

## Govt to come out with private forest policy

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PORVORIM: "It's enough. A 1000 sq km wooded area is more than enough for Goa. Further increase in forest cover will not be good for Goa." In sync with these views expressed by some legislators, Goa forest minister Rajendra Arlekar told Goa Legislative Assembly on Friday that his government will shortly come out with private forest policy. Since the two committees - North Goa and South Goa - appointed to determine private forests in the state have been slow in executing the task their works will also be reconsidered.

The issue was discussed during 'Zero Hour' on the last day of winter session. Some legislators brought before the House problems faced by people as a result of the prolonged exercise of identifying private forests. They fear their lands which are currently, not in use will be labeled private forests.

The forest minister said government is seized of the problem and two committees will have to speed up their work.

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