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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. NITIN JAMDAR

&

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.MANU

WEDNESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025 / 7TH KARTHIKA,

1947

RP NO. 662 OF 2025

AGAINST THE JUDGMENT DATED 18.12.2024 IN WA NO.1857
OF 2024 OF HIGH COURT OF KERALA

REVIEW PETITIONER/APPELLANT/PETITIONER:

ASHA LAWRENCE
AGED 54 YEARS
D/O LATE M.M.LAWRENCE, FLAT NO.41,
NARMADA APARTMENTS, DR.B.D.MARG,
NEW DELHI, PIN - 110001

BY ADVS.
SRI.R.KRISHNA RAJ
SRI.R.PRATHEESH (ARANMULA)
SMT.E.S.SONI
SMT.SREERAJA V.
SMT.LAXMI PRIYAA N.P.

RESPONDENTS/RESPONDENTS/RESPONDENTS:

1 STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANATHAPURAM, PIN - 682031

- 2 D.I.G AND COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
POLICE COMMISSIONERATE, ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682017
- 3 STATION HOUSE OFFICER
ERNAKUALAM KAZABA POLICE STATION KACHERIPPADI,
ERNAKUALAM NORTH, KOCHI, PIN - 682018
- 4 GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, KALAMASSERY
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL H.M.T.COLONY,
NORTH KALAMASSERY, ERNAKULAM, PIN - 683503
- 5 M.L.SAJEEVAN,
S/O.M.M.LAWRENCE, RESIDING AT BETHEL,
ST.SEBSTIAN ROAD ELAMKULAM, KOCHI, PIN - 682020
- 6 SUJATHA BOBAN
D/O LATE M.M. LAWRENCE HEBRON, VAKKATTU ROAD NEAR
HOLIDAY INN HOTEL CHAKKARAPARAMBU,
ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682032
- 7 VICAR
ST.FRANCIS XAVIERS CHURCH, KATHRIKADAVU, KALOOR,
KOCHI, PIN - 682017
- 8 COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MARXIST)
REPRESENTED BY ITS DISTRICT SECRETARY,
LENIN CENTER, BANERJEE ROAD, KALOOR,
KOCHI, PIN - 682017
- 9 PRATHAP SOMANATH
PRINCIPAL, GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE,
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MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, GOVERNMENT MEDICAL
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BY ADVS.
GOVERNMENT PLEADER
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SHRI.DANIEL A.J.
SMT.MANISHA V.V
SHRI.J.AMALDEV
SRI.V.V.SIDHARTHAN (SR.)

THIS REVIEW PETITION HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON
29.10.2025, ALONG WITH RP.740/2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME
DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:



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REVIEW PETITIONER/APPELLANT:

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NEAR HOLIDAY INN HOTEL CHAKKARAPARAMBU,
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- 3 **D.I.G AND COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
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ERNAKULAM KAZABA POLICE STATION KACHERIPPADI,
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S/O.M.M.LAWRENCE, RESIDING AT BETHEL,
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NITIN JAMDAR, C.J.

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S.MANU, J.

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Dated this the 29th day of October, 2025

ORDER

S.MANU, J.

We noted that it was better to obtain a quietus in the case as quickly as feasible when we concluded the common judgement in W.A.1857 and 1865 of 2024. The aforementioned observation was made in light of the unfortunate sibling quarrel that resulted in the dispute over the deceased Mr. M.M. Lawrence's mortal remains. The legal battle, however, went on. The judgment in the writ appeals was challenged before the Hon'ble Apex Court. The challenge was repelled and SLPs were dismissed. Afterwards review petitions were filed before the learned Single Judge, a fact not revealed in the review petitions placed before us, but pointed out in the counter affidavits. Learned Single Judge dismissed the review petitions. Thereafter, these review petitions were filed.



2. Scope of the review jurisdiction is constricted and well outlined. It cannot be an appeal in disguise. A review cannot be filed for a rehearing and fresh decision of a case. Finality is attached to a judgment and it cannot be reviewed except where a glaring omission or a patent mistake or grave error had crept in the judgment.

3. In these review petitions the ground raised is with regard to a video clip claimed to have recovered after the disposal of the appeals and Special Leave Petitions. Petitioners claim that late Mr.Lawrence had expressed his wish to bury his body following religious practices, in the said video clip. Their contention virtually is that the said relevant material could not be brought to the notice of the court during hearing of appeals despite due diligence and hence the judgment is liable to be reviewed.

4. The contesting party Respondent and the Principal of Government Medical College, Kalamassery have filed counter affidavits contending that the review petitions are not maintainable either in law or on facts. The contesting party Respondent has disputed the reliability and genuineness of the video clip.



5. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioners; learned Senior Counsel appearing for the contesting party Respondent and the learned Government Pleader.

6. On considering the arguments advanced and the materials placed before us, we are of the definite view that no ground is made out for exercising the review jurisdiction. We do not proceed to analyse and to comment upon the reliability of the video clip produced by the Petitioners. However we note that the Petitioners have no specific case as to when the video clip was recorded.

7. We had analyzed the relevant provisions of the Kerala Anatomy Act in the judgment sought to be reviewed. In view of Section 4A, what is germane is the expression of unequivocal request for donating the body by a person during his last illness.

8. The competent authority after an inquiry had found that the deceased had expressed his wish as contemplated under Section 4A. We concluded that there was no reason to find fault with the findings and to interfere.



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9. Even if the material now sought to be relied on by the Petitioners was also placed for consideration in the earlier round, it would not have made any difference in the outcome of the appeals since they do not have a case that the alleged expression of the deceased was videographed during his last illness.

10. Hence we find no reasons to review the judgment in the writ appeals. Review petitions are therefore dismissed.

Sd/-

NITIN JAMDAR
CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-

S.MANU
JUDGE

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APPENDIX OF RP 662/2025

PETITIONER ANNEXURES

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Annexure A-2	TRUE COPY OF THE PHOTOGRAPH DATED NIL
Annexure A-3	TRUE COPY OF THE PHOTOGRAPH DATED 23.09.2024
Annexure A-4	TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER OF THE APEX COURT IN SLP NOS. 897/2025 & 898/2025 DATED 15.01.2025

RESPONDENT ANNEXURES

Annexure R5(a)	True copy of the order dated 11.04.2025 in R.P.No.280 of 2025 of this Honourable Court.
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