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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO.142 OF 2015

ARJUN SHIVA AROSKAR ... Petitioner.

Versus

STATE OF GOA, THROUGH ITS
CHIEF SECRETARY AND 4 ORS. ... Respondents.

Mr. Pranay Kamat, Advocate *for the Petitioner.*

Mr. Pravin Faldessai, Additional Government Advocate *for
Respondent Nos.1 and 2.*

Mr. Shashikant Joshi, Advocate *for Respondent No.3.*

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.143 OF 2015

DAYA TUKO PAGI, PRESENTLY
MEMBER OF SOUTH GOA, ZILLA
PANCHAYAT AND ANR. ... Petitioners.

Versus

STATE OF GOA, THROUGH ITS
CHIEF SECRETARY AND 4 ORS. ... Respondents.

Mr. Pranay Kamat, Advocate *for the Petitioners.*

Mr. Pravin Faldessai, Additional Government Advocate *for
Respondent Nos.1 and 2.*

Mr. Shashikant Joshi, Advocate *for Respondent No.3.*

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.148 OF 2015

AKHIL GOMANTAK SANT ROHIDAS
SAMAJ BY ITS PRESIDENT
VIDHYADHAR ARLEKAR AND 3 ORS. ... Petitioners.

Versus

STATE OF GOA, THROUGH
ITS CHIEF SECRETARY AND 3 ORS. ... Respondents.

Mr. Mahesh Amonkar, Advocate *for the Petitioners.*

Ms. Neha Kholkar, Additional Government Advocate *for Respondent Nos.1 and 2.*

Mr. Shashikant Joshi, Advocate *for Respondent No.3.*

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.168 OF 2015**

GOA'S MOVEMENT AGAINST PANCHAYAT
ORDINANCE (GMAPO) THR. ITS
CONVENOR KENNEDY AFONSO ... Petitioner.

Versus

THE STATE OF GOA, THROUGH ITS
CHIEF SECRETARY AND 2 ORS. ... Respondents.

Mr. Prashil Arolkar, Additional Government Advocate *for Respondent Nos.1 and 2.*

Mr. Shashikant Joshi, Advocate *for Respondent No.3.*

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.174 OF 2015**

**WITH
CIVIL APPLICATION NO.37 OF 2015
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.174 OF 2015**

DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR JANASEVA
SAMITI, THROUGH ITS SECRETARY ... Petitioners/
ARJUN ATMARAM JADHAV AND 5 ORS. Applicants.

Versus

STATE OF GOA, THROUGH
CHIEF SECRETARY AND 3 ORS. ... Respondents.

Mr. Manish Salkar, Government Advocate *for the Respondent-State*.
Mr. Shashikant Joshi, Advocate *for Respondent No.4*.

**CORAM: M.S. SONAK &
R.N. LADDHA, JJ.**

DATED: 31st January 2022

P.C:

1. Heard learned Counsel for the parties.

2. On 27.01.2022, we made the following order:-

“1. At least prima facie we feel that the reliefs in these petitions have been rendered infructuous. This is because these petitions were filed in the context of elections that were scheduled in the year 2015 which have already taken place. Thereafter, fresh elections to the Zilla Panchayats have taken place in December 2020.

2. Further, Mr. Joshi, learned counsel for the State Election Commission and Mr. Shirodkar, learned Additional Government Advocate pointed out that the Ordinance which was impugned in these petitions is no longer in force since, in the meanwhile the Act itself was amended. They point out that even some of the Sections of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act which were challenged as being unconstitutional have also been amended. They point out that one of the reliefs in these petitions was that the State Election Commission should carry the delimitation. They submit that as of now such powers have been given to the State Election Commission.

3. Therefore, we place these matters on 31.01.2022 on the Orders Board under the caption “for disposal/dismissal”.

3. Today, Mr. Pranay Kamat and Mr. Mahesh Amonkar, learned Counsel for the Petitioners, agree that the reliefs in these petitions have

become infructuous. Accordingly, we dispose of these petitions as infructuous without adverting to the merits or demerits of the contentions of the parties.

4. These petitions are accordingly disposed of.

5. Civil applications, if any, will not survive the disposal of the main petitions, and therefore, even the civil applications are disposed of.

6. Mr. Joshi points out that the matter at Serial No.220 of the admission board which is scheduled for tomorrow has also been rendered infructuous and may accordingly be disposed of. Since the said matter is posted tomorrow, we do not dispose it of today. However, place this matter on the board for orders/directions.

R.N. LADDHA, J.

M.S. SONAK, J.