

CREDAI-Goa urges government to facilitate single window clearance to boost state real estate sector



President of CREDAI-Goa Dr Jagannath (Desh) Prabhudessai with his new team.

Sitting from left: Gaurang Suctancar, A D Prasad, Dr Prabhudessai, Jose Braganza & Vinay Bhasin. Standing from left: Rama (Rajiv) Naik, Joe Mathias, Rajesh Sheth, Nitin Saraf, Haroon Ebrahim, Sanjiv Kamat, Datta Naik, Dattaprasad Kamat, Nilesh Salkar, Rammohan Kale & Sandesh Naik

Pointing out that the government collected approximately ₹216 crore as infrastructure tax from 2009-2015, the Goa chapter of the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India (CREDAI) questioned the government's lack of interest in providing necessary infrastructure like road, water, sewerage and electricity connections to housing and commercial projects.

"Infrastructure tax is collected, but the government could not keep its commitment. and instead builders are

asked to pay charges at every level including for transformers." President of CREDAI-Goa Dr Jagannath Prabhudessai said. "The settlement zones are as per the old regional plan, but the rules and regulations are based on the new regional plan. Builders don't benefit from any regional plan, but one is necessary for the real estate industry," he added.

He spoke at the installation programme for the CREDAI's new office bearers at Vivanta by Taj – Panaji. Besides Prabhudessai, who was elected

president for a second term until 2017, other office bearers include immediate past President Nilesh Salkar, vice presidents Gaurang Suctancar and Vinay Bhasin, secretary Jose Braganza, Rama Naik, and treasurers A D Prasad and Haroon Ebrahim.

Stating that getting approvals and clearances was a major cause of delay in completing real estate projects, it has urged the state government to adopt a single window clearance system and grant infrastructure status to boost the real estate sector.