

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. SOUMEN SEN
&
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C. JAYACHANDRAN**

**Tuesday, the 10th day of March 2026 / 19th Phalgun, 1947
WP(C) NO. 8600 OF 2025(S)**

PETITIONER:

**KERALA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY(KELSA),
REPRESENTED BY ITS MEMBER SECRETARY,DR. MOHIT C.S.,
AGED 54 YEARS, S/O LATE SRI.K.CHAKRAPANI,
NIYAMA SAHAYA BHAVAN, HIGH COURT CAMPUS,
ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682031**

RESPONDENTS:

- 1. GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY,
SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001**
- 2. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, REPRESENTED BY
ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,GOVERNMENT OF KERALA,
JAGATHI, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. , PIN - 695033**
- 3. DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD, REPRESENTED BY
ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,GOVERNMENT OF KERALA,
DIRECTORATE OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT,
POOJAPPURA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM , PIN - 695012**
- 4. DEPARTMENT OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES DEVELOPMENT,
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA,
VIKAS BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM , PIN - 695033**
- 5. DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR,
MEDICAL COLLEGE P.O, AAKULAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695011**

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6. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION, REPRESENTED BY
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM , PIN - 695014.
7. ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION, REPRESENTED BY
ITS CHAIRMAN, NELSON MANDELA MARG, VASANT KUNJ,
NEW DELHI, PIN - 110067
8. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE/STATE POLICE CHIEF,
STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS, VELLAYAMBALAM,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695010
9. BAR COUNCIL OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
CAMPUS ERNAKULAM, BAR COUNCIL BHAVAN, HIGH COURT RD,
KOCHI, KERALA , PIN - 682031
10. KERALA STATE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS,
REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, KERALA UNIVERSITY P O,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA , PIN - 695034
- ADDL. R11 IMPEADED SUO MOTU
11. THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION, REPRESENTED BY CHAIRMAN,
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG, NEW DELHI – 110002
ADDL.R11 IS IMPEADED SUO MOTU AS PER ORDER DATED 05.03.2025
IN WP(C) 8600/25.

ADDL. R12 IMPEADED

12. THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, 695001
- ADDL.R12 IS IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 27.03.2025 IN IA 6/25 IN WP(C) 8600/25

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Writ petition (civil) praying inter alia that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed along with the WP(C) the High Court be pleased to direct respondents 2, 5, 6, 7 and 9 to give details of the steps taken by them as per UGC Regulations , 2009 to prevent and combat ragging in educational institutions in the State.

This petition again coming on for admission upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(C), this Court's order dated 06/01/2026 and upon hearing the arguments of Ms.A.PARVATHI MENON, Advocate for the petitioner, SRI. T.A.SHAJI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PROSECUTION, SRI. P.NARAYANAN, SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER & SRI.SAJJU.S, SENIOR GOVERNMENT PLEADER for R1 to R6, R8 & R12, SRI.SAJITH KUMAR V, STANDING COUNSEL for R7, SRI.THOUFEEK AHAMED, STANDING COUNSEL for R10 and of SRI.S.KRISHNAMOORTHY, STANDING COUNSEL for R11, the court passed the following:



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Soumen Sen, C.J. & C.Jayachandran, J.

W.P.(C) Nos.15346 of 2024 and 8600 of 2025

Dated this the 10th day of March, 2026

Appearance:

For the Petitioners in : Ms.A.Parvathi Menon
W.P.(C) Nos.8600 of
2025

For the Respondents : Mr.T.A.Shaji, Director General of
Prosecution
Mr.P.Narayanan, Spl.G.P.
Mr.Sajith Kumar V., SC
Mr.S.Krishnamoorthy, SC
Mr.Thoufeek Ahamed, SC

ORDER

Soumen Sen, C.J.

Today, we expected a Cabinet decision on the draft Kerala Prohibition of Ragging (Amendment) Bill. From the previous order dated 06 January 2026, it appears that the Chief Minister has ordered that a draft Bill be placed before the Council of Ministers, and the draft note for consideration of the Council of Ministers has been prepared and submitted for approval.

2. The communication dated 28 February 2026 shows that it has been decided to place the draft Bill before the Council of Ministers and that a draft note has been

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prepared accordingly. It was further directed that the remarks of some of the departments be incorporated in the draft Bill. Accordingly, remarks were sought from all the departments mentioned in the said communication and it is recorded that some of the departments have not submitted the remarks yet.

3. The Government should set a deadline for submission of remarks by the departments named in the communication dated 28 February 2026 so that the entire process can be expedited. We are of the view that it is essential that the said Bill takes the shape of an Act at the earliest.

4. The matter stands adjourned till 31.03.2026.

5. We expect that all necessary steps shall be taken in the meantime so that the said draft Bill can get approval.

Sd/-
Soumen Sen
Chief Justice

Sd/-
C.Jayachandran
Judge

ds 10.03.2026