

OVER AMENDMENTS

CRIMINISE CASES: RANE

Rane, large properties and lands, some belonging to poor converted from settlement to orchards, and non-slopes in the name of, depriving them of their land to developable use. The extent of the reversed land square metres, which is not any law without on, the Minister had said, "We with the government to form committee to scrutinise the present cases to the Justice must be provided to who has suffered in this process." had further stated that the will conduct case-by-case reverse the survey numbers

Planner (CTP) be directed to immediately inspect the properties at Morjim, where huge strata of land admeasuring 64,000 square metres have been converted from Orchard to Settlement and to submit the

report to the Court. The petitioners have stated that despite their complaints to the government to remove the illegal road and to initiate action as per law, the government authorities granted permissions for construction of farmhouses considering the illegality-constructed road as the right to way for those project sites.

The petitioners have also brought to the notice of the court that Section 17 (2) of the TCP Act does not provide for any public consultation before the government makes any changes in the Regional Plan. Such an arbitrary conversion would lead to rampant and unbalanced development in the State and have prayed that the order issued by the CTP dated April 19, 2023, be quashed and set aside.

The Court said that another petition filed by Goa Foundation will be clubbed and will be heard on July 24.

TRAIL OVER RS 500 CR LAND CONVERSION

scams to CBI, ED: Lokacho Aadhar

Team Herald

PANJIM: The Lokacho Aadhar on Tuesday demanded that the State government should complain to CBI and ED to unearth the Rs 500 crore scam through land conversions by amending 16 (b) of Town and Country Planning Act and 17 (2) of Goa Land Development and Building Construction Regulations, 2010.

Slamming the BJP-led government for undermining Goa's environment, Lokacho Aadhar President Trajano D'Mello said that the rampant land conversions approved under these amendments pose a grave threat to the very fabric of the State and its future generations.

Shedding light on the grave concerns surrounding the 17 (2) amendment, Trajano said, "In the name of correction, there is destruction. The amendment has de-

stroyed forest land, orchards, and eco-sensitive zones in Goa. In the past, land conversion decisions were made through an inclusive and consultative process. However, the introduction of 17 (2) amendment has transformed this process where, the TCP

Minister has been taking decisions on his own."

Launching a scathing attack against TCP Minister, Vishwajit Rane, Trajano said that the Minister appears pre-occupied with facilitating further land conversions, contrary to his responsibilities.

promises are 'jumlas': CLP

tion MLAs soon to decide on floor management and strategy upcoming monsoon session of Goa Assembly, says Alemao

NO SIGN OF REOPENING KALA ACADEMY'

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stitution for States too. But it, has not have opened," any events ss the State Academy. demy, it nment is not

serious about the art and culture," he said. "Though Art and Culture Minister Govind Gaude justified the decision to nominate a contractor for the work of restoration without tendering it, now it's the duty of BJP government to probe in this scam of Rs 49 crore," he said. The government had appointed three-member committee to investigate the scam of Kala Academy renovation, but nothing has come out of it. The government is using dilly-dallying tactics to safeguard those involved in this scam," he charged.

Panjikar said that the government is bound to inform about the investigation to public, as this project is done on tax payers money. "We want to know about the investigation of this scam and names of those involved in it," he said.

tion of mining, doles to unemployed educated youth and revival of economy in 2012. In reality, the BJP government pushed the State into bankruptcy and created financial emergency. The insensitive

government is spending multiple crores on event management and publicity, depriving the social welfare beneficiaries, mid-day meal suppliers, teachers from their rightful financial assistance, payments

and salaries, he pointed out.

The CLP also discussed and decided to raise the issues of River Mhadei, environmental issues, rising prices of commodities, collapse of law and order, wasteful expenditure on events, corruption, collapse of tourism industry, frequent power cuts, failure of disaster management authority and deliberate attempts of the BJP to spread communal tensions in the State with an eye on 2024 Lok Sabha elections during the 18-day session.

The Opposition Leader demanded to know why the government could not implement the 'Chief Minister's Apprenticeship Scheme' from July 2021 to June 2023 and whether the government has notified the said scheme.

He also sought to know whether budgetary provisions are made for effective implementation of the scheme?



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