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# IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

## PIL WRIT PETITION NO.58/2026

MR SANDEEP SALELKAR … PETITIONER

*Versus*

THE STATE OF GOA THR ITS
CHIEF SECRETARY & 14 ORS. … RESPONDENTS

Mr D. Lawande, Mr Jay Mathew and Ms Shrawani Wagle, Advocates for the Petitioner.

Mr D. Pangam, Advocate General with Ms Akshata Bhat, Additional Government Advocate for the Respondent Nos.1 to 5.

Mr Shivan Desai (thr VC), Ms Riya Amonkar and Ms Madhuja Vernekar, Advocates for Respondent No.6.

Mr Manish Salkar, Advocate for Respondent No.7.

Mr Shivam Fadte, Advocate for Respondent No.9.

Mr Savio Misquita, Advocate for Respondent Nos.10 to 13.

Mr G. Panandikar, Advocate for Respondent No.15.

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

**DATED:** **14th OCTOBER 2026**

**P.C. :**

**1.** The reliefs sought in this Petition are as follows:-

"**a.** That this Hon'ble Court be pleased to issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, Order, or Direction, directing Respondent Nos.1 to 5, 7 and 9

including the Collector and other concerned authorities, to forthwith take appropriate action in accordance with law to prevent further exploitation/use and the illegal activities of Respondent No.6 and further forthwith restrain the Respondent No.6 by using the said properties by sealing the entire area in Survey Nos. Survey Nos.142/1 to 142/12, 143/1 to 143/30, 145/1 to 145/97, 146/1 to 146/87, 147/1 to 147/65, 148/0, 149/1 to 149/1 to 149/69, and 150/1 to 150/90 of Village Piligao of Village Piligao, and to protect the agricultural tenanted lands;

**b.** That this Hon'ble Court be pleased to issue an appropriate writ, order, or direction restraining Respondent No. 6, its agents, servants, representatives, or any person claiming through or under it, from continuing any further construction, storage, transportation, or any other use of the agricultural tenanted lands in Survey Nos. 142/1 to 142/12, 143/1 to 143/30, 145/1 to 145/97, 146/1 to 146/87, 147/1 to 147/65, 148/0, 149/1 to 149/1 to 149/69, and 150/1 to 150/90 of Village Piligao, Bicholim, Goa;"

**2.** Subsequently, similar contention was raised before the National Green Tribunal (NGT) by the very same Petitioner in Original Application No.65/2025 (WZ). In that matter, by order of 16.06.2026, the NGT, after examining the complaint, adopted an ad-hoc system by which the Respondent No.6 in this Petition was permitted to use the alternate route approved by the State Government until he had obtained modification of the original

EC permission granted by order dated 23.01.2024 which was sought to be enforced in this Petition. The EC has ultimately recommended the modification by its minutes dated 13.08.2026, which came to be incorporated in a later order of the NGT dated 30.09.2026 at paragraph 1 of the order. According to the recommendation made by the EAC, the modifications to the route are specified in Column 4 of the table stated in the order at paragraph 1. According to the modified route, the additional extent to the stretch of 0.93 kms. of the MDR-20 road are considered as part of the modified route to be now used by Respondent No.6.

**3.** In view of the order passed by the NGT dated 30.09.2026, the reliefs sought in the Petition have now worked themselves out and there is no further reason to continue this Petition before us.

**4.** The Writ Petition stands disposed of.

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

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