

**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 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 / 21st Phalguna, 1947  
WP(C) NO. 42844 OF 2025(R)**

**SUO MOTU WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) INITIATED BY THE HIGH COURT  
REGARDING LACK OF PROPER INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE MEDIATION  
CENTRES ACROSS THE STATE.**

**RESPONDENTS:**

1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 001.
2. THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 001.
3. UNION OF INDIA, REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE, 4TH FLOOR, A-WING, SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI - 110 001.
4. THE LAW SECRETARY, LAW DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 001.
5. THE REGISTRAR (DISTRICT JUDICIARY), HIGH COURT OF KERALA, MARINE DRIVE, ERNAKULAM - 682 031.
6. THE MEMBER SECRETARY, KERALA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, NIYAMA SAHAYA BHAVAN, OPPOSITE ADVOCATE GENERAL OFFICE, KOCHI, PIN - 682 031.
7. THE DIRECTOR, KERALA STATE MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION CENTRE, RAM MOHAN PALACE, HIGH COURT OF KERALA, KOCHI, PIN - 682 031.

Suo motu writ petition (civil) praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed along with the WP(C) the High Court be pleased to issue necessary directions to the Government and other authorities concerned to provide the infrastructural requirements of each mediation sub centre as listed in Ext P3 as well as to ensure adequate support staff and regular office stationary.

This petition coming again on for admission upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(C), this Court's order dated 28/01/2026 and upon hearing the arguments of SRI.N.MANOJ KUMAR, STATE ATTORNEY & MS. VINITHA B., SENIOR GOVERNMENT PLEADER for R1, R2 & R4, SMT.O.M. SHALINA, DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA & SRI. ARJUN VENUGOPAL, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT COUNSEL for R3, MS. SHIBI.K.P, Advocate for R5, SRI.LEO LUKOSE, Advocate for R6, MS. RAMOLA NAYANPALLY, Advocate for R7 and of SRI.ADARSH KUMAR, AMICUS CURIAE, the court passed the following:

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**Soumen Sen, C.J. & Syam Kumar V.M., J.**

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**Dated this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026**

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Appearance:

For the Respondents : Ms.Vinitha B., Sr.G.P  
Ms.Shibi.K.P  
Mr.Leo Lukose  
Mr.Arjun Venugopal, CGC

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**ORDER****Soumen Sen, C.J.**

In view of the unsatisfactory progress with regard to the payment of the fees of the Mediator and the victim compensation till date, we direct the Home Secretary to be personally present on 16.03.2026 and file an affidavit explaining the delay in not complying with our direction.

2. Post on 16.03.2026.

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

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

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