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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

MISC. CIVIL APPLICATION NO.2283 OF 2025(F)

IN

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION WRIT PETITION NO.13 OF 2021

AND

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION WRIT PETITION NO.13 OF 2021

**GOA TAMNAR TRANSMISSION
PROJECT LTD.**

...APPLICANT

Versus

**THE GOA FOUNDATION, THR.
ITS SECRETARY, DR CLAUDE
ALVARES**

.... RESPONDENT

AND

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION WRIT PETITION NO.13 OF 2021
THE GOA FOUNDATION,
THR. ITS SECRETARY,
DR CLAUDE ALVARES**

.... PETITIONER

Versus

**STATE OF GOA,
THR. IT SHCIEF SECRETARY
AND 9 ORS.**

.... RESPONDENTS

**Mr Shivan Desai (through V.C.) and Ms Riya Amonkar, Advocates
for the Applicant.**

**Ms Norma Alvares, Senior Advocate with Mr Om D'Costa,
Advocate for the original Petitioner.**

**Ms Maria Correia, Additional Government Advocate for
Respondent Nos.1 to 3 and 5 to 7.**

Mr Raviraj Chodankar, Central Government Standing Counsel for

Respondent No.4.

**CORAM : BHARATI DANGRE &
ASHISH S. CHAVAN, JJ**

DATE : 16th SEPTEMBER 2025

ORAL ORDER : (*Per Bharati Dangre, J.*)

1. In continuation of the order dated 09.09.2025, passed in Misc. Civil Application taken out by respondent no.9, seeking disposal of the PIL Writ Petition on the ground that it has been rendered infructuous as the petition revolved around the project for the sub-station being constructed in Sangod Village and this proposal having been abandoned, the petitioner/the applicant had even surrendered land to the Government and the sub-station is being constructed on some other site.

In the wake of the request to dispose of the PIL proceedings, Ms Alvares has tendered an affidavit filed by the petitioner and she would fairly submit that the petitioner has no objection in disposing of the petition as she agrees that the same has been rendered infructuous. The affidavit is taken on record. She would only like to invite our attention to the statement made in the application, where the applicant has categorically stated thus:

“5. In lieu of the same, Sy No.21/1 and other forest lands as stated in para 15 of the application, namely Sy Nos.22/1 and 24/1-A, have been handed over to the Forest Dept together with an amount of Rs.22,44,80,268 as compensatory afforestation cost together with Net Present Value estimation for all areas in Goa

affected by the HTL line including the Sangod plot. The department has commenced work to reforest the Sangod plot.

6. In view of the above facts, and the return of Sy No.21/1 of Sangod village to its forestry status, the petitioner is satisfied with the outcome of these proceedings and the PIL may therefore be disposed of accordingly.”

2. Even as per the applicant, for the purpose of undertaking construction of the sub-station, the technical clearance was granted by the TCP department and even the construction licence was issued but since now the project has been abandoned, the PIL petition, according to us, must come to an end.

In the wake of the aforesaid, Misc. Civil Application No.2283/2025(F) is allowed and the PIL Writ Petition is disposed of as infructuous.

ASHISH S. CHAVAN, J.

BHARATI DANGRE, J.