

IN THE SPECIAL COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF NIA CASES, ERNAKULAM

Present: Sri. P.K. Mohandas, Judge for NIA Cases

Thursday the 20th day of November, 2025 / 29th Karthika, 1947.

Crl.M.P. No. 473/2025

in

SC No.1/2025

(RC 03/2024/NIA/KOC)

**Petitioner/
Accused No. 2**

Manoj P.M @ Ashiq, S/o. Mohanan (A3),
age 30/24, Padinjarethala House, Evenoor
Desom, Cherur P.O, Viyyur, Thrissur.

**Represented by
Adv. Sri.Thushar Nirmal Sarathy**

**Respondent/Complainant/
Formal Party**

1. Union of India represented by National Investigation Agency, Kochi.
**Represented by Sri. Arjun Ambalapatta.
(Senior Public Prosecutor, NIA).**
2. Superintendent of Prison, High Security Prison, Viyyur.

This petition is came up for hearing before me on 20.11.2025 in the presence of the counsel for the petitioner and respondent and Court on the same day passed the following:

ORDER

Accused /petitioner is not produced. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Poojappura has reported that the petitioner was undergoing

hunger strike in the jail and now he is shifted to the Medical College Hospital. After sending a report, he has also forwarded copies of the medical records pertaining to the treatment given to the accused from the jail and Medical College Hospital. The medical records show that the petitioner had sustained severe injuries including subcutaneous hematoma left premaxillary, left frontal and left periorbital region. The superintendent has not produced the documents to show that the petitioner is admitted in the Medical College Hospital today.

2. The Superintendent of High Security Prison filed a report stating that except one, all other CCTV cameras installed in the jail are not working and the footages of the incident are not available. He has also produced copy of the letter dated 19.11.2025 of the Assistant Engineer, PWD, Electronics Section, Thrissur. A perusal of the report shows that there is some contradictions in the report of the Assistant Engineer and Superintendent. So further enquiry in the matter is required. The Superintendent of High Security Prison though filed a report, his explanation of transferring the accused to some other jail is not satisfactory. Hence further probe is required in this matter.

3. Since the Panel lawyer and PLV deputed by DLSA, Thiruvananthapuram did not meet the petitioner and they have not filed any further report, directions are to be given for further action.

4. The petitioner is reported to be in hunger strike and it may endanger his life. So steps to be taken for stopping the same.

5. Since the Superintendent of Central Prison, Poojappura has now produced the medical records, he has substantially complied the order. Hence he can be directed to produce the accused before the court and records of the further treatment of the petitioner.

Hence the following directions are issued.

- 1) The explanation offered by the Superintendent of High Security Prison is not satisfactory and hence he is directed to appear in person at 11.00 am on 24.11.2025 and show cause why further action shall not be taken against him.
- 2) The Assistant Engineer, PWD, Electronics Section, Thrissur shall appear online before this court at 11.00 am on 24.11.2025 through google meet.
- 3) The Superintendent of Central Prison, Poojappura shall produce the medical records pertaining to the admission and treatment of the petitioner at MCH as stated in his report dated 19.11.2025.
- 4) The Secretary, DLSA shall depute a Panel lawyer/PLV to meet the petitioner from the hospital or the jail and report about his physical condition. They shall also take photographs of the injury, if any, found in the person of the accused and forward the same to this court so as to reach before 11.00 am on 24.11.2025. They may initially send it by e-mail and physical copies shall be sent by post.

- 5) The Panel lawyer/PLV shall take endeavor to convince accused about the steps taken in the matter and persuade him to stop his strike.
- 6) The petitioner shall stop the strike immediately and co-operate with the DLSA and jail authorities.
- 7) The Superintendent of High Security Prison shall show cause why the petitioner shall not be re-transferred to the HSP, Viyyur.
- 8) Copies of all the reports and medical records shall be provided to the counsel of the accused and Public Prosecutor, NIA.
- 9) The Superintendent of Central Prison, Poojappura shall produce the accused physically on 24.11.2025.

For further report and hearing to 24.11.2025.

Pronounced in open court on this the 20th day of November, 2025.

Sd/-
P. K. Mohandas
Judge, Special Court for NIA Cases

Appendix: Nil

Id/-
Judge, Special Court for NIA Cases
(By Order)

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