

BITS Pilani's waste water project gets nod from SGPDA

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MARGAO: South Goa Planning and Development Authority (SGPDA) on Wednesday decided to go ahead with BITS Pilani's proposal of setting up a waste-water treatment project at wholesale fish market in Margao as SGPDA committee held a meeting after a gap of almost four months.

During the meeting it has also been decided to install a fish testing laboratory at the retail market itself and not at the wholesale fish market. The meeting was held under the leadership of newly appointed Chairman and Nuvem MLA Wilfred D'sa, in the presence of Margao MLA Digambar Kamat, MLA Vijai Sardesai was also present at the meeting.

Speaking to reporters Wilfred D'sa said, "BITS Pilani has proposed to treat the waste-water at the wholesale fish market. They have already installed one tank in the market and they have asked us to give permission to start the treating of waste-water. Hence we have decided to go ahead with the project," he added.

He also said that SGPDA had taken a decision that the fish testing laboratory which was supposed to be installed at the wholesale fish market will now be built at SGPDA retail market itself.

"Director of Export Inspection Agency(EIA) informed us that the above laboratory is not possible at the wholesale fish market as the place is crowded and dirty. The last

committee of the SGPDA had decided to shift the laboratory at the wholesale fish market," he added.

Wilfred also informed that the Food and Drugs Administration had requested SGPDA to make available the space for cold storage. But they did not mention how much space they require and hence SGPDA has decided to request the FDA officials to personally come to Margao and give the details.

"Goa Stated Industrial Development Corporation (GSIDC) has put forward the proposal with regard to the re-contraction of the wholesale fish market. We have not taken any decision of that proposal but first of all, we will ask the GSIDC to give a presentation about the proposal and thereafter the committee will take the decision. The presentation will be given to all the members of the SGPDA committee", he further added.

He also said that the committee has decided to give relaxation to the exhibition organizers at the parking place of SGPDA by reducing the fee. "SGPDA is benefited by Rs 35 lakhs per year out of seven exhibitions held on the parking ground. The parking lot will be divided into two divisions once for exhibitions and other for parking. The collection of Sopo and cleanness contracts will also be reviewed," he informed.

MLA Vijai Sardesai also said that BITS Pilani's project with regard to wastewater treatment is one of the novel projects and it will benefit a lot.