

**Aims and objectives :**

- 1) To develop and raise forest plantations, horticulture and plantation crops and in particular Cashew, Rubber, Teak, and such other suitable species in the State of Goa for the purpose of increasing production and development of industries based on their produce.
- 2) To plant, grow, produce and raise plantation of all kinds of varieties of forest plants, trees and crops and natural products of every kind and other agricultural crops and to buy, sell, export, import, process, distribute or otherwise deal in all kind of forest plants, tree crops, natural produce and agricultural crops.
- 3) To carry on the business of planters, cultivators, sellers, and dealers in timber plywood, pulpwood, matchwood and such other products of every description and to manufacture, dispose of sell and deal in products of such plantation and other forest crops of every description.
- 4) To plant, grow, cultivate produce and raise plantations of all the types of horticultural, floricultural and plantation crops in the state.
- 5) To establish, promote, ecotourism, Eco-development and other environmental related activities.

The main activities /function of the authority have been listed as above at Sr. no 1 to 5. In addition to the above the following services are being provided by the public authority.

- i) The Cashew and Rubber plantations leased out to the Corporation by the Forest Department are maintained with effectiveness and efficiency to increase the yield and revenue of the Corporation with replacement of casualty wherever necessary.
- ii) The Corporation undertakes beautification of certain spots/places on request subject to placement of funds at its disposal.

- iii) Development of Eco-Tourism by developing the ongoing project of **Botanical Garden Cum Eco-Recreational Park at Salaulim Sanguem and Nagar van at Chapoli, Canacona.**
- iv) To provide employment to the rural youth by way of allotment of cashew plantations to the Self Help Groups for collection of cashew fruits and nuts during the fruiting season on share and care basis.
- v) To produce rubber scrap and smoked raw material to be sold to the rubber industries through their agents.
- vi) Production of Honey through Apiary Project on commercial basis.