

ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.FSOID/R/P/26/00001

Applicant Name Mr. Gaurav Bakshi
Text of Application Please find attachment
Reply of Application Please find attachment for information sought.

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	09/01/2026	Sugandha Srivastava-(CPIO)	
2	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	28/01/2026	Sugandha Srivastava-(CPIO)	

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Government of Goa
Office of The Dy. Conservator of Forests
Working Plan Division
"Goa Van Bhavan"
Altinho Panaji Goa - 403 001

No. DCF(WP)/RTI-105 /98(P)2025-26/929

Dated: -12/12/2025

To,
✓ The Public Information Officer,
Forest Survey of India,
Kaulagarh Road,
Dehradun - 248195, Uttarakhand.

Sub: Transfer of RTI Application dated 24/11/2025 filed by Mr. Gaurav Bakshi under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 - regarding.

Ref: Application dated on 24.11.2025.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, the RTI application dated 24/11/2025 and received in this office on 24/11/2025 submitted from Mr. Gaurav Bakshi, R/o B-402, Martins Palm Fringe, Cardozo Waddo, Taleigao, Goa-403002. As per **Point No.1 (a), (b), (c)** pertains to your jurisdiction is hereby transferred to your office under Section 6(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 under information to this office.

The RTI application is enclosed herewith for further necessary action at your end. You are kindly requested to respond to the applicant directly under the provisions of the RTI Act, under intimation to this office.

This is issued with the approval of Public Information Officer (PIO).

Yours Sincerely,

Encl: As above


12/12/25
Asst. Public Information Officer,
o/o Dy. Conservator of Forests,
Working Plan Division,
Panaji-Goa.

Copy to: -

1. Mr. Gaurav Bakshi, R/o B-402, Martins Palm Fringe, Cardozo Waddo, Taleigao, Goa-403002 for information.

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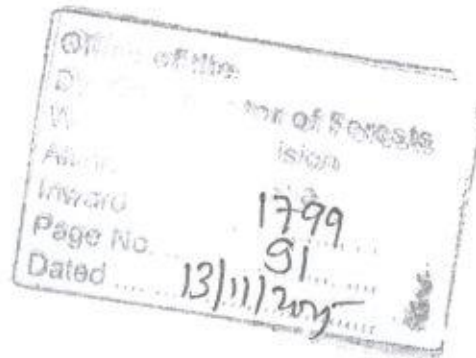
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Office of the
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Department
"Van Bhavan",
Altinho, Panaji - Goa.



NO.9-21(PIO-WP)-05/FD/2025-26/3308

Dated: -13/11/2025

- To,
1. The Public Information Officer &
Dy. Conservator of Forests,
Working Plan Division,
Panaji Goa.
 2. The Public Information Officer &
Dy. Conservator of Forests,
North / South Division,
Panaji/ Margao Goa.
 3. The Dy. Conservator of Forests
The Monitoring & Evaluation,
Panaji -Goa.



Sub: - Application under Right to Information Act, 2005
Ref: - Letter dated 24.10.2025

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to enclose herewith RTI application dated 24.10.2025, received by this office on Online RTI portal from Gaurav Bakshi, r/o B-402, Martins Palm Fringe, Cardozo Waddo, Taleigao Goa-403002. As per information point no.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6(c) & 7, pertains to PIO/ Dy. Conservator of Forests (Working Plan) Ponda and point no. 6 (a) & (b) pertains to Dy. Conservator of Forests (Monitoring & Evaluation), Altinho Panaji Goa.

Therefore, you are hereby requested to furnish the information to the above applicant directly under intimation to this office.

Yours faithfully,

(Nadia Shekoli)

Public Information Officer

O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Altinho, Panaji-Goa.

Encl: As above.

Copy to: -

Gaurav Bakshi, r/o B-402, Martins Palm Fringe, Cardozo Waddo, Taleigao Goa-403002 for information.

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13.11.2025

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**Role: Nodal
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Public Authority Details:

Reg No.:
FOREDP/NR/1025/02063

Filed Date: 24-10-2025 09:21

Department: Forest
Department
Office: Forest
Department
Sub Office: Forest
Department

Personal Details of RTI Applicant

Applicant Name: Gaurav Bakshi **Village:** TALEIGAO

Gender: Male **District:** North Goa

Address: B-402, Martins Palm Fringe **State:** Goa

Cardozo Waddo **Phone:** 9322782173

Taleigao **Mobile:** 9322782173

Pincode: 403002 **Email:** helpdesq.in@gmail.com

Education: Educated

Qualifications: Post Graduate

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BPL: Non BPL User

Card No.: 0

Other Options: N/A

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Applicant:

Does it concern life or liberty of a person:
N/A

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The Right to Information Act, 2005
Application for Obtaining Information

To:
The Public Information Officer (PIO)
Department of Forests
Government of Goa
Panjim – Goa

Subject: Request for detailed information and records relating to Forest & Green Cover in Goa, and actions taken by the Goa Forest Department and Government of Goa regarding Private Forest Identification and Declassification. Information in digital form is preferred wherever available.

Dear PIO,

Under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, I seek the following information regarding forest cover, private forests, and related actions by the Forest Department and Government of Goa.

Kindly provide the information in certified hard copies or in digital form (PDF / Excel). Information in digital form (pdf/excel etc) is preferred wherever available.

1. General Forest Cover & Degradation Data

a. Year-wise data (from 2000 to 2025) of total forest cover in Goa (in sq km or ha), as per Forest Survey of India (FSI) records — including distinctions (in sq km or ha) between:

- Recorded Forest Area
- Private Forest Area
- Community Forest / Degraded Forest
- Non-Forest Area under Tree Cover

- Any other category

b. Year-wise data (from 2000 to 2025) of total forest cover in Goa (in sq km or ha), as per Goa State records — including distinctions (in sq km or ha) between:

- Recorded Forest Area
- Private Forest Area
- Community Forest / Degraded Forest
- Non-Forest Area under Tree Cover
- Any other category

c. Year wise data (from 2000 to 2025) showing year-wise loss or gain of forest area (in sq km or ha).

d. Copies of all annual reports / FSI submissions / working plan documents showing year-wise loss or gain of forest area (in sq km or ha).

e. Data on forest degradation and tree felling permissions (category-wise and taluka-wise) since 2000, including total number of permissions, total area cleared, and reasons cited.

f. Copy of all official communication with the Forest Survey of India (FSI) regarding changes in Goa's forest cover since 2000.

2. Private Forest Identification Committees & Reports

a. In excel format, details of total area (in sq km / ha) and total number of survey numbers identified by each committee (Sawant Committee, Karapurkar Committee, Thomas Committee, Araujo Committee, Sharma Committee, Anthony D'Souza Committee, any other committee) as:

- Final Private Forest
- Provisional Private Forest

c. Certified copies of all notifications, orders, and government circulars issued for constitution or dissolution of any of the above committees.

d. Copies of all file notings, minutes of meetings, and official correspondence between Forest Department officials and the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) or Revenue Department or any other department concerning the review or alteration of private forest classifications.

3. Declassification & Review of Private Forest Areas

a. Copy of the notification dated 21.01.2020 constituting the Private Forest Review Committee under the Conservator of Forests (Conservation).

b. Copies of all reports, file notes, and correspondence of the said Review Committee (RC-II) between 2020 and 2023.

c. Certified list of all survey numbers declassified or reversed by this Review Committee, including area (sq m/sq km) and taluka-wise breakdown.

d. Copy of the report (if any) submitted to the Supreme Court, High Court, or National Green Tribunal concerning this declassification.

e. Copies of all information, internal communications or justifications recorded for removal of forest protection from 271 survey numbers (approx. 1.2 crore sq.m) as mentioned in media reports and court submissions.

Media report/article link for reference is provided below:

OHerald Link: https://www.heralddgoa.in/goa/1-20-crore-square-metre-land-was-opened-for-development-under-cm-pramod-sawant/6076/#goog_rewarded

Article Title: 1.20 crore square metre land was opened for development under CM Pramod Sawant

Published Date: 30/09/2024

Article Excerpt: "Addressing the press on Monday, Vice President Sunil Kawthankar said that 1.20 crore square metre land was opened for development under CM Pramod Sawant.

Elaborating details of his claim, Kawthankar said when Sawant was Chief Minister and Forest Minister between June 2021 and September 2021, Sawant set up a committee to review and reverse private forests that were demarcated under the Araujo Committee.

The Committee appointed by Forest Minister Pramod Sawant reverted 271 survey numbers for development. This amounted to 1.20 crore square metre land."

f. Details of any disciplinary, vigilance, or administrative action taken against officers or committees responsible for wrongful declassification of forest land.

4. Loss of Forest / Green Cover for Projects & Conversions

- a. Data from 2012 to 2025 on forest land diverted for non-forest use, along with details of projects, survey numbers, and purpose of diversion.
- b. Copies of permissions or approvals granted under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for such diversions.
- c. Copies of all Conversion Sanads issued on lands identified as forest or provisional forest between 2018-2025.
- d. List of all Mega Projects (tourism, construction, housing, or infrastructure) sanctioned or under review that overlap with lands previously classified as private forest or green zones.

5. Supreme Court / NGT Directions & Departmental Action Taken Reports

- a. Copies of all directions received from the Supreme Court of India and NGT regarding identification, preservation, and declassification of private forests in Goa.
- b. Action Taken Reports (ATR) or compliance reports filed by the Goa Forest Department in these matters since 2012.
- c. Copies of all communications between the Goa government and the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC) related to private forests or green cover status.

6. Miscellaneous / Environmental Governance

- a. Details of any policies, schemes, or funds announced or implemented for forest regeneration or compensatory afforestation since 2018.
- b. Details of total Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAMPA) collected and utilized by Goa from 2012-2025.
- c. Copy of the latest Working Plan (approved and draft) for North Goa and South Goa Forest Divisions.

7. Certified copy of the below

- a. "Private Forest Ground Verification" report No 57/Pvt. Forests/RFO/Keri/21.22/ (copy attached).
- b. "Private Forest Ground Verification" report related to Sy No 7/12 & Sy No 7/12-A of Camurlim Village, Bardez.

Applicant Details

Name: Gaurav Bakshi

Email: gaurav@helpdesq.in

Phone: 9930036374

Address: B-402, Martins Palm Fringe, Cardozo Waddo, Taleigao, Goa - 403002

Additional Notes:

- Kindly provide the information in certified hard copies or in digital form (PDF / Excel). Information in digital form is preferred wherever available.

- If any part of this RTI falls under another department's jurisdiction (e.g. TCP, Revenue, MoEFCC, or IPB), please transfer the relevant part of the application under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act and inform



1.20 crore square metre land was opened for development under CM Pramod Sawant

This will not only be an ecological and environmental threat, but also an existential threat to Goans

By Team Herald

Published: 30/09/2024



PANJIM: Congress party on Monday sought to dismiss the claim that all land conversion were done during the Congress regime. Addressing the press on Monday, Vice President Sunil Kawthankar said that 1.20 crore square metre land was opened for development under CM Pramod Sawant.

Elaborating details of his claim, Kawthankar said when Sawant was Chief Minister and Forest Minister between June 2021 and September 2021, Sawant set up a committee to review and reverse private forests that were demarcated under the Araujo Committee.

The Committee appointed by Forest Minister Pramod Sawant reverted 271 survey numbers for development. This amounted to 1.20 crore square metre land

This was a well-planned move with Delhi builders. This will be worse than the Regional Plan 2011 which was stopped by the people. The social and cultural face of Goa will change with the influx of outsiders. This will not only be an ecological and environmental threat, but also an existential threat he asserted.

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देहरादून-248195

दिनांक: 28 जनवरी, 2026

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Mr. Gaurav Bakshi,
R/o B-402, Martins Palm Fringe,
Cardozo Waddo, Taleigao,
Goa-403002

Sub:- Information under RTI Act, 2005.

महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषय के संदर्भ में यह सूचित किया जाता है कि APIO, O/o Dy. Conservator of Forests, Working Plan Division, Panji- Goa के पत्रांक-DCF (WP)/ RTI-105/98(P)2025-26/929 दिनांक 12.12.2025 के द्वारा मांगी गई सूचना के संबंध में यह कहना है कि आपके पत्र के द्वारा मांगी गयी सूचना के क्रम 1. a एवं c की जानकारी इस पत्र के साथ संलग्न की जा रही है एवं क्रम 1. b द्वारा मांगी गयी सूचना भारतीय वन सर्वेक्षण, देहरादून में उपलब्ध नहीं है।

2. यदि आप इस उत्तर से संतुष्ट नहीं हैं तो इस पत्र की प्राप्ति की तिथि से तीस दिनों के भीतर आप निम्नांकित प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी के समक्ष अपील दायर कर सकते हैं।

सुश्री शिवानी डोगरा, (प्रथम अपीलीय अधिकारी)

भारतीय वन सर्वेक्षण,
कौलागढ़ मार्ग, देहरादून-248195
फोन नं०- 01352755037

संलग्न:- उपरोक्तानुसार

भवदीया,
सुगंधा श्रीवास्तव

(सुगंधा श्रीवास्तव)
लोक सूचना अधिकारी

प्रतिलिपि:- APIO, O/o Dy. Conservator of Forests, Working Plan Division, Goa Van Bhawan, Altinho, Panji- Goa-403001 के पत्रांक-DCF (WP)/ RTI-105/98(P)2025-26/929 दिनांक 12.12.2025 के संबंध में।

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भारत सरकार
कौलागढ़ रोड़, पी0ओ0 - आई0पी0ई0
देहरादून- 248195



सेवा में,

दिनांक: 14th जनवरी, 2026

लोक सूचना अधिकारी
भारतीय वन सर्वेक्षण
कौलागढ़ रोड़, देहरादून।

विषय:- RTI Application under Right to Information Act, 2005.

संदर्भ:- 1. आपके पत्र संख्या: 13-2 / 2025-आर.टी.आई-(पार्ट-1)-59 दिनांक 06 जनवरी, 2026
2. पत्र संख्या: DCF (WP)/RTI-105/98(P) 2025-26/929 दिनांक 12 दिसंबर, 2025 received from
Asst. Public Information Officer, Working Plan Division, Panaji-Goa

महोदया,

उपरोक्त विषय एवं संदर्भित पत्र के संबंध में, यह सूचित किया जाता है कि Sh. Gaurav Bakshi की RTI दिनांक 24.11.2025 में मांगी गयी जानकारी के क्रम में 1. a एवं c जो की Forest Cover से संबंधित है जिसकी जानकारी India State of Forest Report - 2001, 2003, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021 & 2023 के रूप में भारतीय वन सर्वेक्षण की अधिकारिक वेबसाइट बिना किसी मूल्य के प्राप्त की जा सकती है एवं 1 b की जानकारी फॉरेस्ट जियोइन्फोमेटिक्स डिवीजन में उपलब्ध नहीं है।

भवदीया,

शिवानी

(शिवानी डोगरा) भा.व.से.
संयुक्त निदेशक (एफ.जी.डी.)

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14/01/2026.

RTI Cell.