDC)** based on existing Geographical Wards, whose duty it is to collate data as per the 29 functions as stated in the Constitution. Maps at scale of 1:2000 are to be prepared at this level (mentioned on page 108 of the DRP2021 document). (Ward Planning is LEGALLY RECOGNIZED, though not yet implemented on the ground).



**Village Level Committee (VLC)** who will submit Ward level feedback to the Panchayat and stitch it into the 1:5000 Village Map. (The Panchayat is LEGALLY RECOGNIZED and is also being used thus in this process).



**Taluka Level Committee (TLC)** receives inputs of corrected maps and notes from Panchayats and merges it into Taluka level mapping of 1:25000. (NOT LEGALLY RECOGNIZED, though used in this process for ease of administration).



**District Planning Committee (DPC)** whose duty it is to collate all the Village/Taluka inputs to form a District Plan. (LEGALLY RECOGNIZED as part of the 73rd & 74th Amendment to the Constitution, yet not effectively functioning on the ground).



**State Level Committee (SLC)** receives the collated inputs from the TLC (this should have been DPC), and oversees the making of the Final Regional Plan 2021 for Goa.

## COMPOSITION OF VILLAGE LEVEL COMMITTEE

- 1 - Ward Representatives
  - 2 - Representatives of the Gram Sabha
  - 3 - Local Resource/Technical persons residing in the Village Panchayat Area
- \* Ensure adequate representation of SC/ST/OBC persons as well as women.  
The committee will consist of a minimum of 12 persons.

## COMPOSITION OF TALUKA LEVEL COMMITTEE

- 1 - Town Planner/Dy. Town Planner
- 2 - Dy. Director Panchayat of the respective District
- 3 - B.D.O of the respective Taluka
- 4 - Assistant Engineer PWD (Buildings) of the respective Taluka
- 5 - Health Officer
- 6 - GIRDA Representative
- 7 - Dy. Town Planner Vinod Kumar, representative of R.P. Division 2021

## COMPOSITION OF STATE LEVEL COMMITTEE

- 1 - Chief Minister & Minister (TCP) ----- Chairman
- 2 - Commissioner & Secretary (TCP)-----Vice Chairman
- 3 - Edgar Ribeiro, Advisor Physical Planning -----Member
- 4 - S.T. Puttaraju, Senior Town Planner -----Member
- 5 - Sanjit Rodrigues, Director, Industries -----Member
- 6 - Director of Panchayats -----Member
- 7 - Director of Municipal Administration -----Member
- 8 - Arch. Dean D'Cruz, Member of the erstwhileTask Force on RP 2021 -----Member
- 9 - Rahul Deshpande, Member of the erstwhileTask Force on RP 2021 -----Member
- 10 - Chief Town Planner -----Member & Convenor

## EXERCISE 1 - CHECK FOR ACCURACY BY OVERLAYING DIFFERENT MAPS

The first step is to get the base map correct before planning further. If an area has been marked orange 'Settlement' it DOES NOT MEAN LAND FILLING OR CONSTRUCTION CAN START RIGHT AWAY unless it has legal sanction.

### **Required for accurate updating -**

- 1 - Village Survey Plan with Sub-divisions at scale 1:5000 -  
*from the Land Survey Department*
- 2 - Copy of the Taluka Surface Utilization Map of RP2001 -  
*from Town & Country Planning Department/PDA*
- 3 - Copy of ODP's / Zoning Plans that may overlap your area -  
*from Town & Country Planning Department*
- 4 - List of Gazette Changes -  
*from Town & Country Planning Department*

These need to be overlaid with your village map as per the Village Kit provided and cross checked, and differences brought to the notice of the Village Level Committee and the Taluka Level Committee.

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**Note 1:** The GBA office can help provided the scanned high resolution images of 300dpi TIFF format are brought on CD - scanning may be done at Suraj.com or Classic in Panjim. Printing and copies of CD's can be done at cost. In some cases we may have certain maps, so do check with us to avoid unnecessary expenditure.

## EXERCISE 1: CHECK FOR ACCURACY BETWEEN MAPS AND THE GROUND

Fields under cultivation need to be marked on the map even if its shown as Settlement.



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Communidade lands have to be marked. Use whatever proof possible.

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If you are living on ECO 1 & ECO 2 zones and are worried that your **existing** house has not been marked as Settlement bring it to the notice of authorities with legal documents such as house tax, telephone bills and other ownership proof.

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If you own plots on ECO 1 & ECO 2 zones you cannot develop them or may do so in a limited way (as prescribed under ECO 2 zones)

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If Settlement zones in the Maps cover Forested hills, Steep slopes or Water bodies in reality, this needs to be photographed and documented on the ground, tallied with survey numbers and brought to the notice of the authorities. This can be changed.

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Document with photographs, survey numbers, include proof where possible and bring it to the notice of your Village Level Committee. It needs the stamp of the Panchayat to be accepted at the next official level, or the Taluka Level Committee, and subsequently the State Level Committee.

## **EXERCISE 2 - IDENTIFY NEEDS AND PLAN FOR YOUR COMMUNITY**

Participate to develop or preserve your spaces once you have your base map clear. A questionnaire has to be given to EACH MEMBER of the Gram Sabha and filled out. If you find it unsatisfactory, add information important to you.

Example: Identify existing pathways, grazing grounds, picnic spots.

Demarcate heritage landscapes and buildings which hold the collective memories of your village and childhood. Submit this to the Village Level Committee for additional marking on the map. Many common areas of interest may be saved this way and ease disputes at a later stage. Make sure you keep a copy with an 'Inward Stamp'. What bears the stamp of the Panchayat before going to the Taluka Level Committee will have official recognition.

Plan ahead - Imagine your village had to sustain itself as an independent body, how would you plan your spaces so you could maintain your fresh water supplies, irrigate the fields, create employment, place markets and manage your own waste. A quick check you can use is this - how far is the closest School, Market, Health Care Center, Community Center from your house? What is the situation in your Village? Should these be relocated?

You may need to tie in with neighbouring villages to preserve common landscapes and water sources. Co-opt experts and professionals when required. This may vary from hiring surveyors, using skills of retired/working professionals residing in the village, or trusted NGO's. A list of willing people/groups have been printed on at the end of this document.

# DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN 2021 INTRODUCES THE CONCEPT OF GREY AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE



Grey Infrastructure refers to all human interventions like highways, buildings, stadiums etc. It is shown as orange/purple on the maps, and is necessary for economic development.

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Green Infrastructure refers to our natural heritage such as hills forests and waterbodies that support life itself. This is infrastructure that is forgotten in everyday economic calculations. **This is the Basis of ECO 1 & ECO2 Zones.**

# ECO 1 - STRICTLY NO DEVELOPMENT



If there is a conflict between Settlement & Eco 1 zone, Eco 1 precedes Settlement. The illustrated example is of a 'No - Development Slope' of gradient 25% or more. In some cases, like the Pilerne Village Map, it has been wrongly overlaid with orange.

**Note 1:** All Settlement zones are subject to the laws of Coastal Regulation Zoning /Slopes/Mangroves or Forests first. Ensure that this is enforced in your area.

NO DEVELOPMENT SLOPE = NO DEVELOPMENT



ILLEGAL ZONING



Bring to immediate notice of Authorities to rectify on maps

## PROTECT YOUR WATER SOURCES, HILLS, PLATEAUS AND FORESTS

Our hills hold up our water table like a sponge does. Hill cutting and deforestation lead to water shortage. These are community resources, an assault on them is an assault on you. Below is a picture of a four month old hill cut with water pouring from the center of the hill, a demonstration the water holding capacity of our landscape.



## ECO 2 - LIMITED DEVELOPMENT



# ECO - 2 zones are not for development - however lands marked as Orchard and being used for the purpose of agriculture may have limited development.

# Circumstances for development are detailed out in the DRP 2021 document.

# Plots that overlap Settlement AND Orchard/Forest/CRZ cannot push the full plot FAR into the settlement area as this defeats the very purpose of planning built-up areas. Only the actual Settlement area may be taken as plot area in such cases.



**Note 1:** Orchard zones may actually be forests or look like this

# You have a right to decide if you want to keep an area as forest and NOT just orchard in the interest of your children. Check if your neighbourhood forests have been marked as Orchard in the map.

# Photograph this and check with the survey number on the map. Send details to your Village Level Committee. Make sure the change is sent with a stamp of the Panchayat to the Taluka Level Committee for record.

# **DETAILS THAT WILL AFFECT YOUR VILLAGE**

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**FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)**

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**VILLAGE PANCHAYAT ZONING ( VP Zoning )**

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**ROAD WIDTHS**

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**DEVELOPMENT PLANNING REGULATIONS (DPR's)**

# MEGA HOUSING AND FAR ( FLOOR AREA RATIO )

FAR is a ratio of built-up area to the plot area.

All photographs are indicative and illustrative of examples



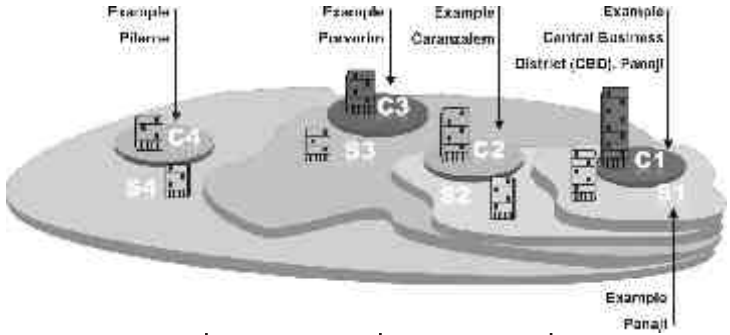
This development has an FAR ( FLOOR AREA RATIO ) OF 80% or 80 in short.

All photographs are indicative and illustrative of examples  
Photograph by Rajan Parrikar



Example of excessive conversion to commercial zoning, using C1 FAR of 200 ( 200% ) in a village zone.

# SETTLEMENT/RESIDENTIAL (S/R) AND COMMERCIAL (C) ZONING HAVE DIFFERENT FAR'S



'4' is accorded the least FAR and is based on low population densities.

Example of C4 & S4 is Pilerne

'3' is accorded the next highest FAR and is based on lower population densities.

Example of C3 & S3 is Porvorim

'2' is accorded the next highest FAR and is based on lower population density.

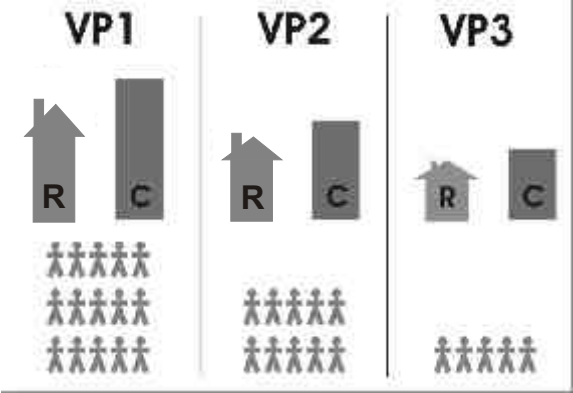
Example of C2 & S2 is Caranzalem

'1' is accorded the highest FAR and is based on population density. Example of C1 & S1 is Panjim Central Business District

# THIS DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN 2021 LETS YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT MEGA PROJECTS BY DECIDING THE FAR OF YOUR VILLAGE



Villages are categorized into VP1, VP2 or VP3 based on Population census and pressure of development. You can request for changes to a lower VP Rating with your reasoning. Parra for instance is requesting for this.



**BELOW ARE THE RESIDENTIAL (R) FAR's ALLOTTED PER VILLAGE PANCHAYAT RATING ( VP RATING ) - Note that it reduces for larger plots.**

<b>Residential ( R )</b>		
<b>Zone</b>	<b>For Plots below 4000 m2</b>	<b>For Plots of 4000m2 and above</b>
<b>VP1</b>	<b>R2 (80)</b>	<b>R2 (60)</b>
<b>VP2</b>	<b>R3 (60)</b>	<b>R3 (40)</b>
<b>VP3</b>	<b>R4 (50)</b>	<b>R4 (40)</b>

**Note 1:** Plots of upto 350 square meters will be allowed 80 FAR regardless of VP rating, as a special thought to personal housing. Lower VP rating will help against mega-projects and not affect small holdings. Is this agreeable to your village? Ask for clear wording to prevent developers from misusing this by subdividing plots.

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**BELOW ARE THE COMMERCIAL (C) FAR's ALLOTTED PER VILLAGE PANCHAYAT RATING ( VP RATING ) - Note that it reduces for larger plots.**

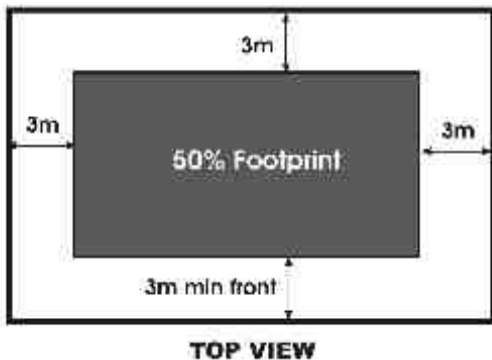
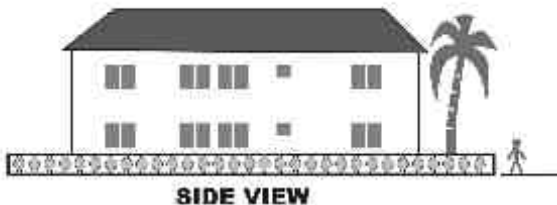
<b>Commercial (C)</b>		
<b>Zone</b>	<b>For plots below 4000m2</b>	<b>For plots of 4000m2 and above</b>
<b>VP1</b>	<b>C3 (80)</b>	<b>C3 (60)</b>
<b>VP2</b>	<b>C4 (60)</b>	<b>C4 (40)</b>
<b>VP3</b>	<b>C4 (60)</b>	<b>C4 (40)</b>

## EXAMPLE OF 80 FAR ON A 350 SQUARE METRE PLOT



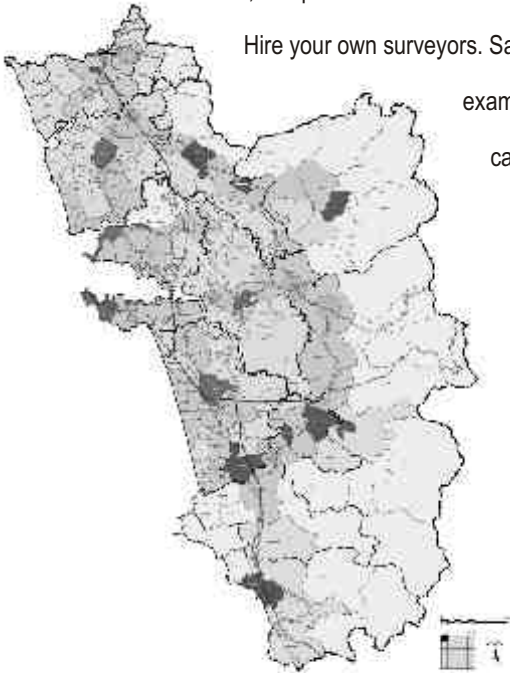
Original or Approved: Sub - Divisions Plots upto 350 m<sup>2</sup> will be allowed upto 80% FAR irrespective of the DPP's Status of Settlement Category.

Note - If it is a General Index for all Titles, the Features shown in the Index may not be reflected in the map.



Village Panchayat groupings are shown on page No.120 of the Draft Regional Plan document. If your village feels it would like lower VP Rating, feel free to demand it. Ask for reasons/census data under RTI to challenge this, compare with current status and your own plans.

Hire your own surveyors. Salavador-Do-Mundo for example is marked VP1 yet can demand to be lower.



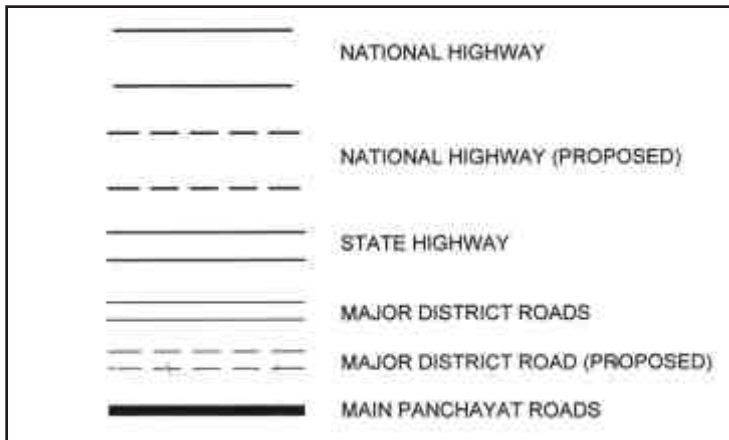
**DID YOU KNOW THAT THE ACTUAL BUILT UP AREA IN SALIGAO VILLAGE IS APPROXIMATELY 8 FAR? (8%)**

Imagine if it was built up to a full 80 FAR! Their Settlement zoning is enough for 50 years assuming the population will double by then. Choose your VP Rating wisely and challenge the projections if need be.



Goa's built character is Ground plus One, or two storeys. The FARs that our outdated TCP Act supports through its DPR's have been BORROWED from our neighbouring states and are based on a general national standard. Our reality is different, so lets plan it differently! FAR must be discussed now.

**BE AWARE OF ROADS** - To avoid confusion, these have been referred to as Right-of-Way with descriptions on page 125 para 7 of the DRP 2021 document.



- # Road widths determine the type of development alongside and can change the character of your village.
- # Road widths refer to 'TOTAL WIDTH' which includes sidewalks and drainage. (Refer PDA regulations available at the PDA office or the Government printing press.)
- # Remember that developers get their plans passed on 'PROPOSED' Roads.
- # 6m roads allow for further development, while 5m roads do not. If you already have 5m roads, this is fine as two vehicles can pass unobstructed. You can insist on keeping this especially if it is part of an existing built up lane.
- # Check for Major District Roads (MDR) of 25m which may cut through your property. These connect villages and are a state concern. You can 1) Suggest re-alignment 2) Ask for 'Special' status where areas already built up are not touched yet the new constructions need to keep setback or 3) Oppose this with adequate reason.

## MPR or Main Panchayat Roads

Road widths of Main Panchayat Roads are 10m as a single lane or 15m as a double lane. This includes drainage and side-walks. Check your existing road widths and mark them if they are not reflected in the document as they are now.

All photographs are indicative and illustrative of examples



Examples of 10 metre wide roads in colonies



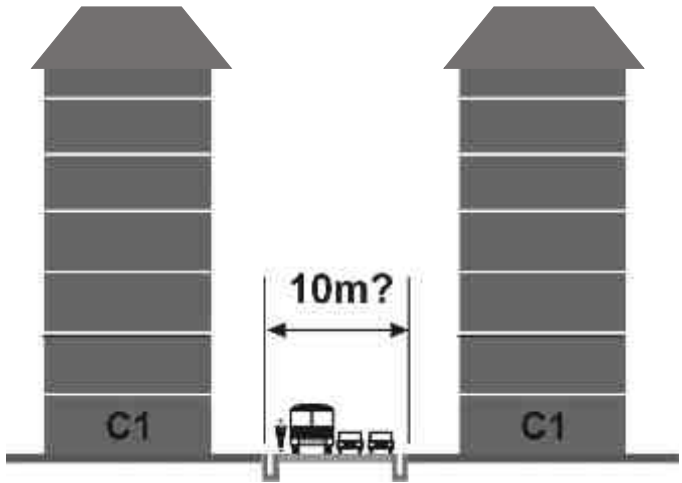
**BE AWARE THAT A MINIMUM OF 10 METRE ROADS ARE ALSO MENTIONED FOR C1 ZONING, 6 STOREY BUILDINGS OR 150 FAR!! YOU ARE AFFECTED IF YOUR VILLAGE IS ZONED AS VP1.**

All photographs are indicative and illustrative of examples



**You can oppose this and demand for lower developable FAR on 10metre wide roads - while the Regional Plan is open for debate.**

It is a callous approach towards development and we have the example of Panjim 18th June road with parking problems. The area has not even used HALF the total allowable FAR!!



This graphic shows how inappropriate this minimum road width to FAR is. It allows for commercial activity without regard for infrastructure and parking.

**Details such as road widths and setbacks are mentioned under Development and Planning Regulations (DPR's) between pages 122 and 126 of the Draft Regional Plan document.**

**It affects you, do go through them.**

# NEW INDUSTRIAL ZONES AND NEW GOVERNMENT ACQUISITIONS

**Note 1:** The Government can acquire land for public purpose only

If you see large industrial zones marked which do not already exist, use Right To Information and ask why land was acquired and for what purpose. Especially as much of the existing industrial estates are vacant!!



Example of what can go wrong: Quitol foodpark land was acquired in the time of the Regional Plan 2011, half of which was advertised as a golf course and 800 luxury villas by builders.



## FRAUD OR ERROR? - COMPARE MAPS 1 AND 2

The following is an example of gross increase of Settlement zoning in Pilerne village.

### Satellite Image showing Pilerne lake outlined in yellow



In the two months between the release of the Taluka Maps from the hands of the Task Force till the release of the Village Maps by the TCP Department, certain changes may have found their way into the maps. Check your maps for such 'additions' and question them. In some cases it may be claimed that these are Provisional Gazette changes - however Provisional changes are suspect and can be disputed.

The Notified Gazette list can be procured from the Town & Country Planning Department and the Government has stated that it will honour these. It is also put up on the savegoa website for your reference. **Notified Gazette changes have been marked at the time of the release of the Taluka maps.**

## TALUKA map 2021 showing zones - released in September 2008

Example: Pilerne



## VILLAGE map 2021 showing changes - released in November 2008

Example: Pilerne



**Note 1:** Other villages detected with increased Settlement areas till release of this booklet have been Loutolim, Arpora & Calangute. Have you checked your village?

## **USE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ( RTI )**

### **IF IN DOUBT OF LAND USE OR VIOLATIONS**

**# Ask for inspection of files if you cant wait for 30 days**

**# Ask for for documents too.**

**# Example of application shown on the right →**

Abigail Fernandes  
108, cbroads/pcpson,  
Aho, ghds/maw,  
Goa 403001  
Tel: 12345678  
Date: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2008

*Your Address*

The PIO  
NGPDA  
Maha  
Panjim,  
Goa 403001

*The PIO and  
address of the relevant department*

**Sub: Application under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (Central Act No. 22/2005).**

### *Your Introduction*

We are aware that individual requests for change in zoning of properties/survey numbers are not to be entertained as mentioned in the PDA regulations, only 'objections'. As per Section 25(3) the Planning and Development Authority shall appoint a committee consisting of the Town Planning Officer and not more than two of its other members, to consider the **objection** received under sub-section (1) and to report within such time as the Planning and Development Authority may fix in this behalf, with regards to the merits or otherwise of the **objection**.

Please provide me information with regards to the "objections" (as well as individual requests) received by the NGPDA pursuant to publication of the draft OHPs 2011. See Panjim and Margao.

### *Your questions*

1. The date when the committee is expected to submit its report.
2. Names of the members of the Committee hearing the "objections".

In your reply to me, please retype my question followed by your answer for each of the questions in a tabulated format. If you are of the view that the above requested information does not pertain to your department, then please follow the provisions of Section 6(3) of the RTI Act 2005.

I am herewith paying the application fee (Rs. 10) by way of affidavit court fee stamp as per the Goa Govt. gazette notification Series 1 No.17 dated 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007 (w/o amendment) to the Rules of the RTI Act 2005 under notification no. DU/Inf/RTI/001/05/1129.

I look forward to you providing me the information within the prescribed time limit of the RTI Act 2005. Also, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, kindly provide the details (including name and designation) of the first appellate authority with regards to your reply to the above request, before whom I may, if required, file my first appeal.

***Standard ending asks for information - who to go to next for appeal in case they do not co-operate***

Thanking you

Abigail Fernandes

Rs. 10/-

***Affix Rs. 10/- court fee stamp***

### **GBA DEMAND - 1**

This process of peoples inputs has **NO LEGAL STANDING** unless the Government officially amends the Goa Town & Country Planning ( TCP ) Act 1974, as per the 73rd & 74th Amendment to the Constitution ( 1992 ). It is your **RIGHT** as an Indian citizen to plan for your area. Demand that the outdated Goa TCP Act of 1974 and other relevant Acts be amended with the Constitution or the exercise may be made invalid anytime.

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### **GBA DEMAND - 2**

Amendment 16 & 16A was made to the Goa TCP Act, which allows the Government to **OVERRIDE** the Regional Plan **ANYTIME**. It means that you will not know of projects until they start building them and you will not have a chance to object. It means the Government can break its own rules officially. Ask what your MLA's stand is and demand that they withdraw this for the sake of democratic rights.

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### **GBA DEMAND - 3**

Insist that the Final Regional Plan 2021 is open for village inputs 90 days from the release of the kits to the Panchayats. In addition it must be open to public for a clear month before being notified as this is the only chance you have to see that your efforts have gone through. We do not want a repeat of RP2011.

The above demands are to be sent on your Panchayat letterheads to Town & Country Planning Board, your MLA and the Chief Minister. You can do this as affected groups too, on your own letterhead.

Date:

To,  
Shri/Smt. \_\_\_\_\_  
Honourable MLA of \_\_\_\_\_ Constituency,  
Goa Legislative Assembly  
\_\_\_\_\_ -Goa

**SAMPLE LETTER  
REJECTING 16&16A**

Subject: **Repeal of "The Goa Town & Country Planning (Amendment) Act, 2008."**

**Ref. 1.** "The Goa TCP (Amendment) Bill, 2008." [Bill No 14 of 2008] Passed by the Goa Legislative Assembly in March 2008. **2.** The Goa TCP (Amendment) Ordinance, 2008. [Ordinance No 4 of 2008] published vide notification No. 8/4/2008-LA dated 29 February 2008.

Respected Sir/Madam,

The said Bill amending Sections 16 and 16A of the Goa Town and Country Planning Act, 1974, to give powers to the State and Central Government to undertake any "public projects/ schemes/development works" which need not "conform to the provisions" of the Regional Plan for Goa as may be in force, has since become an Act of law.

Under the guise of development, we believe that projects of great impact will be thrust upon us without a check on ground realities, nor a window for the people to discuss it. The only legal remedy available to the said Act is a fresh legislation to correct the unfettered powers given to the Government; it's servants and even its agents for all times in the future.

This action of the Government to so amend the said Act through such a legislation passed without detailed discussion in the Legislative Assembly is tantamount to the Government initiating a parallel process to bring in "Projects and Schemes" practically nullifying the purpose for preparation of a Regional Plan for Goa 2021. We expect that you, as an elected representative of the people and a part of the legislative body, prevail upon the Government of Goa to move a Bill in the forthcoming Session of the Goa Legislative Assembly in 2009, to repeal and revoke "The Goa Town & Country Planning (Amendment) Act, 2008" as well as "The Goa TCP (Amendment) Ordinance, 2008. [Ordinance No 4 of 2008]" that preceded it, with retrospective effect.

The process for the review of any and all "public projects/ schemes/Development works" carried under the said Ordinance and/or Act must be carried out and remedial action taken with transparency and public accountability as is our democratic right.

We wish to inform you that we reject this Amendment and ask you to initiate action to do the needful in the coming Session of the Goa Legislative Assembly.

Thanking you,

Copy to - The Hon. Chief Minister, Chairman of the Task Force - RP 2021, Government of Goa, Secretariat, 35

Date:

To,  
The Hon. Chief Minister, and  
Chairman of the Task Force - RP 2021  
Government of Goa, Secretariat,  
Porvorim - Goa.

**SAMPLE LETTER:**  
**1- INCLUSION OF 73RD & 74TH AMENDMENT**  
**2 - REQUEST FOR 90 DAYS FROM INTRODUCTION**  
**OF VILLAGE PLAN**  
**3 - PLAN TO BE KEPT PUBLIC FOR 30 DAYS**  
**BEFORE FINAL NOTIFICATION**

**Sub: Critical Issues pertaining to Participatory Planning w.r.t Draft R.P - 2021 for Goa**  
Sir,

While the Draft Regional Plan 2021 is open for public scrutiny, we wish to bring to your notice some disturbing realizations.

# 1 - Peoples Participation has been mandated by the 73rd and 74th amendments incorporated in Article 243 of the Constitution of India. It clearly states that all laws are brought in consonance with them and this includes the Town & Country Planning Act, 1974.

When this has been urgently amended for disruptive matters like 16&16A, we fail to understand why it cannot be amended according to constitutional mandates.

We demand that all laws in the State be brought in consonance with the 73rd and 74th Amendment to the Constitution with immediate effect.

# 2 - Due to late delivery of the Village Kits and maps we demand the stipulated 90 days from the date of explanation by the Town & Country Planning Office bearers.

# 3 - In view of the surprise land use changes at the time of the Regional Plan 2011, we demand that the Regional Plan 2021 be presented to public in its final form for a month before notification in a true spirit of transparency.

We wish to know if the village level efforts sent will be reflected in it.

We expect a clear response from the Government on these issues and action with immediate effect in the interests of the people.

Awaiting a positive and early response.

Thanking you

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Copy to: Chief Town Planner, Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Goa.  
and your local MLA

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**Note 1:** In efforts to make yourself heard, make sure you know your elected Ward member and impress upon him/her your needs. He/She is **your** statement of power as recognized in the Constitution (and may be one of the Panch members involved with the Village Level Committee meetings). Ideally funds are allocated as per **your** planning, and are to be spent as listed under the 29 functions (areas of concern) listed in the Constitution. This is true peoples participation or 'Bottom-up Planning' and it is your right to demand this.

Ref: Goa Panchayati Raj Act available at your Panchayat.

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