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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION WP NO.44 OF 2024

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

... PETITIONER

Versus

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

... RESPONDENTS

Ms. Norma Alvares, Senior Advocate with Mr. Om D'Costa and Ms. Malisa Simoes, Advocates for the Petitioner.

Mr. Devidas J. Pangam, Advocate General with Mr. Deep Shirodkar, Additional Government Advocate for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2.

Mr. Somnath Karpe with Mr. Anand Shirodkar, Ms. S. Vaigankar and Ms. Riddhi Shirodkar, Advocates for Respondent No.3.

Mr. S. D. Lotlikar, Senior Advocate with Ms. Sailee Kenny, Mr. Terence Sequeira and Ms. P. Volvoikar, Advocates for Respondent No.4.

Mr. S. S. Kantak, Senior Advocate with Mr. Preetam Talaulikar, Ms. Laxmi Sawant, Ms. Saicha Desai and Ms. Sara Dessai, Advocates for Respondent No.5.

Mr. Joaquim Godinho with Mr. Manoj Jalmi, Advocates for Respondent No.6.

Mr. Rohit Bras De Sa with Mr. J. Pinto, Advocates for Respondent No.7.

**CORAM:- SUMAN SHYAM &
AMIT S. JAMSANDEKAR, JJ.**

DATED :- 12th February, 2026

P.C.:

1. Ms. Norma Alvares, learned Senior Counsel, has concluded her arguments by reserving right to reply.
2. We have heard arguments advanced by Mr. Devidas Pangam, learned Advocate General, for the State.
3. Arguments have remained inconclusive.
4. List the matter again on 16.02.2026 at 2:30 p.m. for further hearing.

AMIT S. JAMSANDEKAR, J.

SUMAN SHYAM, J.