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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO.29 OF 2025

ORVILLE JOSUS SANTA RITA VAZ

... PETITIONER

Versus

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

... RESPONDENTS

Mr. Laban Carvalho, Advocate for Petitioner.

Mr. Neehal Vernekar, Additional Government Advocate for
respondent nos. 1, 2, 4, and 5.

Mr. G. Panandikar, Advocate for Respondent No. 3.

**CORAM:- BHARATI DANGRE &
NIVEDITA P. MEHTA, JJ.**

DATED :- 8th July, 2025

ORAL ORDER : (Per Nivedita P. Mehta, J.)

Heard Mr Laban Carvalho, the learned counsel for the petitioner,
Mr Neehal Vernekar, the learned Additional Government Advocate for
respondent nos.1,2,4 and 5 and Mr G. Panandikar, the learned counsel
for respondent no.3.

2. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking a direction to the
respondents to pay interest on the delayed payment of his GPF amount
for the period from 01.03.2024 until the actual date of receipt, i.e.,
22.07.2024. According to the petitioner, the total outstanding amount
is Rs.1,70,004/-.

3. Mr. Vernekar, the learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for respondent No. 2, has tendered an affidavit, which is taken on record. He submits that the respondents are willing to release the outstanding amount and further states that respondent No. 2 shall initiate an inquiry to determine the cause of delay by calling upon both the Management and the Disbursing Accounts Officer to ascertain as to who is responsible for the said delay.

4. In view of the above, it is directed that the outstanding amount due to the petitioner shall be paid within a period of four weeks from today. The inquiry, as proposed, shall be conducted expeditiously, in accordance with law.

5. With these directions, nothing further survives in the petition. The petition stands disposed of.

NIVEDITA P. MEHTA, J.

BHARATI DANGRE, J.