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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO.2536 OF 2025 (F)

EMIE LEONORA FERNANDES

... PETITIONER

Versus

GOA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION THR
THE COMMISSIONER AND 12 ORS

... RESPONDENTS

Mr Shivan Desai, Advocate with Mr Aniroodh Sardessai, Advocate
for the Petitioner.

Mr Somnath B. Karpe, Additional Government Advocate for
Respondent No.1.

**CORAM:- BHARATI DANGRE &
ASHISH S. CHAVAN, JJ.**

DATED :- 6th October, 2025

P.C.

1. At the outset, Mr Desai, the learned Counsel for the Petitioner, seek leave to implead the State of Goa and the Director of Panchayat as party respondents, as according to him, they will be necessary for effective adjudication of the cause raised in the Petition.

Since the prayer is innocuous, the same is granted. Let the amendment be carried out forthwith. Re-verification dispensed with. Mr Arolkar, the learned Additional Government Advocate, waive notice on behalf of the newly added Respondents.

2. Being aggrieved by the order passed by the Goa State Election

Commission, thereby disqualifying the Petitioner as a member of the Village Panchayat, the Petition is filed.

The Respondent No.1, the Authority passing the order, is represented by Mr Karpe, the learned Additional Government Advocate. However, in order to appreciate the contentions advanced by Mr Desai, the learned Counsel representing the Petitioner, we deem it appropriate to issue notice to Respondents No.2 to 13 by making it returnable on 15.10.2025.

Humdast permitted. In addition, the Petitioner is permitted to serve the Respondents by private mode of service.

Re-notify to 15.10.2025.

ASHISH S. CHAVAN, J.

BHARATI DANGRE, J.