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Govt partly accepts report on Western Ghats

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PANAJI: The state government has partly accepted the Western Ghat ecology experts panel (WGEEP) report, while some of its recommendations were found to be difficult to be implemented.

On Monday, a meeting chaired by chief minister [Manohar Parrikar](#) and attended by forest minister Alina Saldanha and heads of various government departments took stock of the report and its various clauses.

Forest secretary R K Verma gave a presentation regarding the report prepared by a committee headed by ecologist Madhav Gadgil.

"Every state has been asked to review the WGEEP report and give its comment," forest minister Alina Saldanha said.

The implications of the report were discussed and it was felt that some clauses are acceptable, but some recommendations with regard to eco sensitive zones would hinder development in the region.

"Parrikar pointed out that in some cases, the state has its own policies for protection of wildlife, bio-diversity, forest areas and buffer zones," a source said.

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