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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
WRIT PETITION NO. 280/2024

JOE MARIAN SEDRICK PEREIRA. ... PETITIONER.

Versus

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

Mr Prasheen Lotlikar, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr D.J. Pangam, Advocate General with Mr Geetesh Shetye, Addl.
Govt. Advocate for Respondents No.1 and 3.

CORAM : M.S. SONAK &
VALMIKI MENEZES, JJ.

DATED : 2nd April 2024.

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr Prasheen Lotlikar for the Petitioner. Learned Advocate General appears with Mr Geetesh Shetye, learned Addl. Govt. Advocate for Respondents No.1 and 3.

2. We have heard the learned Counsel for the parties. In our judgment, this matter can be disposed of by permitting the Petitioner to file a fresh application for transfer of house tax in his name. Such

an application should be accompanied by necessary documents, including affidavits of the other co-owners. If such an application is made, the Village Panchayat of St. Lawrence should dispose of the application within a maximum of 4 (four) weeks from the date of its receipt. The Panchayat must, within the four weeks, communicate its decision to the Petitioner.

3. If the Panchayat requires any additional documents or some clarification, the Panchayat must call the Petitioner for a hearing and give him an opportunity to produce such documents or furnish such clarification. The Panchayat should not be influenced by its Resolution dated 18/4/2023.

4. With the above direction, this Petition is disposed of. All concerned, including the Panchayat, must act on an authenticated copy of this order.

VALMIKI MENEZES, J.

M.S. SONAK, J.

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