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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. SOUMEN SEN

&

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SYAM KUMAR V.M.

THURSDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF MARCH 2026 / 14TH PHALGUNA, 1947

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PETITIONERS:

- 1 CHANDRAMOHANAN K C
AGED 64 YEARS
S/O CHELLAPPAN PILLAI K, INDEEVARAM, ERUVA WEST,
PATHIYOOR, ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT, KERALA, PIN -
690572**
- 2 ADV. MEHNAZ P. MOHAMMED
AGED 26 YEARS
PAYIKKATTU HOUSE, KUTHIATHODE PO, CHERTHALA,, PIN
- 688533**

BY ADV SHRI.CHELSON CHEMBARATHY

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 UNION OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING ROOM NO
552, A WING SHASTRI BHAVAN NEW DELHI REPRESENTED
BY ITS SECRETARY., PIN - 110001**
- 2 STATE OF KERALA
HOME DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,**



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**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM KERALA. REPRESENTED BY THE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PIN - 695001**

**3 CENTRAL BOARD OF FILM CERTIFICATION
FILM DIVISION COMPLEX, PHASE - 1 BUILDING, 9TH
FLOOR, DR. G DESHMUKHMARG, MUMBAI REPRESENTED BY
ITS CHAIRMAN, PIN - 400026**

**4 VIPUL AMRUTLAL SHAH
SUNSHINE PICTURES PVT LTD., BHARAT ARK, OFF VEERA
DESAI ROAD, MHADA COLONY, AZAD NAGAR, ANDHERI
WEST, MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA, PIN - 400053**

**BY ADVS.SRI.ELVIN PETER INSTRUCTED BY
SRI.K.R.GANESH
SRI.ARJUN VENUGOPAL, CGC
SRI.N. MANOJ KUMAR-STATE ATTORNEY**

**THIS WRIT PETITION (PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION) HAVING
COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 05.03.2026, THE COURT ON THE SAME
DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:**



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J U D G M E N T

Dated this the 5th day of March, 2026

Soumen Sen, C.J.

On an undertaking given by the learned counsel for the petitioners that paragraphs 13, 14 and 15 shall be expunged and a fresh writ petition will be filed without underlining the sentences as has been done in this writ petition, we permit the writ petitioners to withdraw this W.P.(PIL) and to file a fresh writ petition on the same cause of action.

2. The writ petition stands disposed of with the aforesaid direction.

**Sd/-
Soumen Sen,
Chief Justice**

**Sd/-
Syam Kumar V.M.,
Judge**

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APPENDIX OF WP(PIL) NO. 49 OF 2026

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	THE TRUE COPY OF CREDENTIALS PROVING THE CREDIBILITY OF THE PETITIONER NO.1
Exhibit P2	THE TRUE COPY OF CREDENTIALS PROVING THE CREDIBILITY OF THE PETITIONER NO.2
Exhibit P3	THE TRUE COPY OF THE SUPREME COURT ORDER DATED 18.05.2023 IN W.P.(C) SUNSHINE PICTURES PVT. LTD. V. UNION OF INDIA WP NO.552/2023
Exhibit P4 (a)	THE TRUE COPY OF THE ARTICLE RELATING TO THE WORLD RESPONSIBLE TOURISM AWARD 2023 DATED 04.11.2023
Exhibit P4(b)	THE TRUE COPY OF THE REPORT ON KERALA'S RECOGNITION BY THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (UNWTO) DATED 23.11.2023
Exhibit P5	THE TRUE COPY OF THE TRANSCRIPTS OF THE TEASER OF 'THE KERALA STORY 2 - GOES BEYOND' PUBLISHED ON 28.01.2026
Exhibit P6	THE TRUE COPIES OF THE SCREENSHOTS OF THE TRAILER OF 'THE KERALA STORY 2 - GOES BEYOND' DATED 16.02.2026
Exhibit P7	THE TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS ARTICLE REPORTING PUBLISHED IN INDIA TODAY WEBSITE ON THE PROMOTIONAL EVENT OF 'THE KERALA STORY 2 - GOES BEYOND' DATED 25.02.2026
Exhibit P8	THE TRUE COPY OF THE GUIDELINES OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF FILM CERTIFICATION AS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE RESPONDENT NO.3
Exhibit P9	THE TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER OF THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN W.P.(C) NO. 6854 OF 2026 DATED 26.02.2026



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Exhibit P10	THE TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER OF THE DIVISION BENCH IN WRIT APPEAL NO. 547 OF 2026 DATED 27.02.2026
Exhibit P11	THE TRUE COPY OF THE JUDGMENT/ORDER OF THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT IN ATUL MISHRA V. UNION OF INDIA & OTHERS WP NO.181/2026 DATED 19.02.2026
Exhibit P12	THE TRUE COPIES OF THE SCREENSHOTS OF THE FILM 'THE KERALA STORY 2 - GOES BEYOND' TAKEN ON 01.03.2026
Exhibit P13 (a)	TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE RESPONDENT NO.1 DATED 02.03.2026 BY THE PETITIONER NO.1
Exhibit P13(b)	TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION SUBMITTED TO THE RESPONDENT NO.1 DATED 02.03.2026 BY THE PETITIONER NO.2
Exhibit P14	THE TRUE COPY OF THE FOREWORD WRITTEN BY BENJAMIN B. FERENCZ, NUREMBERG PROSECUTOR
Exhibit P15(a)	TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORTS DATED 09.05.2023
Exhibit P15 (b)	TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORTS REPORTED DATED 01.02.2026
Exhibit P15(c)	TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORTS REPORTED DATED 03.02.2026