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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO.127 OF 2024

DAMODAR CHANDRAKANT KARAPURKAR ... PETITIONER
Versus
STATE OF GOA THR. CHIEF SECRETARY
AND ANR ... RESPONDENTS

Mr Jagannath J. Mulgaonkar, Advocate for the Petitioner.
Ms Maria Correia, Addl. Government Advocate for Respondent No.1.
Mr S.D. Padiyar with Mr P. Shirodkar and Ms A. Rane, Advocates for Respondent No.2.

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

DATED :- 30th January, 2024

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr J.J. Mulgaonkar for the Petitioner, Ms Maria Correia, Addl. Govt. Advocate for Respondent No.1 and Mr Padiyar for the Margao Municipal Council-Respondent No.2.

2. Mr Padiyar files an affidavit on behalf of the Margao Municipal Council (MMC), listing the works that are being undertaken in the context of the solid waste management in Margao. On instructions, he states that all efforts are being made by the MMC to comply with the Solid Waste Management Rules and to provide for sufficient facilities to tackle the solid waste which is generated in

Margao.

3. Mr Padiyar points out to the steps that are being taken in the context of the Sonsodo facilities. He points out that the waste is now being transported to the Curchorem-Cacora Solid Waste Management Plant through specialized vehicles of Goa Waste Management Corporation (GWMC) for further treatment. He states that even the works at the Sonsodo facilities have been taken up and would be completed in terms of the undertakings given to this Court from time to time in PIL Writ Petition No. 45/2019.

4. We have considered the affidavit filed on behalf of the MMC. The MMC should stand by its statements and undertakings and see that the waste, which is generated within its jurisdiction, is suitably dealt with in accordance with law.

5. We also record Mr Padiyar's statement made, based upon the instructions from the Chief Officer of the MMC who is present in the Court, that the Petitioner's application dated 7/6/2023 for issue of the construction licence will be disposed of in accordance with law, on its own merits within two weeks from today and necessary decision thereon would be communicated to the Petitioner within the said period.

6. With the making of the above statements, the relief sought

for by the Petitioner in this Petition, stands substantially worked out.

7. This Petition is, accordingly, disposed of by accepting the various statements and undertakings made on behalf of the MMC.

VALMIKI SA MENEZES, J.

M. S. SONAK, J.

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