

ITEM NO.16+40+41+42

COURT NO.7

SECTION IX

**S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A**  
**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 7665/2023

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 06-04-2023 in WP No. 2675/2022 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay at Goa)

M/S GOLDFINCH RESORTS PRIVATE LIMITED &amp; ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF GOA &amp; ANR.

Respondent(s)

(IA No.76362/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT )

WITH

SLP(C) No. 7896/2023 (IX)  
(FOR ADMISSION and I.R.)

SLP (C) No. 8183/2023 (IX)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.80821/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

WITH

SLP(C) No. 8146/2023 (IX)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.80610/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

SLP(C) No. 8192/2023 (IX)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.80855/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

W.P. (C) No(s). 488/2023

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.81692/2023-GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF)

SLP (C) No. 8417/2023 (IX)

(IA No.83222/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

SLP(C) No. 8369/2023 (IX)

(IA No.82989/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

SLP(C) No. 8440/2023 (IX)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.83360/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

Date : 25-04-2023 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV KHANNA  
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W.P.(c) No.488/2023

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UPON hearing the counsel, the Court made the following  
O R D E R

Issue notice, returnable in the month of October 2023.

Ms. Surbhi Kapoor, who is present in the court on advance notice, waives service and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent - State of Goa in SLP (C) No. 7896 of 2023.

Notice to unserved respondents will be served by all modes, including *dasti*.

Our attention has been drawn to the interim orders passed by this Court. It appears that some of the petitioners did not deposit 50% of the arrears/demand amount of the Annual Recurring License Fees (ARF). Our attention has also been drawn to the last portion of the impugned judgment. For the present, we are inclined to direct that the petitioners will deposit 75% of the demanded principal amount with the authorities concerned. The petitioners are also given liberty to deposit 100% of the demanded amount, in which case even if the special leave petitions are dismissed, in view of the statement made on behalf of the State of Goa, the petitioners would not be burdened with any interest. In case the petitioners deposit 75% of the demanded principal amount and the special leave petitions are dismissed, the petitioners would be liable to pay interest as per law. The said deposit will be made within a period of six weeks from today.

Learned counsel for the petitioners will place on record a copy of the audited accounts filed with the Income Tax and the Registrar of Companies for the period from 2018 till 2022.

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Learned Senior Advocate for the petitioner seeks permission

to withdraw the present writ petition with liberty to file an application for review.

Without making any comments on the statement made, the writ petition is dismissed as withdrawn with liberty as prayed. In case the review application is dismissed, it will be open to the petitioner to challenge the impugned judgment.

(BABITA PANDEY)  
COURT MASTER (SH)

(R.S. NARAYANAN)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)