

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).32186/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 07-02-2025 in OPKAT No.275/2022 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

SHIBU TA & ORS.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

SLP(C) No. 33003/2025 (XI-B)

SLP(C) No. 33072/2025 (XI-B)
FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

SLP(C) No. 32088/2025 (XI-B)

SLP(C) No. 33262/2025 (XI-B)

SLP(C) No. 32092/2025 (XI-B)

Diary No(s). 14882/2026 (XI-B)

IA No. 79549/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 79550/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 22-05-2026 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

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Upon hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. As per the latest Office Report (undated), service of notice upon respondent Nos.4 and 41 in S.L.P.(C) No.32186 of 2025 and respondent No.4 in S.L.P.(C) No.33003 of 2025 is incomplete. It is submitted by learned counsel appearing for the petitioners that service of notice on respondent Nos.4 and 41 in S.L.P.(C) No.32186 of 2025 is complete by way of dasti service; however, none has chosen to enter appearance.
2. Let fresh steps for service on the unserved respondent No.4 in S.L.P.(C) No.33003 of 2025 be taken within a period of one (01) week.
3. In the event of such steps being taken, fresh notice shall be issued, returnable on 05.08.2026.
4. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted.
5. In the notice itself, let it be mentioned that the said respondent is required to file the counter affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.
6. Further, in the interest of justice, we request and appoint Ms.Nandini Kaushik (e.mail id: nandinikaushik1968@gmail.com; enrolment no.: D/3932/2025),

learned counsel, who is present in the Court, as *amicus curiae* (pro bono) to assist the Court on behalf of respondent nos.4 & 41 in S.L.P.(C) No.32186 of 2025.

7. The Registry is directed to supply the complete paper book in digital form to the learned *amicus curiae* within a period of three working days.

8. Learned *amicus curiae* shall endeavour to get in touch with the respondents directly, in writing, apprising them of the pendency of the present petition; the passing of the present order; their right to engage a counsel of their choice; and their right to be represented through a legal aid counsel, subject to eligibility.

9. Learned *amicus curiae* shall also get in touch with the Chairperson of the concerned District Legal Services Authority, who shall have the respondents apprised of their aforesaid rights.

10. Learned *amicus curiae* shall file the compliance affidavit before the next date of listing.

11. It is clarified that the learned *amicus curiae* shall continue to assist the Court even if the said respondents are represented by a duly engaged counsel.

12. The Registry shall communicate this order to all concerned forthwith.

13. The Registry shall print the name of the learned *amicus curiae* in the cause list.

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