

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V
&
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. JAYAKUMAR
Friday, the 5th day of December 2025 / 14th Agrahayana, 1947

SSCR NO. 37 OF 2025

**IN THE MATTER OF TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD - SABARIMALA SPECIAL COMMISSIONER
REPORT - SM.NO.37/2025 - REGARDING THE CROWD MANAGEMENT DURING MANDALA-
MAKARAVILAKKU SEASON 2025-2026 - SUO MOTU PROCEEDINGS INITIATED - REG:**

PETITIONER:

SUO MOTU

RESPONDENTS:

1. **STATE OF KERALA**
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
REVENUE (DEVASWOM) DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695001
2. **STATE POLICE CHIEF**
POLICE HEAD QUARTERS, VAZHUTHACAUD, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM -695 010
3. **THE DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF, PATHANAMTHITTA - 689 645**
4. **THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR**
COLLECTORATE, PATHANAMTHITTA, KERALA - 689645
5. **THE TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD**
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, NANTHANCOD, KAWDIAR POST,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 003
6. **DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER**
TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD, NANTHANCOD, KAWDIAR POST,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695003
7. **THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER**
SABARIMALA, PAMPA TRIVENI P.O., PATHANAMTHITTA - 689670
8. **THE CHIEF POLICE COORDINATOR**
(ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, (POLICE HEADQUARTERS)
SANNIDHANAM, SABARIMALA, PATHANAMTHITTA, PIN - 689 713

9. EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE
SANNIDHANAM, SABARIMALA, PATHANAMTHITTA - 689 713
10. CHIEF VIGILANCE AND SECURITY OFFICER
(SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE), TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD,
NANTHANCODE, KAWDIAR POST, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 003
11. PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
FOREST HEADQUARTERS, VAZHUTHACAUD, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695014
12. FOREST RANGE OFFICER
PAMBA RANGE, VALLAKKADAVU P.O., VANDIPERIYAR (VIA),
IDUKKI - 685553
13. KERALA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR, TRANSPORT BHAVAN,
FORT P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 035
14. THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER, KERALA
TRANSPORT COMMISSIONERATE, VAZHUTHACAUD,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 014
15. THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER (ENFORCEMENT)
STADIUM JUNCTION, KAIPATTOOR ROAD, NH 183A,
PATHANAMTHITTA - 689 645
16. THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES, GENERAL HOSPITAL JUNCTION,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 035
17. KERALA WATER AUTHORITY
REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR, JALABHAVAN,
VELLAYAMBALAM - 695033
18. EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD, TRANSMISSION DIVISION,
AZHOOR ROAD, PATHANAMTHITTA - 689645
19. DIRECTOR GENERAL
KERALA FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS, FIRE FORCE JUNCTION,
PULIMOODU P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695001
20. DEPUTY EXCISE COMMISSIONER
EXCISE DIVISION OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, DEVASWOM BOARD BUILDING,
PATHANAMTHITTA - 689645

21. THE DIG OF POLICE

GROUP CENTRE, CRPF, PALLIPURAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 316

***ADDL.R22 IMPEADED**

22. DEPUTY DIRECTOR,

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, (PERIYAR WEST DIVISION),

PERIYAR TIGER RESERVE, PEERUMEDU P.O., IDUKKI - 685531

***IS SUO MOTU IMPEADED AS ADDITIONAL 22ND RESPONDENT VIDE
ORDER DATED 19/11/2025 IN SSCR.NO.37/2025**

BY DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA

BY SRI.S.RAJMOHAN, SENIOR GOVERNMENT PLEADER

BY SRI.NAGARAJ NARAYANAN, SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER (FOREST)

BY STANDING COUNSEL FOR TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD

BY STANDING COUNSEL FOR KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD

BY STANDING COUNSEL FOR KERALA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

BY STANDING COUNSEL FOR KERALA WATER AUTHORITY

BY SMT.SAYUJYA RADHAKRISHNAN, AMICUS CURIAE FOR SABARIMALA

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER

**THIS SABARIMALA SPECIAL COMMISSIONER REPORT HAVING COME UP FOR
ORDERS AGAIN ON 05/12/2025, UPON PERUSING THE REPORT AND THIS COURT'S
ORDER DATED 03/12/2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:**

RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V., & K.V. JAYAKUMAR, JJ.

SSCR No. 37 OF 2025

Dated this the 5th day of December, 2025

ORDER

Raja Vijayaraghavan V., J.

This SSCR has been placed before us to ensure, review and affirm the adequacy of the special bandobust arrangements at Sannidhanam, which are invariably undertaken in the first week of December every year, having regard to the historical background of certain grave incidents associated with this period and the heightened sensitivity that the anniversary of such events continues to attract.

2. We have carefully examined the detailed report submitted by the Additional Director General of Police and Chief Co-ordinator, Sabarimala. The report details the proposed deployment of security personnel, access-control measures, surveillance protocols, intelligence coordination, and crowd-management strategies intended to ensure an atmosphere of calm and safety and to prevent any untoward event.

3. Having considered the materials on record, we find the report to be satisfactory, comprehensive, and well thought out. The Chief Co-ordinator shall, however, remain alert and shall ensure that all precautionary measures are implemented without exception. It shall be his responsibility to see that no stone is left unturned in strengthening the security architecture, maintaining seamless

inter-agency coordination, and preserving a smooth, secure, and safe environment at Sannidhanam throughout the critical period.

Post on 17.12.2025.

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**RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V,
JUDGE**

sd/-

**K.V. JAYAKUMAR,
JUDGE**

PS/5/12/2025

