

Calling Attention notice tabled by SHRI ALEIXO REGINALDO LOURENCO, MLA, Curtorim Constituency

FEAR AND ANXIETY IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE OF CURTORIM AND OF SURROUNDING AREAS OF THE CONTINUOUS FLOW OF LEACHATE EVEN IN THE NON MONSOON MONTHS FROM SONSODDO GARBAGE DUMP TO THE ADJACENT ROADS AND TO THE FIELDS WHICH POSES DANGEROUS HEALTH HAZARDS TO THE WORKERS, COMMUTERS AND TO THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA. THE STEPS THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO TAKE IN THIS REGARD

Reply by Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development

Speaker Sir, at the waste management site at Sonsoddo two type of waste is handled.

- i) Old legacy waste dump
- ii) Daily Fresh Waste generated.

For Old legacy waste dump

Goa Government had taken decision to “Remediate the existing dumpsites at various locations in Goa” through Goa Waste Management Corporation (GWMC). The list of legacy dumps in the State was obtained from Directorate of Municipal Administration and Directorate of Panchayats. Legacy waste dump site at Sonsoddo is one the site taken up for remediation.

Remediation works of old legacy waste dump which is matured waste dump at Sonsoddo site commenced in December 2019. Remediation works had to be discontinued during COVID-19 pandemic as lockdown was imposed. Further the remediation of legacy waste works had to be discontinued during monsoon from June till November every year and were only undertaken during fair dry period. Remediation of legacy waste at Sonsoddo was completed in this month i.e. March 2023. Presently the disposal of recovered fractions that is inerts and Refused Derived Fuel (RDF) is in process.

The legacy waste dump site is dry and there is no leachate generated or flowing from the dump.

For Daily Fresh Waste generated.

Margao Municipal Council (MMC) is collecting daily fresh waste generated from Households/Commercial establishments and transporting it to Sonsoddo waste management facility. Daily waste collected has two fractions that is Dry waste and Wet waste. MMC is baling the dry waste collected and GWMC is sending it to cement plants for co-processing. The wet waste collected by MMC is presently dumped inside the Sonsoddo waste processing shed.

Margao Municipal Council is in process of putting up Action Plan for management of fresh day-to-day waste collected in terms of Order passed by Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa on 06th March 2023 in PIL WRIT Petition of 45 of 2019. The Hon'ble High Court has directed Margao Municipal

Council to ensure that necessary steps for handling and managing day-to-day generated within its jurisdiction. The municipality is in process of taking up appropriate measures to collect the leachate which is being generated in Sonsoddo waste processing shed and to dispose it scientifically in STP.

The concern of Fear and Anxiety in the Minds of people of Curtorim is raised, I would like to bring to the notice the fact of regular dumping of waste along the road side from Sonsodo to Curtorim. Presently GWMC through its contractor is periodically cleaning that stretch, however the indiscriminate dumping of waste by the locals is witnessed on regular basis and it goes on unabated. It is also the duty of adjoining Village Panchayats to ensure that waste is collected from source i.e. House-to-House and treated on a daily basis, to prevent littering.