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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO. 174/2023

JOHN CARIDADE DSOUZA & ANR Petitioners.

Versus

THE STATE OF GOA, THR.THE
CHIEF SECRETARY AND 4 ORS Respondents.

Mr Chaitanya P. Padgaonkar, Advocate for the Petitioners.
Mr D.J. Pangam, Advocate General with Ms Maria Correia,
Addl. Govt. Advocate for Respondent No.1.
Mr Terence Sequeira, Advocate for Respondent No.2.
Mr Pavithran A.V., with Mr P.R. Kholkar, Advocates for
Respondent No.3.
Mr A.D. Bhobe with Ms Annelise Fernandes, Advocates for
Respondent No.4.
Ms Swapna Joshi, Advocate for Respondent No.5.

**CORAM: M. S. SONAK &
BHARAT P. DESHPANDE, JJ.**

DATED : 27TH SEPTEMBER 2023

P.C. :

1. Heard Mr Chaitanya Padgaonkar for the Petitioners, Mr D.J. Pangam, learned Advocate General who appears along with Ms Maria Correia, Addl. Govt. Advocate for Respondent No.1, Mr Terence Sequeira for Respondent No.2, Mr Pavithran A.V., for Respondent No.3, Mr A.D. Bhobe for Respondent No.4 and Ms Swapna Joshi for Respondent No.5.

2. The grievance, in this Petition, is with regard to the show cause notices, both dated 7th January 2023, issued by Respondent

No.2-Village Panchayat, which have not yet been disposed of by the Village Panchayat.

3. Mr Padagaonkar, learned Counsel appearing for the Petitioners submits that the show cause notice issued by the Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) is not required to be considered, as the GSPCB has granted consent to operate the fabrication workshop in favour of Respondent No.5.

4. Thus, the only question which requires to be considered is the time limit, within which the show cause notices issued by the Village Panchayat, would be disposed of.

5. Mr T. Sequeira, learned Counsel appearing for Respondent No.2-Village Panchayat submits that both the show cause notices will be disposed of within a period of four weeks from today by giving an opportunity of hearing to the Respondents No. 4 and 5 and the Petitioners. The statement is accepted. Respondent No.2-Village Panchayat is, therefore, directed to dispose of both the show cause notices within a period of four weeks from today and, in accordance with law.

6. All other contentions of the respective parties are kept open.

7. The Petition is disposed of in the above terms. There shall be no order for costs.

BHARAT P. DESHPANDE, J.

M. S. SONAK, J.