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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 5235/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 27-08-2025 in WA No. 201/2023 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

STATE OF KERALA & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

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Respondent(s)

(IA No. 11283/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING)

Date : 20-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

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

1. As per the office report, respondent nos. 3 to 6 stand served but none has entered appearance on their behalf. Service on respondent no.2 is not complete.

2. Mr. Jaideep Gupta, learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners, submits that the petitioners shall inform respondent nos.3 to 5 about the pendency of the present petition and requesting them to enter appearance.

3. Since respondent no. 6 has chosen not to enter appearance, we request Ms. Tanishka Pawar, learned counsel (e-mail id:tanishkapawar@outlook.com and Enrol.NO. D-6593/2025), who is present in Court, to assist the Court as amicus curiae (Pro bono) on behalf of respondent no. 6.

4. Let fresh steps for service on respondent no.2 be taken within one week.

5. In the event of steps being taken, issue fresh notice to respondent no.2, returnable on 08.04.2026.

6. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted.

7. In the notice itself, let it be mentioned that respondent no.2 is required to file a counter affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.

8. Let rejoinder affidavit be filed within three weeks.

9. Interim order shall continue, till the next date of listing.

(RAJNI MUKHI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(KOMAL)
COURT MASTER(NSH)