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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
WRIT PETITION NO.1403 OF 2024 (F)

TALOTIN CABO AND ANR.

... PETITIONERS

Versus

DIRECTORATE OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
THR. ITS DIRECTOR AND ANR

... RESPONDENTS

Mr. A. Viegas with Mr. Mark Valadares and Mr. M. Nadaf, Advocates for the Petitioners.

Mr. M. Salkar, Government Advocate for Respondent Nos.1 and 2.

Mr. Parimal Redkar, Advocates for Respondent No.3, 4 and 5.

CORAM:- ASHISH S. CHAVAN, J.

DATED :- 25th February, 2026

P.C.:

Mr Viegas, Advocate appearing for the Petitioners, places on record an order passed by the JMFC, Sanguem dated 02.12.2025 and would submit that the Petitioners, who were arraigned as Accused Nos.1 and 2 in a criminal proceeding, are now discharged from offences punishable under Section 379 r/w 34 of IPC. He would further submit that the aforesaid Order would have a direct bearing on the Petition since as per his contentions nothing would survive after the criminal proceedings against the Petitioners have come to an end. He has also submitted written submissions in support of the prayers in the Petition. He has also invited my attention to a show cause notice dated 31.10.2025 issued by the Collector, South Goa District, Margao,

addressed to the Petitioners calling upon them to show cause as to why an order of arrest in terms of Section 129 of the Goa Land Revenue Code, 1968, should not be issued against them for default in payment of interest/penalty as indicated by the Deputy Director-III, Directorate of Mines and Geology, Government of Goa. He submits that the Petitioners have filed reply to the aforesaid show cause notice.

2. Mr Redkar, Advocate for Respondent Nos.3 to 5 submits that he needs some time to take instructions on the submissions made by the Advocate for the Petitioners and also the documents, namely the Order of the JMFC, Sanguem dated 02.12.2025 and the show cause notice dated 31.10.2025, and, if required, to file a short reply.

3. Time as prayed for is granted. In the event reply is filed, the same to be filed in the Registry on or before the next date with an advance copy to the Advocate for the Petitioner.

4. List the matter on 17.03.2026.

ASHISH S. CHAVAN, J.