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2025:BHC-GOA:2066

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
WRIT PETITION NO.394 OF 2025**

MENINO FERNANDES

...Petitioner

Versus

THE SECRETARY/SARPANCH, VILLAGE
PANCHAYAT OF MAJORDA AND ANR.

...Respondents

None appears for the Petitioner.

Mr Shane Coutinho, Advocate for the Respondent No.1.

Mr Ronak Naik, Advocate for the Respondent No.2.

CORAM: DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J.

DATED : 13th MARCH 2026

P.C.:

1. None appears for the Petitioner.
2. By Order dated 10th October, 2025, the petition was dismissed as withdrawn. However, since there was a demolition order passed by the Panchayat way back on 3rd January, 2022, this Court expected the Panchayat to act with diligence and demolish the structure which is the subject matter of the order and which is detailed in the transgression report/panchanama dated 16th January, 2021.
3. By the said order dated 10th October, 2025, this Court recorded the statement of the Petitioner that he would make an attempt to remove the structure within three weeks from the date of the said order i.e. by 30th October, 2025. This Court also directed the Panchayat to act on the



demolition notice if the structure was not removed within the stipulated time. Thereafter, on the previous three dates, time was granted to the Panchayat to file compliance report. The order dated 13th February, 2026 recorded that the structure was removed but has been reconstructed by the Petitioner. The site inspection was fixed on 17th February, 2026 and the Petitioner was directed to remain present during the inspection. The site inspection was directed to be completed and copy of the same was directed to be placed on record on the next date i.e. 20th February, 2026.

4. On 20th February, 2026, time was granted to the Panchayat to file affidavit. However, Mr S. Coutinho, learned counsel appearing for the Panchayat states that he has filed affidavit on the same date.

5. Today, when the matter was called out, Mr R. Naik, learned counsel appearing for the original complainant states that the structure has been reconstructed and the Village Panchayat has not taken any steps to remove the same. The officials of the Village Panchayat was directed to remove the reconstructed structure by this Court in its earlier orders and submit compliance report on or before the next date. If at all the Village Panchayat finds that the structure has been reconstructed, the Panchayat shall take immediate steps to demolish the said structure.

6. Stand over to 16th April, 2026.

DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J