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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
WRIT PETITION NO.1466 OF 2026 (F)

RAJ SHAMSUNDAR GAWAS

... PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF GOA THR. THE CHIEF
SECRETARY AND 5 ORS.

... RESPONDENTS

Mr. Jatin Ramaiya, Advocate with Mr. Omkar N. Parab,
Advocate for Petitioner.

Mr. Eshaan Luke Jacques, Additional Government Advocate for
Respondents No.1, 2 and 4.

Mr. Eeshan Usapkar, Advocate (through V.C.) for Respondent
No.3.

Mr. Rasik Rama Borkar, Advocate for Respondents No.5 and 6.

CORAM:- ASHISH S. CHAVAN, J.
(VACATION BENCH)

DATED :- 20th May, 2026

P.C.

1. By way of the present Petition, the Petitioner has sought directions from this Court to enforce the Stop Work Order dated 13.05.2026 issued by Respondent No.3, i.e. Village Panchayat of Sirsaim. The Learned Counsel for the Petitioner is at pains to point out that despite the Stop Work Order dated 13.05.2026, the use of JCB

breaker machinery at the above site continues unabated.

2. Learned Counsel for the Respondent No.3 (Village Panchayat of Sirsaim) who appears on private notice, waives notice and joins the Petitioner in stating that the Stop Work Order was communicated to the concerned Police Station (Colvale Police Station) on the very same day. i.e. on 13.05.2026. Thereafter, pursuant to an information received by the Panchayat that the work was continuing, the Panchayat conducted a site visit on 18.05.2026 pursuant to which on 19.05.2026 also, a communication has been addressed by the Panchayat to the concerned Police Station, inter alia, informing them of the present state of affairs wherein the excavation work with use of JCB breaker machinery continues.

3. The Additional Government Advocate who appears for Respondents No.1, 2 and 4 on private notice, waives notice and submits that he would take appropriate instructions and act immediately on the communications made by the Panchayat and by the Petitioner. He submits, on instructions, that all necessary steps in terms of the Memorandum dated 16.01.2023 issued by the Directorate of Panchayats, Government of Goa, will be taken forthwith by the Respondent No.4 to enforce the Stop Work Order dated 13.05.2026. This assurance is accepted as an undertaking to the Court. This Court hopes and trusts that the Respondent No.4 will act in accordance with law and see to it that the Stop Work Order dated 13.05.2026 is

enforced in letter and spirit.

4. List for compliance on 10.06.2026.

ASHISH S. CHAVAN, J.