

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (SUO MOTU) NO. 2 OF 2019

– ... Petitioner

Versus

STATE GOVT., THR. ITS CHIEF
SECRETARY AND ANR., ... Respondents

Mr. D. Pangam, Advocate General with Mr. Deep Shirodkar,
Additional Government Advocate for the Respondents.
Mr. Vishnuprasad Lawande, Amicus Curiae.

Coram:- M. S. SONAK &
NUTAN D. SARDESSAI, JJ.

Date:- 26th July, 2019

P.C.:

Mr. D. Pangam, the learned Advocate General appears in pursuance of the notice dated 24/07/2019. He assures this Court that no hasty decisions are proposed to be taken in the matter of demolition of the open air auditorium at Kala Academy. He states that at present, the Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (GSIDC) has only invited tenders for appointment of structural auditors. Unless, a suitable structural auditor is appointed and the report of such structural auditor is considered at the highest levels, no action for demolition, as reported in the newspapers will be taken.

2. In view of the aforesaid statement, the immediate

apprehension as regards any demolition does not survive.

3. We direct the State Government as also the Kala Academy Administration to file affidavits on this issue within a period of two weeks from today.

4. We request Mr. Vishnuprasad Lawande, to be the Amicus Curiae in this matter in order to assist this Court in the resolution of the issue. Mr. Lawande, who is present in Court, has consented to this.

5. The Registry, to make available to the learned Amicus Curiae as well as to the learned Advocate General a copy of our order dated 24/07/2019, as also other material in the file.

6. This Suo Motu Writ Petition to now come up for hearing on 19/08/2019. Copies of the replies to be furnished to the learned Amicus Curiae at least four days in advance.

NUTAN D. SARDESSAI, J.

M. S. SONAK, J.

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