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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.135 OF 2026

IN

WRIT PETITION NO.3 OF 2023

ANIL DHARMA POLEKAR AND 43 ORS

... APPLICANT

Versus

STATE OF GOA THR. CHIEF SECRETARY

AND 13 ORS

... RESPONDENT

Mr. Yogesh Nadkarni with Ms. Divya Shirgam, Advocates for the Applicants.

Mr. Deep Shirodkar, Additional Government Advocate for Respondent Nos.1 to 3.

Mr. S. S. Kantak, Senior Advocate with Mr. Preetam Talaulikar, Advocate for Respondent Nos. 4 to 7.

Mr. C. Padgaonkar, Advocate for Respondent Nos. 8 to 14.

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

DATED :- 11th March, 2026

P.C.:

1. Registry to waive office objections and register the matter.

2. The interim relief prayed for in this application is on the apprehension that the Respondent Nos.4 to 14 may be promoted to the post of Police Inspector earlier in point of time to the Petitioners; this is based upon the challenge in the petition that the Petitioners are senior to the Respondent Nos.4 to 14, on the basis of their date of initial appointment, or as alternatively argued, from the date of their

confirmation in the post of PSI.

3. If this be so, obviously, the process of promotions of the Respondent Nos. 4 to 14, if they fall within the zone of consideration for such promotion to the post of PI, should not be restrained, considering that the posts are in the police force. We therefore deem it appropriate to make the promotions of Respondent Nos. 4 to 14, if they take place, subject to the outcome of this petition.

4. Considering the issues raised in this petition, this petition may be listed on the final hearing board commencing from 08.06.2026.

5. Application stands disposed of accordingly.

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