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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION WP NO.1 OF 2026

JOSE JOAQUIM FERNANDES AND 7 ORS

... PETITIONERS

Versus

THE STATE OF GOA THR CHIEF
SECRETARY AND 4 ORS

... RESPONDENTS

Mr. Om D'Costa, Advocate for the Petitioners.

Mr Devidas Pangam, Advocate General with Mr. Shubham Priolkar, Additional Government Advocate for Respondent Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

Mr A. Colaco and Mr D. Khandeparkar, Advocate for the Respondent No.4.

Mr. S.S. Kantak, Senior Advocate with Mr. Shivan Desai, Ms Neha Kholkar and Ms A. Thorat, Advocate for Respondent No.5

**CORAM:- VALMIKI MENEZES &
AMIT S. JAMSANDEKAR, JJ.**

DATED :- 30th March, 2026

P.C.

Affidavit in reply filed on behalf of Respondent No. 2 and 5 is taken on record.

2. Respondent No. 4 Village Panchayat seeks some time to file their affidavit in reply. Reply to be filed within two weeks.

3. Learned Counsel for the Petitioner seeks liberty to file a rejoinder. The same should be filed within two weeks thereafter.

4. Stand over to 6.5.2026.

AMIT S. JAMSANDEKAR, J. VALMIKI MENEZES, J.