

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN
&
THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE M.B. SNEHALATHA

Tuesday, the 24th day of February 2026 / 5th Phalguna, 1947

WA NO. 278 OF 2026

ARISING FROM JUDGMENT DATED 19.12.2025 IN WP(C) 18326/2025 OF THIS COURT
APPELLANT(S)/RESPONDENTS 1,2,4 AND 5 IN THE WRIT PETITION:

1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM., PIN - 695001
2. DISTRICT COLLECTOR KOTTAYAM DISTRICT, COLLECTORATE, KOTTAYAM., PIN - 686001
3. THE DEPUTY COLLECTOR (LA) KOTTAYAM, ADMINISTRATOR, PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF SABARIMALA GREENFIELD AIRPORT, COLLECTORATE, KOTTAYAM, PIN - 686001
4. SPECIAL TAHSILDHAR LA (GENERAL) KOTTAYAM, COLLECTORATE, KOTTAYAM., PIN - 686001

BY ADVOCATE GENERAL K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, V.MANU, SPL.G.P. TO A.G.(),
SHRI.M.H.HANIL KUMAR, SPL.G.P.(REVENUE), SENIOR GOVERNMENT PLEADER FOR
SRI.S.KANNAN

RESPONDENT(S)/PETITIONER AND RESPONDENTS 3,6 TO 9 IN THE PETITION:

1. AYANA CHARITABLE TRUST (FORMERLY KNOWN AS GOSPEL FOR ASIA) MANJADI P.O., THIRUVALLA, PATHANAMTHITTA DISTRICT, KERALA STATE, REPRESENTED BY SMT. SINYPUNNOOSE, MANAGING TRUSTEE AND CHIEF FUNCTIONARY OF THE TRUST THROUGH HER POWER OF ATTORNEY HOLDER AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TRUST, MR. JACOB POTHEN, AGED 68 S/O. LATE T.K. POTHEN, THERADIYIL HOUSE, NIRANAM WEST MURI, NIRANAM VILLAGE, THIRUVALLA TALUK, PIN - 689103
2. DR. SINY PUNNOOSE MANAGING TRUSTEE OF AYANA CHARITABLE TRUST, KADAPPILARIL HOUSE, KIZHAKKENMUTHOOR MURI, KUTTAPPUZHA P.O, THIRUVALLA TALUK, PATHANAMTHITTA DISTRICT REPRESENTED BY HER POWER OF ATTORNEY HOLDER MR. JACOB POTHEN, AGED 68, S/O. LATE T.K. POTHEN, THERADIYIL HOUSE, NIRANAM WEST MURI, NIRANAM VILLAGE, THIRUVALLA TALUK, PIN - 689103
3. SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY UNIT BHARATA MATA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, BHARATA MATA COLLEGE, THRIKKAKARA, KOCHI REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR, PIN - 682021
4. BISHOP DR.JURIABARDHAN HOUSE NO. IV/267 TMC, CHUMATRA MURI, KUTTAPPUZHA VILLAGE, THIRUVALLATALUK, PATHANAMTHITTADISTRICT., PIN - 689103
5. BISHOP DR. SIMON JOHN, CHITTAZHATH HOUSE, KUMBANAD, THIRUVALLA, PATHANAMTHITTA DISTRICT., PIN - 689103
6. REV. DR. DANIEL JOHNSON SUNBEAM, 11, NANTHANCOD PLAMMOODU, PATTOM, KAWDIAR VILLAGE, KAWDIARTALUK, TRIVANDRUM, PIN - 695003
7. REV. FR. PRAISON JOHN PATTAPARAMBIL EBENEZER VILLA, PALACOTTAL ROAD,

KUTTAPUZHA P.O, THIRUVALLA, PIN - 689103

BY SENIOR ADV.SRI.AMIT SIBAL, ADV.SRI.DHIRAJ ABRAHAM PHILIP(B/O) FOR R1

ADV.SRI.P.HARIDAS(B/O) FOR R4 TO R7

Prayer for interim relief in the Writ Appeal stating that in the circumstances stated in the appeal memorandum, the High Court be pleased to stay the operation of the judgment dated 19.12.2025 in W.P.(C) NO.18326 of 2025 of the Learned Single Judge pending disposal of this Writ Appeal.

This Writ Appeal coming on for orders on 24.02.2026 upon perusing the appeal memorandum, the court on the same day passed the following:



DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN & M.B. SNEHALATHA, JJ.

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Dated this the 24th day of February, 2026

ORDER

Devan Ramachandran, J.

We have heard Sri.Gopalakrishna Kurup, learned Advocate General, instructed by Sri.S.Kannan – learned Senior Government Pleader, appearing for the appellants; Sri.Amit Sibal – learned Senior Counsel, instructed by Sri.Dhiraj Abraham Philip — appearing on behalf of the 1st respondent; and Sri.P.Haridas – learned counsel for respondents 4 to 7.

2. We are of the firm view that this appeal deserves to be heard on its merits; and therefore, admit it.

3. The appellants will take out notice to the 3rd respondent by special messenger.

4. Sri.Amit Sibal – learned senior counsel for the first respondent, informs us that his client also intends to file an appeal *qua* the same judgment. Obviously, we will have to hear both matters together.

5. We, therefore, adjourn this matter to be called on 04.03.2026.

Until the next posting date, all action pursuant to and in

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terms of the impugned judgment will stand deferred; and the parties will maintain *status quo* with respect to the property as available at 11.45 a.m. today.

Sd/- DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN,
JUDGE

Sd/- M.B. SNEHALATHA,
JUDGE

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