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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO.260 OF 2023

AND

WRIT PETITION NO.261 OF 2023

WITH

**WRIT PETITION NO.1117 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1072 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1077 OF 2023(F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1053 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1116 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1123 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1056 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1075 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1119 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1071 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1129 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1058 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1080 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1114 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1059 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1054 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1121 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1051 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1076 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1057 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1126 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1079 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1018 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1112 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1125 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1130 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1074 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1073 OF 2023(F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1118 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1120 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1127 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1128 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1113 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1061 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1019 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1052 OF 2023 (F),**

**WRIT PETITION NO.1070 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1122 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1124 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1131 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1017 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1062 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1055 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1078 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1060 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1115 OF 2023 (F),
WRIT PETITION NO.1132 OF 2023 (F)**

AND

WRIT PETITION NO.263 OF 2023

AND

WRIT PETITION NO.1001 OF 2023 (FILING)

AND

WRIT PETITION NO.1002 OF 2023(FILING)

AND

WRIT PETITION NO.1832 OF 2023(FILING)

WRIT PETITION NO.260 OF 2023

RAMESH ASHOK PAGI

... PETITIONER

Versus

ADMINISTRATOR OF

COMMUNIDADE AND ANR

... RESPONDENTS

WRIT PETITION NO.261 OF 2023

LAXMIDAS PAGI

... PETITIONER

Versus

ADMINISTRATOR OF

COMMUNIDADE AND ANR

... RESPONDENTS

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.1117 OF 2023 (F)

SUMITRA PAGI

... PETITIONER

Versus

COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA,

THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR

... RESPONDENTS

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.1072 OF 2023 (F)

NITIN PAGI

... PETITIONER

Versus

COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA

THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR

... RESPONDENTS

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.1077 OF 2023 (F)

CHANDRAKANT PAGI

... PETITIONER

Versus

COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA

THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR

... RESPONDENTS

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.1053 OF 2023 (F)

MARIA TERESA PEREIRA

... PETITIONER

Versus

ADMINISTRATOR OF

COMMUNIDADE AND ANR

... RESPONDENT

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.1116 OF 2023 (F)

TUKARAM PAGI (DEC) THR.

DURGA PAGI

... PETITIONER

Versus

COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA,

THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR

... RESPONDENTS

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.1123 OF 2023 (F)

MAYUR KANKONKAR

... PETITIONER

Versus

COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA,

THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR

... RESPONDENTS

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.1056 OF 2023 (F)

NICOLAU FERNANDES

... PETITIONER

Versus

ADMINISTRATOR OF

COMMUNIDADE AND

ANR

... RESPONDENT

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1075 OF 2023 (F)
GOKULDAS PAGI THR POA
NITESH PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1119 OF 2023 (F)
KUNDA BANDEKAR ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA,
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1071 OF 2023 (F)
NAND KISHORE FALDESSAI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1129 OF 2023 (F)
CHAYA PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA,
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1058 OF 2023 (F)
VIENA FERNANDES THR POA PAULO
AGNELO AFONSO ... PETITIONER
Versus
ADMINISTRATOR OF
COMMUNIDADE AND ANR ... RESPONDENT

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1080 OF 2023 (F)
BICARO PISSOLO NAIK GAONKAR ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ...RESPONDENTS

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1114 OF 2023 (F)
KATU FAL DESSAI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA, THR.
ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ...RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1059 OF 2023 (F)**

NITESH PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
ADMINISTRATOR OF COMUNIDADE AND
ANR ... RESPONDENT

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1054 OF 2023 (F)**

KAVIN AFONSO THR POA
TRANGELA FERNANDES ... PETITIONER
Versus
ADMINISTRATOR OF COMUNIDADE
AND ANR ... RESPONDENT

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1121 OF 2023 (F)**

LONEE FERNANDES ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA, THR. ITS
ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1051 OF 2023 (F)**

KANE AFONSO THR. POA LYIA
FERNANDES ... PETITIONER
Versus
ADMINISTRATOR OF
COMUNIDADE AND ANR ... RESPONDENT

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1076 OF 2023 (F)**

USHA PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1057 OF 2023 (F)**

DENIM SANTANA AFONSO THR. POA
FRANSQUINHA SEBASTIANO PEREIRA ... PETITIONER
Versus
ADMINISTRATOR OF COMUNIDADE
AND ANR ... RESPONDENT

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1126 OF 2023 (F)**

ROSHAN PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA,
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1079 OF 2023 (F)**

TIPU PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1018 OF 2023 (F)**

PRITAM PUNDALIK PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA
THR. ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1112 OF 2023 (F)**

MARIA VINCENTE FERNANDES ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA, THR. ITS
ATTORNEY AND 2 ORS ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1125 OF 2023 (F)**

SAMEER PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA,

THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1130 OF 2023 (F)**

VATSALA PAGI (DEC) THR. AKASH V.
PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA,
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1074 OF 2023 (F)**

ROHIDAS PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1073 OF 2023 (F)**

SHILPA NILESH PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1118 OF 2023 (F)**

AGNELO FERNANDES ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA,
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1120 OF 2023 (F)**

RADHIKA PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA,
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1127 OF 2023 (F)**

RESHMA PAGI, THR. CONST POA,
DAYANAND B. PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA, THR.
ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1128 OF 2023 (F)**

SURESH PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA, THR.
ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1113 OF 2023 (F)**

DELROY PEREIRA, THR. CONST. POA,
ANCESSAO E PEREIRA ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA, THR.
ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1061 OF 2023 (F)**

ALBERTO FERNANDES ... PETITIONER
Versus
ADMINISTRATOR OF COMUNIDADE
AND ANR ... RESPONDENT

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1019 OF 2023 (F)**

AGNELO STEVAN RODRIGUES ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMMUNIDADE OF AGONDA THR.
ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1052 OF 2023 (F)**

SATENDRA CHANDRAKANT PAGI ... PETITIONER

Versus
ADMINISTRATOR OF COMUNIDADE
AND ANR ... RESPONDENT

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1070 OF 2023 (F)**

SAVITRI PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA THR.
ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1122 OF 2023 (F)**

SACHIN PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA,
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1124 OF 2023 (F)**

MAHESH PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA,
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ...RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1131 OF 2023 (F)**

FRANSQUINHA FERNANDES ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA,
THR. ITS ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1017 OF 2023 (F)**

CHITRA PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA THR.
ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1062 OF 2023 (F)**

ELOGINA MARCELINA D COSTA ... PETITIONER
Versus
ADMINISTRATOR OF COMUNIDADE
AND ANR. ... RESPONDENT

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1055 OF 2023 (F)**

SANTAN FERNANDES ... PETITIONER
Versus
ADMINISTRATOR OF COMUNIDADE
AND ANR ... RESPONDENT

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1078 OF 2023 (F)**

UMESH D PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA THR. ITS
ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1060 OF 2023 (F)**

OLIVIA AFONSO THR POA SHENYDA
FERNANDES ... PETITIONER
Versus
ADMINISTRATOR OF COMUNIDADE
AND ANR ... RESPONDENT

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1115 OF 2023 (F)**

TULSI PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA, THR. ITS
ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1132 OF 2023 (F)**

SUMITRA PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA, THR. ITS
ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

AND

WRIT PETITION NO.263 OF 2023

SULBHA GOKULDAS PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
ADMINISTRATOR OF COMUNIDADE
AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

AND

WRIT PETITION NO.1001 OF 2023(FILING)

SONALI PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA
AND ORS. ... RESPONDENTS

AND

WRIT PETITION NO.1002 OF 2023 (FILING)

PANDURANG PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA, THR. ITS
ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

AND

WRIT PETITION NO.1832 OF 2023 (FILING)

SAMEER PAGI THR POA
BADAL PAGI ... PETITIONER
Versus
COMUNIDADE OF AGONDA, THR.
ATTORNEY AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

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263/2023, 1059/2023/F, 1053/2023/F, 1054/2023/F,
1062/2023/F, 1051/2023/F, 1057/2023/F, 1061/2023/F,
1060/2023/F, 1058/2023/F, 1052/2023/F, 1056/2023/F,
1055/2023/F.

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1071/2023/F, 1072/2023/F, 1073/2023/F, 1074/2023/F, 1075/
2023/F, 1076/2023/F, 1077/2023/F, 1078/2023/F, 1079/2023/F,
1080/2023/F, 1112/2023/F, 1113/2023/F, 1114/2023/F,

1115/2023/F, 1116/2023/F, 1117/2023/F,
1118/2023/F, 1119/2023/F, 1120/2023/F, 1121/2023/F,
1122/2023/F, 1123/2023/F, 1124/2023/F,
1125/2023/F, 1126/2023/F, 1127/2023/F, 1128/2023/F,
1129/2023/F, 1130/2023/F, 1131/2023/F, 1132/2023/F,
1001/2023/F, 1002/2023/F and 1832/2023(F).

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Ms. Sapna Mordekar, Additional Government Advocate for State in WP/261/2023, 1129/2023/F, 1054/2023/F, 1130/2023/F, 1131/2023/F, 1114/2023/F, 1055/2023/F.

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Mr. Manish Salkar, Government Advocate for State in WP

1052/2023/F, 1051/2023/F and 1832/2023/F.

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WP/1115/2023(F).

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1070/2023/F, 1071/2023/F, 1072/2023/F, 1073/2023/F,
1074/2023/F, 1075/ 2023/F, 1076/2023/F, 1077/2023/F,
1078/2023/F, 1079/2023/F, 1080/2023/F, 1112/2023/F,
1113/2023/F, 1114/2023/F, 1115/2023/F, 1116/2023/F,
1117/2023/F, 1118/2023/F, 1119/2023/F, 1120/2023/F,
1121/2023/F, 1122/2023/F, 1123/2023/F, 1124/2023/F,
1125/2023/F, 1126/2023/F, 1127/2023/F, 1128/2023/F,
1129/2023/F, 1130/2023/F, 1131/2023/F, 1132/2023/F,
1001/2023/F, 1002/2023/F and 1832/2023(F) **and** for
Respondent No.2 in WP/260/2023, 261/2023 and
WP/263/2023.

CORAM:
DATED :

PRAKASH D. NAIK, J
1st NOVEMBER 2023

ORDER:

1. The petitioners in these petitions have assailed the orders passed by the Administrator of Comunidades, South Zone, Margao, whereby the petitioners are directed to vacate and put it to its original position the encroached land within 90 days from the receipt of the order. It is further directed that in case the petitioners fail to obey the order and do not remove the encroachment/structure, then the same shall be removed without giving any further notice and the cost shall be recovered from them.

2. The impugned orders are passed under Article 371(2) read with Article 372 of the Code of Comunidades. The proceedings were initiated on the complaint received from the Attorney of Comunidade of Canacona and pursuant to the inspection, a notice under Article 371(2) read with Article 372 was issued to the opponents for encroaching the Comunidade land by occupying the area belonging to the Comunidade.

3. Common grounds are urged in all these petitions that the impugned order is cryptic and reflects non-application of mind. All the orders are identical/stereotyped which itself indicate that the orders were passed mechanically. The petitioners are occupying the structures/property since last several years. The petitioners are in possession of the documents in support of their claim that they are occupying the said premises for decades. The Administrator has not appreciated the documents in support of the petitioners' claim. Identical orders were passed in about 50 matters. The reply filed by the petitioners disclose their right supported with documentary evidence. The respondent no.1 was required to deal with the subject matter of the proceedings in a judicious manner. Section 371 and 372 of the Code of Comunidades makes provision for summary eviction. Power of summary eviction is vested in Director of Civil Administration. The subject matter of the notice does not come within the purview of Section 371 and 372 of Code of Comunidade. Some of the petitioners have initiated civil proceedings before the competent Court which are pending. There is violation of principle of natural justice. The impugned order does not provide proper reasoning. The impugned orders

are silent about the defence of the persons against whom action is sought. The Comunidade had consented for occupation of the premises. The petitioners are residing for decades in the subject premises. After complaint of Attorney, action is initiated by the Administrator of Comunidade. Personal hearing is required to be given to the petitioners.

4. Learned advocate Mr Shivan Desai has relied upon the decisions in the case of ***Champabai w/o Shankarrao Patwari and another v/s. State of Maharashtra and others***¹. and the decision in the case of ***Vidyaprasarak Samaj and another v/s. State of Goa and others***². Reliance is also placed on the order dated 31.05.2022 passed by the Supreme Court in the case of ***Harsh R. Kilachand & Anr v/s. State of Uttarakhand & Ors***³.

5. Learned advocate for the Comunidade and learned Additional Government Advocates for the Administrator of Comunidade in respective petitions have submitted that the petitioners have no right to claim or possess the property belonging to the Comunidade. There is no infirmity in the impugned orders. The orders contain reasons. The parties failed to produce title documents. The judgments relied upon by the petitioners are not applicable to the present case. The petitioners could not establish their right in respect to their property. The property belongs to Comunidade. The

¹ [2004(1) Mh.L.J.

² [1992 Mh.L.J.

³ Criminal Appeal No.886 of 2022 dated 31.05.2022

petitioners are occupying the property unauthorisedly. The impugned orders clearly mention that the opponents have not produced any documents to substantiate property right or ownership rights over the property. Their occupation is illegal and amounts to encroachment and criminal trespass. The opponents had not followed the procedure as required under the Code to substantiate their claim of occupation. Reliance is placed on the decision in the case of ***Mr Sandesh B. Naik and another v/s. Mormugao Municipal Council***⁴ and another decision in the case of ***Gaurish Naik v/s. State of Goa and Others***⁵.

6. It is apparent that several orders are passed by the Administrator of Comunidade of South Zone, Margao, in several proceedings. The orders are identical. Although this Court is not giving any finding in respect of the claim of the petitioners, from their contention it appears that according to them they are in possession of the property since last several years and they are relying upon the documents in support of their claim. The orders are passed mechanically with identical observations in all the orders. The impugned orders were almost in cyclostyled form. The orders reflect non-application of mind. Hence, the impugned orders can be set aside by directing the Administrator of Coomunidades to decide the proceedings after giving personal hearing to the petitioners.

⁴ 2017 G.L.D. OnLine 3586

⁵ 2023 G.L.D. OnLine 3604

ORDER

The writ petitions are allowed and disposed of.

The impugned orders passed by the Administrator of Comunidades which are challenged in all the petitions are quashed and set aside.

(III) The parties are directed to appear before the Administrator of Comunidades on 05.12.2023 at 03:00PM.

(IV) The Administrator of Comunidades shall decide the proceedings by giving personal hearing to the petitioners and pass fresh orders within a period of 6 months.

(V) It is clarified that no separate notice will be given to the parties for appearing before the Administrator of Comunidades.

(VI) It is made clear that this Court has not adjudicated the issues on merits and the Administrator of Comunidades shall decide the proceedings on merits and in accordance with law.

(VII) The petitions stand disposed of.

(PRAKASH D. NAIK, J.)

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