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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
WRIT PETITION NO.285 OF 2026

UNION OF INDIA THR. CHIEF
POSTMASTER GENERAL AND 3 ORS
Versus
SANJAY A KESARKAR

... PETITIONERS
... RESPONDENT

Mr. Pravin Faldessai, Deputy Solicitor General of India for the
Petitioners.

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

DATED :- 21st April, 2026

P.C:

Registry to waive the office objections, if any, and register the
Petition.

2. The challenge in this Petition is to the order dated 27.02.2023
passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Mumbai (CAT),
granting the Respondent a stay of the inquiry proceedings on the
charges dated 22.02.2022. The CAT has granted a stay of the
disciplinary proceedings after perusing the charges and recording the
finding that the chargesheet is vague and prejudice would be caused to
the Applicant, if the impugned memorandum of charges is allowed to
continue.

3. We have perused the memorandum of charges and we are not convinced that the impugned order requires any interference. The impugned order was passed on 27.02.2023 and the present Petition is registered in the year 2026. The impugned order having been challenged in this Court only on 09.01.2026, there is no justification in the Petition for a delay of three years in challenging the order granting stay on its merits. The Petition would also have to be rejected on delays and laches, which is unexplained. However, it appears that the main relief sought in this Petition is not really to challenge the order dated 27.02.2023 of the CAT, but to seek mandamus/direction to the CAT for the delay in hearing the proceedings. To justify the direction sought, reliance has been placed on the Roznamas of the proceedings to argue that the CAT has been adjourning the matter from time to time without hearing the matter, which would justify vacating the interim order of stay of the order.

4. For the reasons stated above, the Writ Petition is dismissed in limine. We are quite sure that the CAT would, at the same point in time, in the near future, proceed with OA No. 121/2023 (GOA) [Disciplinary Proceeding] in an expeditious manner.

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