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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

THURSDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF APRIL 2025 / 20TH CHAITHRA, 1947

OP(KAT) NO. 166 OF 2025

AGAINST THE ORDER DATED 21.03.2025 N OA(EKM)398 OF 2025 OF THE

KERALA ADMINSTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, THIRUVANTHAPURAM

PETITIONERS/APPLICANTS:

- 1 NANDHU RAJ R, AGED 31 YEARS
 S/O. RAJASHEKHARAN PILLAI,
 RESIDING AT KARUMBATTIN KUNNIL,
 CHOORACODU, VELIYAM WEST P.O,
 VELIYAM, KOLLAM, KERALA, PIN - 691540
- 2 DIVYA M J, AGED 29 YEARS
 D/O. MURALEEDHARAN S,
 RESIDING AT CHITTOOR HOUSE,
 PATTATHANAM NAGAR, PATTATHANAM P.O,
 KOLLAM, KERALA, PIN - 691021
- 3 HARITHA VARMA, AGED 29 YEARS
 D/O. HARIDAS K R,
 RESIDING AT HARIMANDIRAM,
 PAINKULAM P.O, TALAPPILLY,
 THRISSUR, KERALA, PIN - 679531
- 4 JYOTHSANA K P, AGED 26 YEARS
 D/O. SUKUMARAN K,
 KEERANTHOTTU HOUSE, PUTHILOT,
 KODAKKAD, KASARAGOD, KERALA, PIN - 671310

BY ADVS.
SRIKANTH THAMBAN
FIRDOUSE.K.K
ALTHAF NABEEL
GOPIN V. GOPAL



RESPONDENTS :

- 1 KERALA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
REPRESENTED BY THE CHAIRMAN,
THULASI HILLS, PATTAM PALACE P.O, PATTOM,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA, PIN - 695004
- 2 STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA, PIN - 695001
- 3 THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION - NATIONAL
ELIGIBILITY TEST
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR,
NEW DELHI, INDIA, PIN - 110002

SRI.SUNILKUMAR KURIAKOSE, GP

THIS OP KERALA ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL HAVING COME UP FOR
ADMISSION ON 10.04.2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING:

**A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE & P.KRISHNA KUMAR, JJ**
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-----Dated this the 10th day of April, 2025**JUDGMENT****A.Muhamed Mustaque.J**

The petitioners are aspirants for the post of Assistant Professor in Law under the Kerala Collegiate Education Department. As per Annexure A1 notification, the last date for submitting completed applications was 29.01.2025. One of the requisite qualifications is possession of a UGC NET certificate. However, the agency conducting the UGC NET examination conducted the test only on 27.01.2025. As a result, candidates like the petitioners were unable to submit proper applications. The petitioners seek an extension of the deadline to accommodate them. However, the notification is applicable to all candidates equally, and no aspirant can seek to extend the deadline to suit individual convenience. As rightly held by the Tribunal, such relief cannot be granted.

Accordingly, the Original Petition is dismissed.

Sd/-

A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE, JUDGE

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P.KRISHNA KUMAR, JUDGE

APPENDIX OF OP (KAT) 166/2025

PETITIONERS ANNEXURES & EXHIBITS

- ANNEXURE A1 A TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION 569/2024 ISSUED BY KERALA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION THROUGH THE SECRETARY, INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN LAW UNDER THE KERALA COLLEGIATE EDUCATION DATED 31.12.2024
- ANNEXURE A2 A TRUE COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE OPENING OF THE ONLINE PORTAL FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION FORM FOR UGC-NET DECEMBER 2024 EXAMINATION ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR (EXAMS), NTA DATED 19.11.2024
- ANNEXURE A3 A TRUE COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE EXAMINATION SCHEDULE OF UGC-NET DECEMBER 2024 EXAMINATION ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR (EXAMS), NTA DATED 19.12.2024
- ANNEXURE A4 A TRUE COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE UGC-NET DECEMBER 2024 EXAMINATION ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR (EXAMS), NTA DATED 13.01.2025
- ANNEXURE A5 A TRUE COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE RESCHEDULING OF THE UGC-NET DECEMBER 2024 EXAMINATION ISSUED BY THE UGC NTA THROUGH THE DIRECTOR (EXAMS), NTA DATED 14.01.2025
- ANNEXURE A6 A TRUE COPY OF THE PRESS RELEASE OF THE DECLARATION OF THE RESULTS OF UGC-NET DECEMBER 2024 EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL TEST AGENCY ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR (EXAMS), NTA DATED 22.02.2025
- ANNEXURE A7 A TRUE COPY OF THE UGC-NET DECEMBER 2024 EXAM RESULTS OF APPLICANT NO. 1 HAVING APPLICATION NO. 240520948144 DATED 26.02.2025
- ANNEXURE A8 A TRUE COPY OF THE UGC-NET DECEMBER 2024 EXAM RESULTS OF APPLICANT NO. 2 HAVING APPLICATION NO. 240520440717 DATED 23.02.2025
- ANNEXURE A9 A TRUE COPY OF THE UGC-NET DECEMBER 2024 EXAM RESULTS OF APPLICANT NO. 3 HAVING APPLICATION NO. 240520093959 DATED 02.03.2025



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ANNEXURE A10

A TRUE COPY OF THE UGC-NET DECEMBER 2024 EXAM RESULTS OF APPLICANT NO. 4 HAVING APPLICATION NO. 240520215664 DATED 22.02.2025

ANNEXURE A11

A TRUE COPY OF THE DISABILITY CERTIFICATE OF APPLICANT NO. 1 ISSUED BY THE TALUK HEADQUARTER HOSPITAL, KOTTARAKKARA HAVING THE CERTIFICATE NO. 321/2021 DATED 17.08.2021

ANNEXURE A12

A TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION PROVIDED BY APPLICANT NO. 1 TO THE RESPONDENT NO. 1 DATED 03.03.2025

ANNEXURE A13

A TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT NO. 2 TO THE RESPONDENT NO. 1 DATED 24.02.2025

ANNEXURE A14

A TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT NO. 3 TO THE RESPONDENT NO. 1 DATED 24.02.2025

ANNEXURE A15

A TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION PROVIDED BY APPLICANT NO. 4 TO THE RESPONDENT NO. 1 DATED 01.03.2025

EXHIBIT P1

A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE ORDER IN OA (EKM) - 398 OF 2025 DATED 21.03.2025 ISSUED BY THE HONOURABLE KERALA ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL AT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM (ADDITIONAL BENCH, AT ERNAKULAM)

EXHIBIT P2

A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION (EKM) NO. 398 OF 2025 SUBMITTED BEFORE THE HONOURABLE KERALA ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, AT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, (ADDITIONAL BENCH AT ERNAKULAM) DATED 05.03.2025