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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NOS. 243, 250, 242 AND 245 OF 2019

WRIT PETITION NO. 243 OF 2019

Karishma Vinayak Salgaonkar ... Petitioner

V e r s u s

Rupa Chandrakant Chodankar ... Respondent

WRIT PETITION NO. 250 OF 2019

Savio Joseph Mario Maria
Deliciosa Gonsalves ... Petitioner

V e r s u s

Anthony Alex Menezes ... Respondent

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 242 OF 2019

Joseph Robert Sequeira ... Petitioner

V e r s u s

Franciswco Antonio Rodrigues ... Respondent

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WRIT PETITION NO. 245 OF 2019

Pratiksha Udai Arolkar

... Petitioner

V e r s u s

Pooja Nitin Matkar

... Respondent

Mr. A. D. Bhobe, Advocate with Ms. S. Shaikh, Advocate for the Petitioners.

Mr. A. Gauns, Advocate holding for Mr. Shirin V. Naik, Advocate for the Respondent in WP No. 243 of 2019.

Mr. Pankaj P. Pai Vernekar, Advocate for the Respondents in WP No. 245 of 2019, 242 of 2019 and 250 of 2019.

CORAM: SANDEEP K. SHINDE, J

DATED: 20th June 2022

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1. The Petitioners herein had challenged the elections of the Village Panchayat of Calangute before the Administrative Tribunal relating to period 2017-2022. Pending challenge, an application was moved by the Respondents under Order 7 Rule 11 seeking rejection of Petition on preliminary objection. The objection was upheld and Petitions were dismissed vide Order dated 18.12.2018. These Petitions challenge that order.

2. Pending Petition, the Government of Goa, Department of Panchayat Raj and Community Development, issued a Notification in June 2022 for holding the Panchayat elections for the period 2022–2027.

3. In the case of *Podipireddy Atchuta Desai vs. Chinnam Joga Rao & Ors.*¹, the Apex Court has held that having regard to the fact that the fresh elections have already taken place, appeal has become redundant and it would be futile exercise if the validity of the elections are examined.

4. Under these circumstances, this Court is of the view that the Petitions call for no consideration and without expressing any view on validity of the impugned order, Petitions are disposed of.

SANDEEP K. SHINDE, J

¹ 1987 (Supp) SCC 42