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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO.456 OF 2024

FRANSALIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY THR.
ITS SECRETARY FR. JERAD SAHAYARAJ
P. AND ANR ... PETITIONERS

Versus

STATE OF GOA THR. ITS CHIEF
SECRETARY AND 4 ORS ... RESPONDENTS

Mr. Shivraj Gaonkar with Ms. Shiuli Veluskar, Advocates for the Petitioners.

Mr. Shubham Priolkar, Additional Government Advocate for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2.

Mr. Shane Coutinho with Mr. K. Panchal, Advocates for Respondent No. 4.

Mr. Chaitanya Padgaonkar, Advocate for Respondent No.5.

CORAM:- VALMIKI MENEZES, J.

DATED :- 9th February, 2026

P.C.:

1. This matter was heard and reserved for orders on 04.02.2026. Whilst reserving the matter for orders, considering that it would be still upon to the Directorate of Education (DOE) in terms of Sub Section 7 of Section 20 of the Education Act, if the circumstances exists, recall the order of appointment of Administrator and hand over the running of the school to the school management committee, the matter was

adjourned for Mr. Priolkar, learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the State to take instructions from the DOE.

2. Mr. Priolkar, learned Additional Government Advocate appearing for the State, on instructions from the DOE makes a statement that the DOE would proceed to hear the parties and pass an order exercising powers under Sub Section 7 of Section 20 of the Act. He further submits that the report of the Administrator would be placed before the DOE by 20.02.2026, with copies to the Petitioner and to the Respondents.

3. it is further submitted that the DOE will commence hearing of the matter on 27.02.2026 at 4.30 p.m., where all parties shall appear before him. No further notice would be required as all parties are represented by their respective Advocates before this Court.

4. Considering that Judgment in this petition is reserved, the DOE shall decide whether the management of the school is to be handed back to the managing committee by 16.03.2026.

5. List this matter on 25.03.2026 for a report on such orders.

VALMIKI MENEZES, J.