

**DR. A.K.JAYASANKARAN NAMBIAR
&
JOBIN SEBASTIAN, JJ.**

WP(C) No.7858 of 2025

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Dated this the 27th day of February, 2026

O R D E R

Dr. A.K.Jayasankaran Nambiar, J.

Deplorable indeed are the state of affairs in and around the Aralam Farm and the Aralam TRDM Area. We are told that this morning a person named Aneesh A.S, S/o.Soman, aged 44 years, was injured and later succumbed to those injuries at the Peravoor Taluk Hospital. The deceased person was residing at Plot No.405, Block 10 of the Aralam TRDM area. Although it is stated by the petitioner that there were messages shared with the Rapid Response Team to rush to the site to locate the animal, the Night Patrolling Team of the Aralam Wildlife Range could not successfully locate the animal apparently on account of heavy mist, which reduced the visibility. The Rapid Response Team could only take the injured Mr. Aneesh to the Peravoor Taluk Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

2. The incident brings to light the clear lapses on the part of the administration to provide adequate security measures to protect the lives of the tribal people in the Aralam farm area, especially those residing in the Tribal Rehabilitation and Development Mission (TRDM) area. In the

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video conference today, the Director of the State SC/ST Development Department is present, and on interaction with him, we are convinced that the said person is woefully ignorant of the happenings in and around the TRDM area of the Aralam Farm. Although we are told that persons were deputed to the scene of occurrence in the morning itself, we find the steps taken by the State Administration to be woefully inadequate to inspire confidence in the residents of the tribal colony. If this is the fate of hapless tribal residents in the area when the adequacy of safety measures taken therein is being monitored by this Court, one shudders to think about the fate of residents in other conflict areas in the State which are not currently under judicial surveillance. The guarantee of life and personal liberty under Article 21 of our Constitution cannot be rendered meaningless by persistent inaction on the part of the State Administration. Every loss of human life, due to human animal conflict, represents a failure of the administrative machinery of the State, not to mention a failure to adhere to the constitutional morality expected of the State Executive, for which they must remain accountable.

It is with a heavy heart that we adjourn this proceedings to 2 PM on 02.03.2026. We direct that on that date, the Chief Secretary, the Secretary SC/ST Department, and the Chief Wildlife Warden shall be present through video conference to answer our queries regarding the

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steps taken or proposed to be taken to prevent the occurrence of such events in the State.

Sd/-

DR. A.K.JAYASANKARAN NAMBIAR
JUDGE

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