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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (SUO MOTU) NO.3 OF 2024

WITH

MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.1613 OF 2025 (F), MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.1754 OF 2025 (F), MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.1736 OF 2025 (F), MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.2557 OF 2025 (F), MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.1709 OF 2025 (F), MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.2555 OF 2025 (F), CONTEMPT PETITION NO.1597 OF 2025 (F), MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.378 OF 2025, MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.2095 OF 2025 (F)

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (SUO MOTU) NO.3 OF 2024

IN RE ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTIONS AND ENCROACHMENTS

... PETITIONER

Versus

THE STATE OF GOA THROUGH ITS CHIEF SECRETARY

... RESPONDENTS

WITH

MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.1613 OF 2025 (F)

IN

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (SUO MOTU) NO.3 OF 2024

VILLAGE PANCHAYAT OF ONA MAULINGUEM KUDCHIREM THR. ITS SECRETARY VASUDEV RAUT

... APPLICANT

Versus

NO PARTY

... RESPONDENTS

WITH

MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.1754 OF 2025 (F)

IN

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (SUO MOTU) NO.3 OF 2024

THE VILLAGE PANCHAYAT OF NERUL THR. ITS SECRETARY

... APPLICANT

Versus

NO PARTY

... RESPONDENTS

WITH

MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.1736 OF 2025 (F)

IN

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (SUO MOTU) NO.3 OF 2024

VILLAGE PANCHAYAT OF GUIRIM

... APPLICANT

Versus

NO PARTY

... RESPONDENTS

WITH
MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.2557 OF 2025 (F)
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (SUO MOTU) NO.3 OF 2024
VILLAGE PANCHAYAT GUIRDOLIM THROU ... APPLICANT
Versus
THE STATE OF GOA THROUGH ITS CHIEF ... RESPONDENTS

WITH
MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.1709 OF 2025 (F)
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (SUO MOTU) NO.3 OF 2024
VILLAGE PANCHAYAT OF POMBURPA
OLAULIM THR. ITS SECRETARY ... APPLICANT
Versus
NO PARTY ... RESPONDENTS

WITH
MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.2555 OF 2025 (F)
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (SUO MOTU) NO.3 OF 2024
VILLAGE PANCHAYAT MACAZANA THROUG ... APPLICANT
Versus
THE STATE OF GOA THROUGH ITS CHIEF
SECRETARY ... RESPONDENTS

WITH
CONTEMPT PETITION NO.1597 OF 2025 (F)
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (SUO MOTU) NO.3 OF 2024
GEETANJALI BHUPENDRASINH
RAJEBHOSALE ... PETITIONER
Versus
VILLAGE PANCHAYAT OF ONA
MAULINGUEM CURCHOREM THR. ITS
SECRETARY AND 4 ORS ... RESPONDENTS

WITH
MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.378 OF 2025
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (SUO MOTU) NO.3 OF 2024
VILLAGE PANCHAYAT OF GULELI THR
ITS SECRETARY ... APPLICANT
Versus
IN RE ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTIONS AND
ENCROACHMENTS ... RESPONDENTS

WITH
MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO.2095 OF 2025 (F)
IN
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (SUO MOTU) NO.3 OF 2024
THE VILLAGE PANCHAYAT OF MORLEM
THR. ITS SECRETARY ... APPLICANT
Versus
IN RE ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTIONS AND
ENCROACHMENTS ... RESPONDENTS

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Mr Devidas J. Pangam, Advocate General with Ms Maria Correia and Mr Shubham Priolkar, Additional Government Advocates for Respondent Nos.1 to 4, 6 to 8, 12, 13, 15 and 19.

Mr Parag Rao, Mr Akhil Parrikar and Mr Shulin Singbal, Advocates for Margao Municipal Council and Village Panchayat of Ponda, Poriem, Nagargao, Bhironda, Mauxi, Sanvordem, Cotorem, Amona and Querim.

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Mr Sanman Keny, Advocate for Village Panchayat of Orlim.

Ms Pritika D. Shirodkar, Advocate for Mormugao Municipal Council.

Mr R. Sahakari, Advocate for Village Panchayat of Assolda, Xelvona, Xic Xelvona, Ambaulim, Avedem, Cotombi-Chaifi, Balli-Adnem, Barem-

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Mr P. A. Kamat, Advocate for Village Panchayat of Calangute, Taleigao, Reis Magos, Pilerne, Siolim-Marna, Corlim, St. Andre, Goa Velha, Anjuna-Caisua, Marcaim, Neura, Palem-Siridao, Loliem, Poinguinim, Agonda and Cola.

Mr Adonis Colaco and Ms Ankita Basnet, Advocates for Village Panchayat of Cansaulim-Arossim-Cudim.

Mr Prayash Shirodkar, Advocate for Municipality of Cuncolim, Bicholim and Mapusa.

Mr Amey Phadte, Advocate for Village Panchayat of Oxel and Siolim.

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Mr T. V. Patel, Advocate for the Respondent Nos. 168, 182, 184, 155, 166 and 180.

Mr Om D'Costa, Advocate for the Respondent No. 149.

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Mr Parikshit Sawant, Advocate for Village Panchayat of Arpora and Nagoa.

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Mr Gaurish Agni with Mr Kishan Kavlekar, Advocate for Quepem Municipal Council.

Mr Eeshan Usapkar with Mr Sayeel Lingudkar, Advocates for Respondent Nos. 88, 97 and 104 (Village Panchayat of Prina, Sirsaim and Carambolim).

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

DATED :- 11th February, 2026

P.C:

1. In terms of the order dated 14.01.2026 passed by this Court, the learned Advocate General for the State of Goa, Mr. Devidas Pangam, has produced copies of two separate Government orders notifying the appointment of respective Nodal Officers by delineating their duties, functions and responsibilities. Copies of orders dated 10.02.2026, as tendered by the learned Advocate General, are taken on record.

2. Mr. Vithal Naik, who has already been appointed as Amicus Curiae in this case, is not present today. Therefore, awaiting the response of Mr. Vithal Naik, we direct these matters to be listed again on 17.02.2026 for evolving a mechanism for continuous monitoring of the activities of the Nodal Officers, by adopting a transparent process. Copies of these orders be also served upon the learned Amicus Curiae.

AMIT S. JAMSANDEKAR, J.

SUMAN SHYAM, J.