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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.740 OF 2025 (F)

FARIDA BANDEKAR AND ANR

... PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF GOA THR POLICE INSPECTOR
AND 2 ORS

... RESPONDENT

Ms. Divyanshi Tahiliani, Advocate for the Petitioners.

Mr. Nikhil Vaze, Additional Public Prosecutor for Respondent Nos.1 and 2.

Mr. Raj Chodankar, Advocate for Respondent No.3.

CORAM:- ASHISH S. CHAVAN, J.

DATED :- 7th March, 2026

P.C.:

1. In terms of the Order dated 16.12.2025, this Court taking note of the joint submissions on behalf of the Petitioner and Respondent, that they were willing to explore the possibility of settlement through Mediation, requested Senior Advocate, Shri. R. G. Ramani to act as a Mediator to endeavour to bring about amicable settlement between the parties.

2. Today, jointly it is submitted at the bar by the learned Counsels for the respective parties that the Mediation is failed.

3. Office noting indicates that till date the Mediation Report has not been received by the Registry.
4. Heard learned Counsels for the Petitioners and Respondent No.3 for sometime.
5. Learned Counsel for the Respondent No.3 seeks some time to file an affidavit in reply on behalf of the Respondent No.3 dealing with the contentions alleged in the Petition and also to place on record certain documents which in his submission would be germane to decide the issue in the Petition. Time as prayed for is granted. Affidavit in reply to be filed in the Registry on or before the next date of hearing with an advance copy to the learned Counsel for the Petitioner.
6. In the meanwhile, the Mediation Report, if filed, be taken on record by the Registry. It is clarified that there is no impediment to investigation.
7. List the matter on 27.03.2026.

ASHISH S. CHAVAN, J.