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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO.558 OF 2022

DR. GOPAKUMAR V.

... PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF GOA THR. CHIEF SECRETARY

AND 4 ORS

... RESPONDENTS

Mr. S. N. Joshi, Advocate with Ms. S. Fernandes, Ms Sneha Naik and Ms Swapna Joshi (through V.C.), Advocates for the Petitioner.

Mr. Devidas J. Pangam, Advocate General with Mr. Deep Shirodkar, Additional Government Advocate for the Respondent no.1, 3 and 4-State.

Ms. A. A. Agni, Senior Advocate with Ms Afrin Khanm Harihar and Mr.J. Shaikh, Advocates for Respondent no. 2.

Mr. Somnath B. Karpe, Advocate with Ms Samiksha Vaigankar, Advocate for Respondent No. 5.

CORAM:- BHARATI DANGRE & NIVEDITA P. MEHTA, JJ.

DATED :- 3rd July, 2025

P.C.

For the reasons to be recorded separately, the Petition is dismissed.

We must however clarify that since the Petitioner had continued his subscription to the PF account under the PF Account (COLL 7607) under the administrative control of Principal Secretary, Higher Education (A Dept), Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram,

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Kerala and he had exercised the option stating that he would continue with the Pension Scheme which he had, during his service under the Government of Kerala, he is at liberty to seek the return of the PF amount accumulated in his account from the Kerala Government.

NIVEDITA P. MEHTA, J. BHARATI DANGRE, J.