

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO. 260 OF 2018

BHASKAR NARAYAN SOMAN., ... Petitioner

Versus

THE INSPECTOR, COMPETENT OFFICER,
DIRECTORATE OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
AND ANR., ... Respondents

Mr. Kapil D. Kerkar, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Dattaprasad Lawande, Advocate General with Mr. A. Gomes
Pereira, Additional Govt. Advocate for the respondents.

Coram:- N. M. JAMDAR &
PRITHVIRAJ K. CHAVAN, JJ.

Date:- 28th February 2018

P.C.:

Heard the learned Counsel for the petitioner and the
learned Advocate General.

2. It appears that the application made by the petitioner for
release of his vehicle, on 27/10/2017 is pending. It appears from
the averments made in the petition that the vehicle was seized
under Rule 62 of the Goa Minor Mineral Concession Rules,
1960. The said Rule provides for an application in case the
owner seeks release thereof.

3. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, we

are of the opinion that the Competent Officer should decide the application within a reasonable time.

4. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of by directing the respondent No.1 to decide the application made by the petitioner within a period of 10 weeks from today, on its own merits.

5. The writ petition is disposed of.

PRITHVIRAJ K. CHAVAN, J.

N. M. JAMDAR, J.

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