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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
WRIT PETITION NO.170 OF 2026

PRATIMA K VERNEKAR

... PETITIONER

Versus

THE STATE OF GOA THR ITS CHIEF
SECRETARY AND 6 ORS

... RESPONDENTS

Mr. S. D. Padiyar, Senior Advocate with Mr. Prayash Shirodkar
and Ms. Neha Bhobe, Advocates for the Petitioner.

Mr. Neehal Vernekar, Additional Government Advocate for
Respondent Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

**CORAM:- VALMIKI MENEZES &
HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, JJ.**

DATED :- 9th June, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard learned Counsel for the parties.
2. Rule.
3. Mr. Vernekar, learned Additional Government Advocate, waives service of Rule for Respondent Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.
4. Issue notice of Rule to Respondent No. 5 returnable on 20.07.2026.
5. Tag this matter with Writ Petition No. 350/2021, as a similar

issue has been raised in the petition.

HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, J.

VALMIKI MENEZES, J.