

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.32088/2025 (XI-B)

IA No. 218708/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 218710/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

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

IA No. 223914/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 223913/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

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

IA No. 229990/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 229987/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

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

IA No. 243023/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 243022/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

SLP(C) No.33072/2025 (XI-B)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

IA No. 220657/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 220656/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 21-11-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Vishnu P., AOR

For Respondent(s) :

Mr. Nishe Rajen Shonker, AOR
Mrs. Anu K Joy, Adv.
Mr. Alim Anvar, Adv.
Mr. Santhosh K, Adv.
Mrs. Devika A.l., Adv.

Mr. Ashok Kumar Panigrahi, Adv.
Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, AOR

Mr. Rajesh P, AOR

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

S.L.P.(C) No.32186 of 2025:

1. As per Office Report dated 20.11.2025, service of notice upon respondent nos.4, 9, 10, 41 & 46 and 7, 12, 14, 19-33, 36-39, 42, 44, 47, 54, 56-57, 60-61, 63, 65, 67, 69-72, 75, 78-81 is "Not complete" and "Still in Transit" respectively.
2. Let fresh steps for service of these respondents be taken within two weeks, failing which, the Special Leave Petition shall stand automatically dismissed for non-prosecution without any further reference to this Court.
3. In the event steps being taken, issue fresh notice, returnable on 27.01.2026.
4. Dasti service, in addition.
5. In the notice itself let it be mentioned that the respondents are required to file the counter affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.
6. Though service of notice on respondent nos.1, 5, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 34, 35, 40, 43, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 58, 59, 62, 64, 66, 68, 73, 74, 76, 77 & 82 is

complete, but none has entered appearance on their behalf.

7. As such, in the interest of justice, we request and appoint the following counsel, who are present in the Court, as *amicus curiae* (pro bono), to assist the Court:

i) For respondent no.1 (State of Kerala): Ms. Sangeeta Nenwani [email: pahunepatilsangeeta@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: MAH/5575/2017];

ii) For respondent nos.5 & 6 (Dhanraj M.N. & Sumesh N.V.): Ms. Revati Pravin Kharde [email: advrevatikharde@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: MAH/2465/2021];

iii) For respondent no.8 (Satheesh P): Mr. Madhuraj Singh Inda [email: madhurajinda@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: 7048/24];

iv) For respondent no.11 (Sherin Francis M S): Ms. Suramya Srivastava [email: suramyasrivastavaadv@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: UP/018582/21];

v) For respondent no.13 (Jamal P K): Mr. Shantanu [email: law.shantanu@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: D/1387A/2011];

vi) For respondent nos.15-18 (Aysha Beevi M, Jayakrishnan V K, Dhanya S Nair & Nishanth N): Mr. Manoj Kumar [email: mkupadhyay03@gmail.com];

vii) For respondent nos.34-35 (Remya Raveendran & Dhanya R Pillai): Ms. Priya Sharma [email:

priyalawyer1@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: D/1430/2013];

viii) For respondent no.40 (Naveena S): Mr. Abhiyudaya Vats [email: abhiyudayavats@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: UP/10876/22];

ix) For respondent no.43 (Sabitha B.S.): Mr. Vishwa Dev Sarraf [email: vishwadevsarraf@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: D/18855/2025];

x) For respondent no.45 (Shabna S.): Mr. Tanish Rawat [email: adutanishrawat@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: D/5616/2024];

xi) For respondent nos.48-50 (Pinky Ramakrishnan, Hasmi A.L. & Sujith kuamar S.): Mr. Merin Francis [email: merinfrancis2323@gmail.com the and Enrollment No.: D/7695/2025];

xii) For respondent no.51 (Vishna K.R.): Ms. Akriti Chaubey [email: akritichaubey@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: D/1075/2012];

xiii) For respondent nos.53 (Anjalena. K. Kurien): Ms. Geeta Shakya [email: geetasingshakya@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: UP/04284/21];

xiv) For respondent no.55 (Rijesh M.D.): Ms. Pooja Agrawal [email: officeofrbb@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: MP/10033/2024];

xv) For respondent no.58 (Sharonkumar J): Ms. Apurva Sachdev [email: apurvasachdevadv@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: D/4785/22];

- xvi) For respondent no.59 (Aravind P): Mr. Vinayak Sharda [email: vinayak_sharda@outlook.com and Enrollment No.: D/3903/2024];
- xvii) For respondent no.62 (Smitha Mony. J.A): Mr. Ajay Prabu S [email: ajayadvsupreme@outlook.com and Enrollment No.: MS/6796/21];
- xviii) For respondent no.64 (Audarsh A.S): Mr. R. Sowmyanarayanan [email: rsnarayanan@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: D/4959/2020];
- xix) For respondent no.66 (Lekha P.G): Ms. Sagun Srivastava [email: shagun.srivastava2528@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: MAH/4671/2021];
- xx) For respondent no.68 (Ganeshan G): Mr. Ashish Kumar Chaurasiya [email: ashishcj8@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: D/3613/2016];
- xxi) For respondent no.73 (Shabeer Khan S): Ms. Smrithi V.S. [email: vssmrithi@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: D/7909/2025];
- xxii) For respondent no.74 (Manju G.S): Mr. Rahul Tainguria [email: advrahultainguria33@gmail.com and Enrollment No.: D/7232/2025];
- xxiii) For respondent no.76 (Gayathri Sukumar): Ms. Shweth Garg [email: shwetaadvo@gmail.com];
- xxiv) For respondent no.77 (Simi V.K.): Mr. Saaranish Shukla [email: saaranish.shukla@ayalaw.in and Enrollment No.: CG/1766/2024]; and
- xxv) For respondent no.82 (Vinod E R.): Mr. Chinmoy

Chaitanya [email: chinmoychaitanya@gmail.com and
Enrollment No.: D/1339/2022].

8. The Registry is directed to supply the complete paper book, in a digital form, to the learned *amici curiae* within a period of one week.

9. Learned *amici curiae* shall endeavour to get in touch with the respondents directly in writing, apprising them about the pendency of the present petition; the passing of this order; their right of engaging a counsel of their choice; and, their right of being represented through a legal aid counsel, subject to eligibility.

10. Learned *amici curiae* shall also get in touch with the chairman of the concerned District Services Authority and shall also have the respondents apprised of their rights of being represented through the Legal Aid Counsel.

11. We clarify that the learned *amici curiae* shall continue to assist the Court, even if the said respondents are represented by their legally engaged counsel.

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

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

14. List on 27.01.2026.

15. The Registry shall also communicate this order to the learned standing counsel for the State of Kerala.

S.L.P.(C) No.32088 of 2025:

1. As per the Office Report dated 20.11.2025, service of notice on respondent nos.1 - State of Kerala & 4 - Smitha Mony. J.A. is complete, but none has entered appearance on their behalf.

2. As such, in the interest of justice, we request and appoint Mr. Prakhar Gupta [email: prakharg111@gmail.com and Enrollment No.:UK/890/2024] learned counsel, who is present in the Court, as *amicus curiae* (pro bono), to assist the Court on behalf of respondent nos.1 & 4.

3. The Registry is directed to supply the complete paper book, in a digital form, to the learned *amicus curiae* within a period of one week.

4. Learned *amicus curiae* shall endeavour to get in touch with respondent no.4 directly in writing, apprising her about the pendency of the present petition; the passing of this order; the right of engaging a counsel of her choice; and her right of being represented through a legal aid counsel, subject to eligibility.

5. Learned *amicus curiae* shall also get in touch with the chairman of the concerned District Services Authority and shall also have respondent no.4 apprised of her rights of being represented through the Legal Aid Counsel.

6. We clarify that the learned *amicus curiae* shall continue to assist the Court, even if the said respondents are represented by their legally engaged counsel.

7. The Registry shall communicate this order to all

concerned forthwith.

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

9. List on 27.01.2026.

10. The Registry shall also communicate this order to the learned standing counsel for the State of Kerala.

S.L.P.(C) No.33003 of 2025:

1. As per Office Report dated 20.11.2025, service of notice upon respondent no.4 is not complete.

2. Let fresh steps for service of the said respondent be taken within two weeks, failing which, the Special Leave Petition shall stand automatically dismissed for non-prosecution without any further reference to this Court.

3. In the event steps being taken, issue fresh notice, returnable on 27.01.2026.

4. Dasti service, in addition.

5. In the notice itself let it be mentioned that the respondent is required to file the counter affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.

6. Though service of notice on respondent no.1-State of Kerala is complete, but none has entered appearance on it behalf.

7. As such, we request and appoint Ms. Astha Sharma, learned counsel, as an *amicus curiae* (pro bono), to assist the Court on behalf of respondent no.1.

8. The Registry is directed to supply the complete paper book, in a digital form, to the learned *amicus curiae* within a period of one week.

9. Learned *amicus curiae* shall endeavour to get in touch with respondent directly in writing, apprising the respondent no.1-State of Kerala about the pendency of the present petition; and the passing of this order.

10. We clarify that the learned *amicus curiae* shall continue to assist the Court, even if the said respondent is represented by a legally engaged counsel.

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

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

13. List on 27.01.2026.

14. The Registry shall also communicate this order to the learned standing counsel for the State of Kerala.

S.L.P.(C) No.33072 of 2025:

1. As per Office Report dated 20.11.2025, service of notice upon respondent nos.1 to 16 is still in transit.

2. Let fresh steps for service be taken within two weeks, failing which, the Special Leave Petition shall stand automatically dismissed for non-prosecution without any further reference to this Court.

3. In the event steps being taken, issue fresh notice, returnable on 27.01.2026.

4. Dasti service, in addition.

5. In the notice itself let it be mentioned that the respondents are required to file the counter affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.

S.L.P.(C) No.32092 of 2025:

1. As per the Office Report dated 20.11.2025, service of notice on respondent nos.1 - State of Kerala & 3 - The Secretary to Government is complete, but none has entered appearance on their behalf.

2. As such, in the interest of justice, Ms. Mythili S., learned counsel (e-mail address: mythilisrinivasamurthy@gmail.com), present in the Court, is appointed as *amicus curiae* (pro bono), to assist the Court.

3. The Registry is directed to supply the complete paper book, in a digital form, to the learned *amicus curiae* within a period of one week.

4. Learned *amicus curiae* shall endeavour to get in touch with respondents directly in writing, apprising them about the pendency of the present petition; and the passing of this order.

5. We clarify that the learned *amicus curiae* shall continue to assist the Court, even if the said respondents are represented by their legally engaged counsel.

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

7. The Registry shall print the name of the learned *amicus curiae* in the cause list.
8. List on 27.01.2026.
9. The Registry shall also communicate this order to the learned standing counsel for the State of Kerala.

S.L.P.(C) No.33262 of 2025:

1. As per Office Report dated 20.11.2025, service of notice upon respondents is still in transit.
2. Let fresh steps for service of respondents be taken within two weeks, failing which, the Special Leave Petition shall stand automatically dismissed for non-prosecution without any further reference to this Court.
3. In the event steps being taken, issue fresh notice, returnable on 27.01.2026.
4. Dasti service, in addition.
5. In the notice itself let it be mentioned that the respondents are required to file the counter affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.

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