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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
WRIT PETITION NO.1045 OF 2026 (F)

SR. M SNEHALA AC

... PETITIONER

Versus

KASHINATH JAIRAM SHETYE AND 2 ORS.

... RESPONDENTS

Mr. J. Abreu Lobo, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. S. Samant, Additional Government Advocate for the Respondent no.2.

Ms. Maria Correia, Additional Government Advocate holding for Mr. Deep Shirodkar, Additional Government Advocate for the Respondent no. 3.

CORAM:- DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J.

DATED :- 7th May, 2026

P.C.

1. Office report indicates that as per the Bailiff report received from the Civil Judge Senior Division, Mercers, the Respondent no.1 is served in person and the Respondent no. 3 has been served through the Entry Clerk. Hence, service is complete on Respondents no. 1 and 3.

2. Ms Maria Correia, learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for Respondent no. 3, states that the State Information Commission is not a necessary party in the proceedings. Mr. John Lobo, agrees to the same. Hence, Respondent no. 3 is deleted from the array of parties of the Petition. Amendment to be carried out forthwith.

3. By Order dated 16.03.2026 passed by the State Information Commission, the Second Appeal filed by the Respondent no.1 is allowed and the PIO i.e. the Petitioner herein is directed to provide inspection of all concerned documents to the Respondent no. 1 on 10.04.2026 during working hours and also provide on the same date certified copies of the relevant documents as pointed out by Respondent no. 1. The Commission has also noted that non-compliance of the directions given in the impugned order shall invite legal action in terms of Sections 20(1) and Section 20 (2) of the RTI Act and has directed the Registry to issue a show cause notice to the PIO i.e. the Petitioner herein. Accordingly the Petitioner has received the show cause notice, and the date before the State Information Commission was 16.04.2026.

4. Considering that none appears for the Respondent no.1 despite service of notice, the impugned Order dated 16.03.2026 is stayed till the next date before this Court. Similarly, the show-cause notice issued by the State Information Commission dated 25.03.2026 is also stayed till the next date.

5. Stand over to 02.07.2026.

DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J.