

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. NITIN JAMDAR
&
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SYAM KUMAR V.M.

Tuesday, the 6th day of January 2026 / 16th Pousha, 1947
CONTEMPT CASE(C) NO. 3008 OF 2025(S) IN WP(C) 18400/2024

PETITIONER/PETITIONER:

**ADV. BORIS PAUL, AGED 55 YEARS, SON OF XAVIER PAUL,
RESIDING AT ASHTAMUDI LAW CHAMBERS, NORTH OF CIVIL STATION,
THEVALLY P.O., KOLLAM, PIN - 691 009.**

**BY ADVOCATES M/S. AJMAL A., ANANYA M.G., MANOJ SREEDHAR, DHANUSH C.A.,
PRIYANKA SHARMA M.R. & BENCY M. RAJ**

RESPONDENTS/RESPONDENT 22 & 23:

- 1. SEERAM SAMBASIVA RAO IAS, SPECIAL SECRETARY, ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT,
GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 001.**
- 2. SUNEEL PAMIDI IFS, MEMBER SECRETARY, THE STATE WETLAND AUTHORITY
KERALA (SWAK), 4TH FLOOR, KSRTC BUS TERMINAL COMPLEX, THAMPANOOR,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 001.**

MS.VINITHA B, SENIOR GOVERNMENT PLEADER FOR R1

MR.PRAKASH M.P, STANDING COUNSEL FOR R2

**This Contempt of court case (civil) having come up for orders on
06.01.2026, the court on the same day passed the following:**

P.T.O.

NITIN JAMDAR, C.J.

&

SYAM KUMAR V.M., J.

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Dated this the 6th day of January 2026

ORDER

Heard Mr. Ajmal A., learned counsel for the Petitioner, Mr. Prakash M.P., learned Standing Counsel for the State Wetland Authority Kerala – Respondent No.2 and Ms. Vinitha B., learned Senior Government Pleader.

2. This petition was disposed of, as reflected in the judgment dated 29 July 2025, after being heard from time to time and upon consideration of the affidavits filed by the Secretary, the Wetland Authority, as well as the memo submitted by the Special Secretary, Environmental Department. Various directions, as required under the statute by way of statutory compliance, were issued, the first of which was the constitution of a specific unit, the composition of which was provided by the State Wetland Authority itself and drawn primarily from Government officers and members of public authorities.

3. Even the first step of issuance of the notification constituting the said unit has not been taken by the State, despite granting opportunity even in this contempt petition.

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4. If the formal order as contemplated in Clause (a) of the judgment dated 29 July 2025 is not issued before 7 January 2026, the Court will have to direct the concerned Secretary to remain present to explain why contempt proceedings should not be initiated.

5. Post on 7 January 2026.

Sd/-

**NITIN JAMDAR
CHIEF JUSTICE**

Sd/-

**SYAM KUMAR V.M.
JUDGE**



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