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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA**

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (SUO MOTU) NO.1 OF 2026  
WITH  
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION WP NO.3223 OF 2025 (F)**

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HIGH COURT ON ITS OWN MOTION  
(TRAGEDY TAKEN PLACE AT ARPORA IN  
A TRAGIC FIRE INCIDENT) ... PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF GOA THROUGH THE CHIEF  
SECRETARY ... RESPONDENT

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AISHWARYA ARJUN SALGAONKAR ... PETITIONER

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THE STATE OF GOA THR ITS CHIEF  
SECRETARY AND 12 ORS ... RESPONDENTS

Mr. Rohit Bras De Sa, Advocate - Amicus Curiae.

Mr. D. Pangam, Advocate General with Mr Deep Shirodkar, Additional  
Government Advocate for Respondent Nos.1, 2, 4 to 13, 49 and 50.

Mr Manish Salkar (Through V.C.), Advocate for Respondent No.6 and 15.

Mr. Parikshit Sawant, Advocate for Respondent No.7.

Mr H. D. Naik, Advocate for Respondent No.14.

Mr. Somnath Karpe, Mr. Anand Shirodkar, Advocates for Respondent  
No.17.

Mr. Vinoj K. Daniel, Advocate for Respondent No.18.

Mr Prayash Shirodkar, Advocate for Respondent No.20 - Mapusa  
Municipal Council.

Mr. Ganesh Naik, Advocate for Respondent Nos.22, 24 and 25.

Mr. B. Fatarpekar, Advocate for Respondent No.28.

Mr. Gaurish Agni with Mr. Ankur Kumar, Advocates for the Petitioner in  
PILWP No.3223 of 2025 (F).

Mr. D. Pangam, Advocate General with Ms Maria Correia, Additional  
Government Advocate for Respondent Nos.1 to 5 and 8 to 11 in PILWP  
No.3223 of 2025 (F).

Mr. Shane Coutinho, Advocate for Respondent No.33.

Ms. Annelise Fernandes, Advocate for Respondent No.34.

Mr. B. Oliveira (Through V.C.), Advocate for Respondent No.38.

Mr. R. Sahakari, Advocate for Respondent No.43.

Mr. Subodh Kantak, Senior Advocate with Ms. Saicha Dessai, Advocate for Respondent No.48.

Mr. A. F. Diniz, Senior Advocate with Ms. Prachi Naik, Advocate for Respondent No.51.

Mr. Parag Rao (Through V.C.), Mr. S. Singbal and Ms. V. Mahato, Advocates for Respondent Nos.53 and 54.

**CORAM:- SUMAN SHYAM &  
AMIT S. JAMSANDEKAR, JJ.**

**DATED :- 24th February, 2026**

P.C.:

Referring to the issue raised in our order dated 16.2.2026 Mr. Pangam, learned Advocate General for the State of Goa, on instructions submits, that a sum of Rs.7,00,000/- (Rs.5 lakhs by the State Government and Rs. 2 lakh by the Central Government) has already been paid to each of the victims as ex-gratia compensation whereas, sum of Rs.1 lakh (Rs.50,000/- by the State Government and Rs.50,000/- by the Central Government ) has been paid to each injured person.

2. In so far as other issues are concerned, the learned Advocate General has submitted, a written note, with supporting documents, to contend that Respondent No.53 is residing abroad and therefore, notice could not be served upon him. However his wife Smt. Vijaylakshmi Khosla is in Goa and she is pursuing litigations on behalf her husband i.e. the Respondent No. 52. Therefore Smt. Vijaylakshmi Khosla be added as a party in the present proceedings.

3. In addition to the above Mr. Pangam further submitted that two other persons whose names and particulars are mentioned in paragraph No.3 of the note, who claim to have constructed the structure in which the incident took place viz. Mr. Pradeep P. Ghadi Amonkar and Mr. Sunil D. Divker, be also added as Respondent nos. 56 and 57 in the PILSM. Mr. Pangam further submits that the Secretary of the Village Panchayat Arpora vis Shri Raghuvir Dattaram Bagkar is also required to be added as Respondent No. 58 to the PILSM. The Prayer is not opposed at the bar.

4. In view of the above, it is hereby directed that Smt. Vijaylakshmi Khosla, wife of Mr Surinder Kumar Khosla be added as Respondent No. 55 on the addressed mentioned in the note. Likewise Pradeep Ghadi, Mr. Sunil D. Divker and Mr. Raghuvir Dattaram Bagkar be added as Respondent Nos.56, 57 ad 58 respectively, on the addressed mentioned in the note. Office to carry out necessary endorsement in the cause title of the Writ Petition. Let notices be issued to the newly added Respondent Nos.55 , 56, 57and 58 returnable on 23.3.2026.

5. Since it is PILSM, Registry to issue Court notice to the above Respondents.

6. The written note tendered by Learned Advocate General is taken on record.

7. List the case again on 23.3.2026.

**AMIT S. JAMSANDEKAR, J.**

**SUMAN SHYAM, J.**