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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
WRIT PETITION NO.2947 OF 2024 (Filing No.)
AND
WRIT PETITION NO.2948 OF 2024 (Filing No.)

VEDANT PAWAR

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF GOA, THR. ITS CHIEF
SECRETARY AND 2 ORS.

...Respondents

Mr S. D. Lotlikar, Senior Advocate with Ms Neha Shirgaonkar and
Mr T. Sequeira, Advocates for the petitioner.

Mr D. Pangam, Advocate General with Ms Maria Correia, Additional
Government Advocate for respondent Nos.1 and 2.

**CORAM: M. S. KARNIK &
NIVEDITA P. MEHTA, JJ**

DATED : 4th DECEMBER 2024

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr Lotlikar, learned Senior Advocate for the
petitioner and Mr Pangam, learned Advocate General for
respondent Nos.1 and 2.

2. Learned Advocate General on the earlier occasion submitted
that respondents are not implementing the impugned orders.
Learned Advocate General, on instructions, submitted that the
present writ petitions itself could be treated as appeals under Rule

8(4) of the University Grants Commission (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2015 and the decision thereon will be taken expeditiously.

3. Mr Lotlikar, learned Senior Advocate submitted that it would not be appropriate for the Dean to hear the appeals as he has already taken a position in the matter. These are the objections which the petitioner can always raise before the Dean, which objections will be considered by the Appellate Authority/Dean and dealt with in the appeals. All contentions including the contention that the constitution of the grievance redressal mechanism is not in consonance with the provisions of Rule 4 are kept open. In the interest of justice, without prejudice, the petitioner is allowed to attend the remedial classes. In this view of the matter, since the petitions are now treated as appeals, the show cause notice issued pursuant to the order passed under Rule 5 shall stand withdrawn. The petitions are disposed of in the above terms keeping all contentions open. No costs.

NIVEDITA P. MEHTA, J

M. S. KARNIK, J