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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO.331 OF 2023 (F)

BIDIN M. KANTAK AND 10 ORS.

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF GOA THR.

CHIEF SECRETARY AND 3 ORS.

... Respondents

Mr Vivek Rodrigues, Advocate *for the Petitioners*.

Mr D. Pangam, Advocate General with Ms Sulekha Kamat, Additional Government Advocate *for the Respondent-State*.

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.747 OF 2023

PARASHURAM B.

KULKARNI AND 14 ORS

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF GOA THR. THE

CHIEF SECRETARY AND 2 ORS.

... Respondents

Mr Vivek Rodrigues, Advocate *for the Petitioners*.

Mr D. Pangam, Advocate General with Mr Pravin Faldessai, Additional Government Advocate *for the Respondent-State*.

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.1259 OF 2023 (F)

CAETANO LUIS FERNANDES

AND 18 ORS.

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF GOA THR. CHIEF
SECRETARY AND 7 ORS.

... Respondents

Mr Vivek Rodrigues, Advocate *for the Petitioners*.

Mr D. Pangam, Advocate General with Mr Prashil Arolkar, Additional
Government Advocate *for the Respondent-State*.

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.1421 OF 2023 (F)**

ASHOK S. ASOGEKAR

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF GOA THR THE
CHIEF SECRETARY AND 2 ORS.

... Respondents

Mr Vivek Rodrigues, Advocate *for the Petitioner*.

Mr D. Pangam, Advocate General with Ms A. Bhat, Additional
Government Advocate *for the Respondent-State*.

**CORAM: M.S. SONAK &
VALMIKI SA MENEZES, JJ.**

DATED: 11th December 2023

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr Vivek Rodrigues for the Petitioners. Learned Advocate General appears along with Ms Sulekha Kamat in Writ Petition No.331/2023(F), with Mr Pravin Faldessai in Writ Petition No.747/2023, with Mr Prashil Arolkar in Writ Petition No.1259/2023(F) and with Ms A. Bhat in Writ Petition No.1421/2023(F), Additional Government Advocates for the Respondents.

2. By our order dated 14.07.2023, in Writ Petition No.1792/2022 (F) and connected matters, we had directed the Respondents to appoint a Nodal Officer to deal with these types of cases.
3. Learned Advocate General placed on record a circular dated 15.09.2023 issued by the Director of Accounts appointing such Nodal Officer.
4. Accordingly, learned Counsel for the parties submit that the Petitioner could be granted liberty to file detailed representations before this Nodal Officer and the Nodal Officer be directed to dispose of such representations within a time-bound schedule.
5. Accordingly, Mr Rodrigues states that the Petitioners will file representations before the Nodal Officer within two weeks from today. Learned Advocate General states that the Nodal Officer will examine the representations and dispose them of within three months from their receipt. All contentions of all parties are left open.
6. In case the Petitioners are aggrieved by the decision of the Nodal Officer, they will have the liberty to file appropriate proceedings before the appropriate Court to challenge the same.
7. With the above directions, these petitions are disposed of. All concerned to act on an authenticated copy of this order.

VALMIKI SA MENEZES, J.

M.S. SONAK, J.