

REPLY TO THE CALLING ATTENTION tabled by Shri Premendra Shet, Hon'ble MLA on 27/07/2023

“Fear and anxiety in the minds of the people, especially farmers from Bhavkai in Mayem Village on account of large breaches to the Bhavkai bund Khazan resulting in inundation of saline water in the Bhavkai Khazan field thereby damaging the crops and unable to cultivate their traditional field during monsoon the resultant report submitted to the Government for immediate action to repair the bund informing the soil conservation Division, Directorate of agriculture in consultation with the managing committee of Bhavkai Bund Khazan Tenant Association including inquiry of the auction of the Khaylo Sluice Gate to give relief to the farmers and there is an overflow of the flooding Saline water on the road connected from Bhavkai to Railway Gate in danger of damage. The Government intends to resolve this problem and give relief to the public and local farmers”.

Speaker Sir, I rise to reply to the Calling Attention tabled by ShriPremendraShet, Hon'ble MLA who is anxious about inundation of saline water in the Bhavkai Khazan field.

There exists a Bhavkai Khazan agriculture land of nearly 50 Ha at Bhavkai- Mayem in Bicholim Taluka which is 1.75 km long and is notified as a protective bund belonging to Bhavkai Khazan Tenants Association. The bund is old and was constructed with river silt.

The Managing Committee of the Bhavkai Khazan Tenant Association by letter dated 06/12/2020 intimated the Mamlatdar of Bicholim Taluka about the breach of Bund. The Mamlatdar by an Order dated 28/12/2020, directed the Executive Engineer, Soil Conservation Division, Directorate of Agriculture to prepare the estimate for repair of the Bund under 50% Subsidy Scheme and submit the same to the Chairman of the Bhavkai Khazan Tenant Association.

Subsequently, the Executive Engineer of the Soil Conservation Division by letter dated 04/03/2021 furnished copy of the estimate amounting to Rs. 1, 74,197/- to the Chairman of the Bhavkai Khazan Tenant Association. Accordingly, the work was carried out by the Tenant Association and completion was certified by the Soil Conservation Division by Evaluation Certificate dated 20/09/2021.

Meanwhile, the Managing Committee of the Bhavkai Khazan Tenant Association by letter dated 20/06/2021 intimated the Mamlatdar of Bicholim Taluka about the fresh breach of Bund. The Mamlatdar issued an Order dated 23/06/2021 and directed the Executive Engineer, Soil Conservation Division, to prepare the estimate for repair of the Bund under 50% Subsidy Scheme and submit the same to the Chairman of the Bhavkai Khazan Tenant Association.

Subsequently, the Executive Engineer of the Soil Conservation Division by letter dated 06/10/2021 furnished copy of the estimate amounting to Rs. 3, 22,068/- to the Chairman of the Bhavkai Khazan Tenant Association. Accordingly, the work was carried out by the Tenant Association.

By letter dated 18/07/2022, the Managing Committee of the Bhavkai Khazan Tenant Association intimated the Mamlatdar of Bicholim Taluka about the breach of Bund. The Mamlatdar by an Order dated 28/07/2022 directed the Executive Engineer, Soil Conservation Division, to prepare the estimate for repair of the Bund under 50% Subsidy Scheme and submit the same to the Chairman of the Bhavkai Khazan Tenant Association.

Subsequently, the Executive Engineer of the Soil Conservation Division by letter dated 14/12/2022 furnished copy of the estimate amounting to Rs.3, 48,743/- for replacement of wooden structure to the sluice gates and repairs to the Bunds to the Chairman of the Bhavkai Khazan Tenant Association. Only the work of replacement of wooden structure to the sluice gate was carried out. On 24/02/2023, the Mamlatdar of Bicholim Taluka issued directions to the Managing Committee of the Bhavkai Khazan Tenants Association to take up the work of the repairs of the Bunds immediately as per the estimate dated 14/12/2022 by the Soil Conservation Division.

Thereafter, by letter dated 07/03/2023, the Managing Committee of the Bhavkai Khazan Tenant Association intimated the Mamlatdar of Bicholim Taluka about the breach of Bund. The Mamlatdar by an Order dated 10/03/2023 directed the Executive Engineer, Soil Conservation Division, to prepare the estimate for repair of the Bund under 50% Subsidy Scheme and submit the same to the Chairman of the Bhavkai Khazan Tenant Association.

Subsequently, the Executive Engineer of the Soil Conservation Division by letter dated 13/03/2023 furnished copy of the estimate amounting to Rs. 5, 73,411/- to the Chairman of the Bhavkai Khazan Tenant Association for the repairs of two breaches. Accordingly, the work was carried out by the Tenant

Association and the same was intimated to the Mamlatdar by letter dated 03/05/2023. The Soil Conservation Division submitted Evaluation Certificate amounting to Rs. 5, 75,334/- on 14/06/2023.

On 06/06/2023, there was a fresh breach in the Bund of the Bhavkai Khazan Tenant Association.

Also, vide letter dated 20/12/2020, the Managing Committee of the Bhavkai Khazan Tenant Association had requested the Mamlatdar for strengthening of the entire Bund under 90:10 subsidy scheme. The Mamlatdar issued an Order dated 20/01/2021 and directed the Executive Engineer, Soil Conservation Division, to prepare the estimate for repair of the Bund under 90:10 Subsidy Scheme. No any communication was received in this regard from the Soil Conservation Division till 24/07/2023. However, the Executive Engineer, Soil Conservation Division, Directorate of Agriculture vide letter dated 18/07/2023 has requested the Chairman of the Bhavkai Tenant Association to furnish the following required documents for processing the estimate to WRD for according of Technical Sanction:

- i) Survey Plan showing the bund & catchment area
- ii) List of the beneficiaries along with survey number and area.
- iii) NOC in prescribed format

The above documents are not provided by the Tenant Association even after follow up and as such the said work remained pending due to non-compliance by the Tenant Association.

In this connection, a meeting was convened by the Mamlatdar of Bicholim Taluka on 25.07.2023 with the Bhavkai Khazan Tenant Association and directions are given to the Chairman to furnish the required documents to the Executive Engineer, Soil Conservation Division, Directorate of Agriculture, Panaji Goa within 2 days for taking up of the work of repair of the Bund of Bhavkai Khazan under 90%-10% pattern of assistance scheme.

After following the required formalities, and upon receipt of all the required approvals, tender would be called and the work shall be under taken by the Soil Conservation Division of the Agriculture Department under 90-10% pattern of assistance, wherein initial 100% expenditure will be borne by the Government and 10% expenditure incurred will be recovered from the Tenant Association in 10 annual installments.