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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

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Mr. Nigel Da Costa Frias, Advocate with Mr. Shane Coutinho, Advocate for the Applicants.
Mr. Roland Fernandes, Advocate for Respondent No.2.
Ms. Maria Simone J. Correia, Additional Government Advocate for Respondents No.1, 3, 4, 5 and 8.
Mr. Clayton Fonseca, Advocate for Respondent No.6.

CORAM:- VALMIKI MENEZES &
AMIT S. JAMSANDEKAR, JJ.

DATED :- 27th October, 2026

P.C.

1. For reasons stated in the Application, the amendment is granted even though it is opposed by Respondent No.6. Respondent No.6 has opposed the grant of the amendment that the Petitioner has alternate remedy of filing an appeal before the Tribunal under the Air Act.

2. We have granted the amendment considering the main reliefs sought in the Petition and the connection between the order now sought to be impugned under the Air Act.

3. Miscellaneous Civil Application stands disposed of.

4. Amendment to be carried out within two weeks with amended copy of the Petition served on the Respondents.

5. Respondents shall file an affidavit in reply within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of the amended copy of the Petition. Rejoinder, if any, within a period of two weeks thereafter and a copy to be served on the Respondents on or before 21.12.2026.

6. It is made clear that if the reply is not filed by the Respondents, the Court shall proceed with the matter without the affidavit in reply of the Respondents on the basis that the Respondents have waived the right to file a reply. No extension shall be granted to the Respondents to file a reply. In an exceptional situation, the extension may be granted provided exemplary costs are paid by the Respondents.

7. Directions in paragraph 6 above shall also apply to the

Petitioner for filing of rejoinder, if any.

8. It is further made clear that, if Respondents No.1, 3, 4, 5 and 8 are required to file an affidavit, the concerned officer shall be personally responsible for paying exemplary costs if the above timelines are not complied with or the adverse orders have impacted the concerned Authority, in any manner.

9. List the Writ Petition No.36 of 2024 on 21.12.2026, when further directions shall be given, including the fixing of date for the hearing and final disposal of the Writ Petition.

AMIT S. JAMSANDEKAR, J. **VALMIKI MENEZES, J.**

Signed by: MARIA SUZANA REBELLO
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