

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION WP NO. 21 OF 2020

GAURESHWAR VASUDEV MADKAIKAR
AND 2 ORS.,

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF GOA, THR. THE CHIEF
SECRETARY AND 2 ORS.,

... Respondents

Mr. Parag S Rao, Advocate for the Petitioners.

Mr. Devidas J. Pangam, Advocate General with Mr. Geetesh Shetye,
Additional Government Advocate for the Respondents.

Coram:- M. S. SONAK &
M. S. JAWALKAR, JJ.

Date:- 09.12.2020

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Heard Mr. Parag Rao, the learned Counsel for the petitioners and Mr. Devidas J. Pangam, the learned Advocate General who appears alongwith Mr. Geetesh Shetye, the learned Additional Government Advocate for the Respondents.

2. The challenge in this petition is to the Notification dated 06.02.2020 to the extent, it increases the rates for engaging a special

ferry on the Ribandar-Chorao route from ₹55/- to ₹250/- per trip.

3. The learned Advocate General, now makes a statement that this increase in the rates has been rolled down from ₹250/- to ₹100/- per trip.

4. Mr. Rao, the learned Counsel for the petitioners, on the basis of instructions, states that if there is such a roll down, then, the petitioners would not like to press this petition any further. He pointed out that even in the representation made by the petitioners, the petitioners had suggested that at the highest, the increase could be to the extent of ₹100/- or ₹110/- or thereabout but not a five fold increase as was sought to be made by the impugned Notification.

5. Accepting the statement made by the learned Advocate General, we dispose of this petition.

M. S. JAWALKAR, J.

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