

**Site inspection report of Survey number 100/1 Leela Hotel Cavelossim, Salcette Goa  
14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**

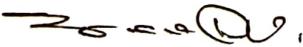
The Member Secretary Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) requested a joint inspection (Expert Member, GCZMA and Member Secretary, GSBB) to inspect survey number 100/1 of Cavelossim village which was filled with mud to be used as parking space during BRICS summit and laying of pipes within NDZ area of Sal river. Both fall in the property of The Hotel Leela, Cavelossim, Salcette. South Goa

The undersigned visited the site on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 at around 1730 hrs. Mr. Vijay Hegde, Chief Engineer of Hotel Leela accompanied at the site and showed the site.

Mr. Hegde informed that the survey number 100/1 was converted into parking space during the BRICS summit. After the event was over, the area was left as it is without any use, allowing the natural vegetation to take over.

**Observations and recommendations:**

1. It was observed that the area is now fully under the vegetation cover including bushes and shrubs. It is recommended that, since the vegetation has already established itself naturally, it should be allowed to grow without much human interventions so that it becomes a natural biological embankment along the river Sal.
2. We observed two pipes leading into the river Sal. The Hotel Leela does not have permission from the GCZMA to lay these pipes. However, we were told that the pipes were laid only to drain and to channelize storm water into the river Sal, if it is not done, would flood the property. The Hotel has a consent from the Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) where in it has asked the Hotel to fix continuous online water monitoring device on these pipes. Though the laying of pipes itself may not have much of physical damage to the site, but if it is used to drain the untreated water into the river then there is a problem. Therefore, it is highly recommended that the water that is drained through the pipes should not have any chemical/biological contaminants and GSPCB must do a periodic check of the site.
3. We suggested to the General Manager of The Hotel Leela submit an undertaking to GCZMA that the pipes will exclusively be used as storm water drains and not for any other purpose.
4. We left the premises at 19:00 hrs.

  
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