

BASAVARAJ BOMMAI
CHIEF MINISTER



VIDHANA SOUDHA
BENGALURU - 560 001

NO. CM/19/OSG/2022

Date : 20/09/2022

Dear Dr Pramod Sawant ji,

Sub: Providing a minimum extent of 1 to 2 acres of Government land for the construction of Kannada Bhavan in Goa.

I am very much happy to inform you that the Karnataka State Government has decided to fulfil the long pending demand of the Kannadigas who live in Goa for decades to have their own Kannada cultural bhavan at Goa. To accomplish the desire of our Kannadigas there, our Government has made provision of Grants in the State Budget 2022-23. The Karnataka Border Area Development Authority is the Nodal Agency to implement this project.

The Karnataka Border Area Development Authority has made very sincere efforts to get suitable Government land for the construction of Kannada Bhavan, Goa. The Chairman of Karnataka Border Area Development Authority Dr. C. Somasekhara IAS (retired) has met Sri Krishnaji Salkar, Chairman of GDA & MLA of Vasco and the Deputy Collector Goa and made a formal request to allot atleast one acre of Government land by Goa Urban Development Authority.

Similarly, the Authority also has approached M/s Zuari Chemicals Limited through several letters requesting to allot an atleast one acre land for this purpose.

However, there was no positive response in this regard.

Therefore, the only possibility is that the Government of Goa should be kind enough to allot a minimum extent of one acre of land for construction of Kannada Bhavan in Goa at a place where more Kannadigas reside.

It is pertinent to mention here that Government of Karnataka has established Konkani Academy long back and our Government has provided Rs.3.00 crores for the construction of Konkani Academy at Mangaluru. Our Government has taken all steps to promote Konkani Language and Literature in Karnataka. I feel very proud to mention here that Kannada speaking people in Goa have very cordial relations culturally and socially with Goans.

Hence it is our earnest request that Government of Goa also takes initiative in promoting the Art & Culture of Kannadigas and fulfils the much desired demand of construction of Kannada Bhavan in Goa.

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I have instructed Dr. C. Somasekhara IAS (retired), Chairman Karnataka Border Area Development Authority to meet you in person and to make a formal request in this regard on behalf of Government of Karnataka.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Basavaraj Bommai", written over a horizontal line.

(BASAVARAJ BOMMAI)

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