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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA**WRIT PETITION NO.532/2023**

M/s. RHEA DISTILLERIES, a duly
registered Partnership Firm having its
registered Office at Nuvem, Salcete - Goa
403 604, represented herein through its
Partner, Mr. Regan Henriques, Age 46 years. ... PETITIONER

Versus

1. COMMISSIONER OF EXCISE
Government of Goa, Goa Rajya Kar Bhavan,
Altinho, Panaji, Goa 403001.

2. CHIEF SECRETARY,
Government of Goa, Porvorim, Goa.

... RESPONDENTS

Mr Yogesh Nadkarni with, Adv. N. Noronha and Ms S. Khadilkar,
Advocates (through VC) for the Petitioner.
Mr N. Vernekar, AGA for the Respondents-State.

CORAM: VALMIKI MENEZES, J.**DATED: 28th MARCH 2025****ORAL JUDGMENT :**

1. Heard. Rule. The Rule is made returnable forthwith.
With the consent of the parties, the matter is disposed of.

2. The impugned order is devoid of any reasons stated therein
for sustaining the order of the Excise Commissioner, which is
dated 27.07.2021. For this reason alone, the impugned order
dated 12.10.2022 is required to be set aside and the case

remanded back to the Chief Secretary for fresh consideration in appeal.

3. The impugned order dated 12.10.2022 is quashed and set aside. The Rule is made absolute in terms of the prayer clause (a). The matter shall now be heard by the Chief Secretary in appeal and disposed of as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of six months from today. The Chief Secretary is requested to intimate to the advocates who have been appearing for the parties before this Court, the date of the first hearing, which should be within three weeks of the passing of this order.

4. The Writ Petition is disposed of in the above terms. No cost.

VALMIKI MENEZES, J.