

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 476 OF 2016

IN

STAMP NUMBER MAIN NO. 1750 OF 2016

VIKAS PARISHAD ALSO KNOWN AS PEDNE
TALUKA VIKAS PARISHAD, REP. BY
SHRI RAMAKANT KHALAP AND ANR.

... Applicant

Versus

GOA UNIVERSITY, THR. ITS REGISTRAR
AND 3 ORS.

... Respondent

Mr. PARAG Rao, Advocate for the Applicants.

Ms. A. Agni, Senior Advocate with Ms. Aditi Kamat, Advocate for
the Respondent no. 1.

Ms. Purna Bhandari, Addl. Government Advocate for the Respondent
nos. 2, 3 and 4.

Coram:- F. M. REIS &
NUTAN D. SARDESSAI, JJ.

Date:- 15th June, 2016

P.C.

Heard Shri Parag Rao, learned Counsel appearing for the
Petitioners, Ms. Agni, learned Senior Advocate appearing for the
Respondent no. 1 and Ms. Purna Bhandari, learned Addl.
Government Advocate appearing for the Respondent nos. 2, 3 and 4.

2. This is an application for amendment of the above Writ Petition,
inter alia, to challenge an Order passed by the Executive Council of
the Goa University as well as some communication sent by the
Respondent no. 3 way back on 21.06.2013.

3. The learned Addl. Government Advocate appearing for the Respondent nos. 2, 3 and 4 pointed out that the challenge to the communication is barred by laches as, according to her, the challenge is belated and, as such, the question of granting leave to amend shall not arise.

4. As the Petition is not admitted, we find no reason to refuse leave to the Petitioners at this stage to amend the Petition. Needless to say, all contentions of the Respondents with regard to laches or otherwise are left open which can be raised by the Respondents in their reply to the main Petition.

5. With the above observations, leave granted to amend the above Petition. Amendment to be carried out within two weeks. Learned Counsel for the Respondents be served with the amended copy of the Petition.

6. Application stands disposed of.

7. Petition S.O. to 20.06.2016.

NUTAN D. SARDESSAI, J.

F. M. REIS, J.

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