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2025:KER:15559

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WA NO. 202 OF 2025

AGAINST THE JUDGMENT DATED 18/12/2024 IN WP(C) NO.39848 OF 2024 OF
HIGH COURT OF KERALA

APPELLANT/S:

STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY,
LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695001

BY ADVS.
GOVERNMENT PLEADER
ADVOCATE GENERAL OFFICE KERALA
K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL ()
SHRI.V.MANU, SENIOR G.P. (GP-46)
SMT.DEEPA K.R., SPL.G.P. (LSGD) ()

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 ABDUL GAFOOR,
AGED 53 YEARS
S/O AHAMMEDKUTTY, PULPARAMBIL HOUSE, KALLURUTTY.P.O,
OMASSERY VIA, KOZHIKKODE, PIN - 673582
- 2 A.P.UMMER,
AGED 59 YEARS
S/O PAKKAR, IRUMBIDAKANDY HOUSE, KALLURUTTY.P.O, OMASSERY
VIA, KOZHIKKODE, PIN - 673582



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- 3 ABDUL NAZAR,
 AGED 58 YEARS
 S/O ALIKUTTY HAJI, KAVUNGAMKUZHIYIL HOUSE, VAVAD P.O,
 NELLANKANDI, KODUVALLY, KOZHIKKODE, PIN - 673572
- 4 V. ABDURAHIMAN,
 AGED 63 YEARS
 S/O MOIDEEN, VELLARAMMAL HOUSE, KAVUNGAMKUZHIYIL HOUSE, VAVAD
 P.O, KODUVALLY, KOZHIKKODE, PIN - 673572
- 5 A.P. KUNJABDULLA,
 AGED 70 YEARS
 S/O MAMMAD, GREEN DAEL, PAYYOLI, KOZHIKKODE, PIN - 673522
- 6 V.K.ABDURAHIMAN,
 AGED 60 YEARS
 S/O MOIDU, VADAKKE KANJIROLI, PAYYOLI, KOZHIKKODE, PIN -
 673572
- 7 STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
 OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
 COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
 695033
- 8 DELIMITATION COMMISSION,
 OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
 COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
 695033
- 9 DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER,
 OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE KOZHIKODE,,
 PIN - 673020
- 10 SECRETARY,
 MUKKAM MUNICIPALITY, MUKKAM.P.O., KOZHIKKODE DISTRICT, PIN -
 673602
- 11 SECRETARY,
 KODUVALLY MUNICIPALITY, KODUVALLY.P.O., KOZHIKKODE DISTRICT,,
 PIN - 673572
- 12 SECRETARY,
 PAYYOLI MUNICIPALITY, PAYYOLI.P.O., KOZHIKKODE DISTRICT, PIN -
 673522



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13 REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER,
 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NDCC
 BUILDING-II, JAISINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI, PIN - 110001

BY ADVS.
DEEPU LAL MOHAN
SURESH KUMAR KODOTH
ACHUTH KRISHNAN R
TC KRISHNA SCGC

THIS WRIT APPEAL HAVING BEEN FINALLY HEARD ON 21.02.2025, ALONG WITH
WP(C).537/2025, 730/2025 AND CONNECTED CASES, THE COURT ON 24.02.2025
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WP(C) NO. 537 OF 2025

PETITIONER/S:

ALEYAMMA @ SHINY SUNNY CHERIAN,
AGED 49 YEARS
W/O SUNNY CHERIAN, KUTTIPPURATHU, VETTIKUZHAKAVALA,
KATTAPPANA, IDUKKI, PIN - 685508

BY ADVS.
GEORGE SEBASTIAN
ADITYA T.P.
ANTONY THOMAS

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 THE STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT, VIKASBHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 2 THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
REP.BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, OFFICE OF THE STATE
ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE COMPLEX, LMS
JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695033
- 3 THE STATE DELIMITATION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, REP. BY
ITS SECRETARY, PIN - 695033



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- 4 THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER,
DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICE IDUKKI, OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT
COLLECTOR,CIVIL STATION IDUKKI RD, IDUKKI, PIN - 685603
- 5 THE REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NDCC
BUILDING-II, JAISINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI, PIN - 110001
- 6 THE KATTAPANA MUNICIPALITY,
KATTAPANA MUNICIPAL OFFICE, KATTAPPANA, IDUKKI , REP. BY ITS
SECRETARY, PIN - 685508

BY ADVS.
K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL()
DEEPU LAL MOHAN
UNNIKRISHNAN V ALAPATT
SHRI.V.MANU, SENIOR G.P. (GP-46)
SMT.DEEPA K.R., SPL.G.P. (LSGD) ()
TC KRISHNA SCGC

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WP(C) NO. 730 OF 2025

PETITIONER/S:

C. SAMEER,
AGED 54 YEARS
S/O. POCKU, RESIDING AT SAMHAZ, NEERCHAL, KANNUR DISTRICT,
PIN - 670003

BY ADVS.
NISHA GEORGE
GEORGE POONTHOTTAM (SR.)
SIDHARTH.R.WARIYAR
SILPA SREEKUMAR

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 2 STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033
- 3 STATE DELIMITATION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033



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- 4 DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER,
OFFICE OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR, CIVIL STATION, COLLECTORATE
ROAD, KANNUR, PIN - 670002
- 5 THE KANNUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, THALAP P.O., KANNUR, PIN -
670017
- 6 REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NDCC
BUILDING-II, JAISINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI, PIN - 110001

BY ADVS.
K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL()
DEEPU LAL MOHAN
M.MEENA JOHN
SHRI.V.MANU, SENIOR G.P. (GP-46)
SMT.DEEPA K.R., SPL.G.P. (LSGD) ()
TC KRISHNA SCGC

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WP(C) NO. 1750 OF 2025

PETITIONER/S:

REJI JOHN,
AGED 53 YEARS
S/O. JOHN, PLATHOTTATHIL HOUSE, OLIYAPURAM P.O.,
KOOHATTUKULAM, ERNAKULAM, PIN - 686662

BY ADVS.
JAMES ABRAHAM (VILAYAKATTU)
AMMU ASHOKAN

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, LOCAL SELF
GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 2 THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
REPRESENTED BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, OFFICE OF
THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE COMPLEX,
LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695033
- 3 THE STATE DELIMITATION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, PIN -
695033



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- 4 THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER,
DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICE, ERNAKULAM, CIVIL STATION,
KAKKANADU, ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682030
- 5 THE REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NDCC
BUILDING, -II, JAISING ROAD, . NEW DELHI, PIN - 110011
- 6 KOOHATTUKULAM MUNICIPALITY,
KOOHATTUKULAM MUNICIPAL OFFICE, KOOHATTUKULAM, ERNAKULAM
DISTRICT., REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, PIN - 686662

BY ADVS.
K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL()
DEEPU LAL MOHAN
K.S.ARUN KUMAR
SHRI.V.MANU, SENIOR G.P. (GP-46)
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WP(C) NO. 2009 OF 2025

PETITIONER/S:

- 1 SURESH.K
AGED 51 YEARS
S/O KUTTY KRISHNAN NAIR, RESIDING AT THAPOVANAM HOUSE,
PERIMBADARI POST, MANNARKKAD, PALAKKAD, PIN - 678762
- 2 MOHAMMED BASHEER.E
AGED 57 YEARS
S/O ESMAIL PILLAI, RESIDING AT SEENA NIVAS, HILL VIEW NAGAR,
PERIMBADARI P.O., MANNARKKAD, PALAKKAD, PIN - 678762

BY ADVS.
T.C.SURESH MENON
B.DEEPAK
ANNA ROSE

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL SELF
GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695033
- 2 STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, CORPORATION
OFFICE COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
PIN - 695033



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- 3 DELIMITATION COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033
- 4 DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER,
OFFICE OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE, PALAKKAD, PIN -
678001
- 5 REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NDCC
BUILDING-II, JAISINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI, PIN - 110001
- 6 MANNARKKAD MUNICIPALITY
MANNARKKAD, PALAKKAD, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY., PIN -
678582

BY ADVS.
K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL()
DEEPU LAL MOHAN
SHRI.V.MANU, SENIOR G.P. (GP-46)
SMT.DEEPA K.R., SPL.G.P. (LSGD) ()
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WA NO. 194 OF 2025

AGAINST THE JUDGMENT DATED 18/12/2024 IN WP(C) NO.39894 OF 2024 OF
HIGH COURT OF KERALA

APPELLANT/S:

STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY,
LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695001

BY ADVS.

ADVOCATE GENERAL OFFICE KERALA
K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL ()
SHRI.V.MANU, SENIOR G.P. (GP-46)
SMT.DEEPA K.R., SPL.G.P. (LSGD) ()

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 ABDUL MUTHALIB T.P.,
AGED 70 YEARS
S/O.MAMMU T.K, RAZIYA MANZIL, KALIKADAV, PADNE, KASARGOD,
PIN - 671312
- 2 AHAMED SHEREEF HAJI,
AGED 66 YEARS
S/O A.R.MAHIN HAJI, BAITHUL RAHMA, THEKKEPURAM, PADNE P.O,
KASARGODE, PIN - 671312



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- 3 STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033
- 4 DELIMITATION COMMISSION, SUBSTITUTED
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695 033
(THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF R3 IS SUBSTITUTED AS PER ORDER
DATED 18-11-2024 IN IA 1/24 IN WPC 39894/2024), PIN - 695033
- 5 DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER;
OFFICE OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE, KOZHIKODE
CORRECTED AND SUSTITUTED AS DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER,
OFFICE OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE, KASARGODE, PIN -
671123 (NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE 3RD RESPONDENT SUBSTITUTED
AS R4 AND THE ADDRESS OF SUBSTITUTED R4 IS CORRECTED AS PER
ORDER DATED 18-11-2024 IN IA 3/34 IN WPC 39894/2024), PIN -
671123
- 6 SECRETARY,
PADNE GRAMA PANCHAYAT, KASARGODE, PIN - 671312, PIN - 671312
- 7 REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NDCC
BUILDING-II, JAISINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI (THE ABOVE AMENDMENT
IS MADE VIDE ORDER DATED 18-11-2024 IN IA 1/24, 2/24 AND
3/24 IN WPC 39894/2024), PIN - 110001

BY ADVS.
DEEPU LAL MOHAN
TC KRISHNA SCGC

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WA NO. 198 OF 2025

AGAINST THE JUDGMENT 18/12/2024 DATED IN WP(C) NO.39810 OF 2024 OF
HIGH COURT OF KERALA

APPELLANT/S:

STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001

BY ADVS.
GOVERNMENT PLEADER
ADVOCATE GENERAL OFFICE KERALA
K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL()
SHRI.V.MANU, SENIOR G.P. (GP-46)
SMT.DEEPA K.R., SPL.G.P. (LSGD) ()

RESPONDENT/S:

1 AYYOOB.M.P.K.,
 AGED 44 YEARS
 S/O. YOUSUF, BUSINESS, RESIDING AT PUTHAN MADATHIL HOUSE,
 PERINGATHUR.P.O, THALASSERY TALUK, KANNUR DISTRICT, PIN -
 670675



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- 2 STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033
- 3 DELIMITATION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,, PIN -
695033
- 4 DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER,
OFFICE OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE, KANNUR,, PIN -
670002
- 5 SECRETARY, PANOOR MUNICIPALITY,
PANOOR.P.O., KANNUR DISTRICT,, PIN - 670692

BY ADVS.
DEEPU LAL MOHAN

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WA NO. 199 OF 2025

AGAINST THE JUDGMENT DATED 18/12/2024 IN WP(C) NO.40592 OF 2024 OF
HIGH COURT OF KERALA

APPELLANT/S:

STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695033

BY ADVS.
GOVERNMENT PLEADER
ADVOCATE GENERAL OFFICE KERALA
K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL()
SHRI.V.MANU, SENIOR G.P. (GP-46)
SMT.DEEPA K.R., SPL.G.P. (LSGD) ()

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 E.P.SHAMSUDHEEN,
AGED 57 YEARS
S/O T P UMMER, DARUL FALAH, PALOTTUPALLY P.O., MATTANNUR,
CHAVASSERY, KANNUR, PIN - 670702
- 2 O.K.PRASAD KUMAR,
AGED 44 YEARS
S/O KUNHIRAMAN NAMBIAR, MANGALATHVAYAL, METTADI P.O.,
PORORACHAVASSERY, KANNUR, PIN - 670702



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-:17:-

2025:KER:15559

- 3 STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION,PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033
- 4 DELIMITATION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION,PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033
- 5 DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER,
OFFICE OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE, KANNUR, PIN -
670002
- 6 REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NDCC
BUILDING-II, JAISINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI, PIN - 110001
- 7 SECRETARY,
MATTANNUR MUNICIPALITY, MATTANNUR, KANNUR, PIN - 670702

BY ADVS.
DEEPU LAL MOHAN
P.V.ANOOP
TC KRISHNA SCGC

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-:18:-

2025:KER:15559

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WA NO. 201 OF 2025

AGAINST THE JUDGMENT DATED 18/12/2024 IN WP(C) NO.40460 OF 2024 OF
HIGH COURT OF KERALA

APPELLANT/S:

STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY,
LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695001

BY ADVS.
GOVERNMENT PLEADER
ADVOCATE GENERAL OFFICE KERALA
K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL()
SHRI.V.MANU, SENIOR G.P. (GP-46)
SMT.DEEPA K.R., SPL.G.P. (LSGD) ()

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 ABDUL HAKKIM RASI,
 AGED 43 YEARS
 S/O ABDUL SALAM, CHIRACKAL HOUSE, SANKARAMNAGALAM, CKM
 COLONY, PATTAMBI, PALAKKAD, PIN - 679303
- 2 STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
 OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
 COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
 695033



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-:19:-

2025:KER:15559

- 3 DELIMITATION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033
- 4 DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER,
OFFICE OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE, PALAKKAD, PIN -
678001
- 5 SECRETARY,
PATTAMBI MUNICIPALITY, PATTAMBI.P.O., PALAKKAD DISTRICT, PIN
- 679303
- 6 REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NDCC BUILDING-
II, JAISINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI, PIN - 110001

BY ADVS.
DEEPU LAL MOHAN
HAROON RASHEED A
TC KRISHNA SCGC

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-:20:-

2025:KER:15559

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WA NO. 203 OF 2025

AGAINST THE JUDGMENT DATED 18/12/2024 IN WP(C) NO.39939 OF 2024 OF
HIGH COURT OF KERALA

APPELLANT/S:

STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001

BY
SHRI K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL
SHRI.V.MANU, SENIOR G.P. (GP-46)
SMT.DEEPA K.R., SPL.G.P. (LSGD) ()

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 GEO JACOB,
AGED 49 YEARS
S/O. VARKEY, PUTHUPPARAMBIL, CHEMPANTHOTTY P.O., KANNUR, PIN
- 670631
- 2 MOHANAN M. P.,
AGED 63 YEARS
ADVOCATE, S/O. KRISHNAN, ‘AKHILAM', KOOTTUMUGHAM P.O.,
KANNUR, PIN - 670631



[W.A.Nos.202/2025, 194/2025, 198/2025, 199/2025, 201/2025, 203/2025, 204/2025, W.P.(C).Nos.43470/2024, 46191/2024, 46523/2024, 46542/2024, 537/2025, 730/2025, 1750/2025, 2009/2025, 4176/2025, 5948/2025]

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2025:KER:15559

- 3 STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033
- 4 STATE DELIMITATION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033
- 5 DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER,
OFFICE OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR, CIVIL STATION, COLLECTORATE
ROAD, KANNUR, PIN - 670002
- 6 SREEKANDAPURAM MUNICIPALITY,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, SREEKANDAPURAM, KANNUR, PIN -
670631
- 7 REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NDCC
BUILDING-II, JAISINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI, PIN - 110001

BY ADVS.
DEEPU LAL MOHAN
ACHUTH KRISHNAN R
TC KRISHNA SCGC

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-:22:-

2025:KER:15559

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WA NO. 204 OF 2025

AGAINST THE JUDGMENT DATED 18/12/2024 IN WP(C) NO.39989 OF 2024 OF
HIGH COURT OF KERALA

APPELLANT/S:

STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY,
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001

BY ADVS.
GOVERNMENT PLEADER
ADVOCATE GENERAL OFFICE KERALA
K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL()
SHRI.V.MANU, SENIOR G.P. (GP-46)
SMT.DEEPA K.R., SPL.G.P. (LSGD) ()

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 ANWAR ALI.K. ,
AGED 47 YEARS
S/O MUHAMMED KUTTY, AGED 47 YEARS, ARAFA HOME 8/4, CHUNGAM
FEROKE, KOZHIKKODE, PIN - 673631
- 2 K.M. HANEEFA,
AGED 46 YEARS
S/O ACHAMU.K,PULLUNNIPPADAM HOUSE,
KARUVANTHURUTHI.P.O,FEROKE, KOZHIKKODE, PIN - 673631



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-:23:-

2025:KER:15559

- 3 STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033
- 4 DELIMITATION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033
- 5 DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER,
[OFFICE OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE, PALAKKAD - 678
001] CORRECTED. (THE ADDRESS OF THE 4TH RESPONDENT IS
CORRECTED AS "DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF DISTRICT
COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE, KOZHIKODE, PIN 673020" AS PER ORDER
DATED 18.11.2024 IN I.A.1/2024 IN WP(C)39989/2024), PIN -
678001
- 6 SECRETARY,
FEROKE MUNICIPALITY, FEROKE.P.O., KOZHIKODE DISTRICT, PIN -
673602
- 7 REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NDCC BUILDING-
II, JAISINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI, PIN - 110001

BY ADVS.
DEEPU LAL MOHAN
ACHUTH KRISHNAN R
TC KRISHNA SCGC

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-:24:-

2025:KER:15559

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WP(C) NO. 4176 OF 2025

PETITIONER/S:

ROY ABRAHAM,
AGED 61 YEARS
S/O N I ABRAHAM, CHATHAMTHADATHIL, EDAYAR, EDAYAR P
O, KOOTHATTUKULAM, ERNAKULAM, KERALA, PIN - 686662

BY ADVS.
GAYATHRI MURALEEDHARAN
BONNY BABY
ARCHANA B.
NAEEM

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA, PIN - 695001
- 2 STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, KERALA,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA,
PIN - 695033
- 3 STATE DELIMITATION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA,
PIN - 695033



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2025:KER:15559

- 4 DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER,
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE, KAKKANAD ,
ERNAKULAM, KERALA, PIN - 682030
- 5 REGISTRAR GENERAL AND SENSUS COMMISSIONER,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NDCC
BUILDING-II, JAISING ROAD, NEW DELHI, PIN - 110001
- 6 KOOTHATTUKULAM MUNICIPALITY,
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, ERNAKULAM, KERALA, PIN -
686662

BY SHRI K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL()
SHRI DEEPULAL MOHAN
SHRI.V.MANU, SENIOR G.P. (GP-46)
SMT.DEEPA K.R., SPL.G.P. (LSGD) ()
TC KRISHNA SCGC

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-:26:-

2025:KER:15559

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WP(C) NO. 5948 OF 2025

PETITIONER/S:

- 1 JACOB SEBASTIAN,
AGED 60 YEARS
S/O SEBASTAIN, KOOTUNGAL HOUSE, ONDAYANGADI, VEMOM P.O,
WAYANAD DISTRICT, PIN - 670645
- 2 V.U JOY,
AGED 55 YEARS
S/O ULAHANNAN, VILAYANICKAL HOUSE, KANIYARAM, MANANTHAVADY
POST, WAYANAD DISTRICT, PIN - 670645

BY ADVS.
K.N.ABHILASH
SUNIL NAIR PALAKKAT

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY,LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 2 STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMSJ UNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033



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-:27:-

2025:KER:15559

- 3 STATE DELIMITATION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033
- 4 DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER,
OFFICE OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR,CIVIL STATION, KALPETTA,
WAYANAD, PIN - 673121
- 5 MANANTHAVADY MUNICIPALITY,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,MANANTHAVADY, WAYANAD, PIN -
670645
- 6 REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS,NDCC BUILDING-
II, JAISINGH ROAD, NEWDELHI, PIN - 110001

BY ADVS.
ADVOCATE GENERAL OFFICE KERALA
SHRI K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL()
SHRI.DEEPULAL MOHAN, SC, STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, KERALA
DEEPU LAL MOHAN
SANTHARAM.P
SMT.DEEPA K.R., SPL.G.P.(LSGD)()
TC KRISHNA SCGC

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-:28:-

2025:KER:15559

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WP(C) NO. 43470 OF 2024

PETITIONER/S:

AJITHAKUMAR K
AGED 58 YEARS
S/O KUNJUKUTTAN NAIR, KRUMATHIL, MUNDATHICODE, THRISSUR,
KERALA, PIN - 680601

BY ADVS.
P.A.MOHAMMED SHAH
RENOY VINCENT
SHAHIR SHOWKATH ALI
CHELSON CHEMBARATHY
ABEE SHEJIRIK FASLA N.K
NANDA SURENDRAN
SAHAL SHAJAHAN
AQUIN KURUVILLA TOM
M.N.MOHAMMED HUSSAIN

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY
LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695001
- 2 STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033



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2025:KER:15559

- 3 DELIMITATION COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033
- 4 DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER
OFFICE OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE, THRISSUR, PIN -
680003
- 5 SECRETARY
WADAKKANCHERRY MUNICIPALITY, THRISSUR, PIN - 680623
- 6 REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NDCC
BUILDING-II, JAISINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI, PIN - 110001

BY ADVS.
K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL()
DEEPU LAL MOHAN
SHRI.V.MANU, SENIOR G.P. (GP-46)
SMT.DEEPA K.R., SPL.G.P. (LSGD) ()
TC KRISHNA SCGC

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-:30:-

2025:KER:15559

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

&

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WP(C) NO. 46191 OF 2024

PETITIONER/S:

- 1 K ABDUL KHADER
AGED 61 YEARS
S/O KUNJAHAMMED, KOMBIL HOUSE, PACHILALAM, CHAVASSERY,
OLIYIL, KANNUR-, PIN - 670702
- 2 ASHRAF CHUNGHASTHASNATH KUNNUPURAM
AGED 45 YEARS
S/O C MOIDEENKUTTY, FATHIMA MANZIL, OLD POST OFFICE,
CHAVASSERY, KANNUR-, PIN - 670702

BY ADVS.
P.E.SAJAL
AJAS K.S.
MUHAMMED HISHAM T.

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 2 STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695033



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2025:KER:15559

- 3 DELIMITATION COMMISSION
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION
COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION,
PALAYAM, THIRUVANATHAPURAM-, PIN - 695033
- 4 DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER [CORRECTED]
OFFICE OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE, PALAKKAD-678001
[DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
COLLECTORATE, KANNUR 670 002 (THE ADDRESS OF THE 4TH
RESPONDENT IS CORRECTED AS PER ORDER DATED 03.02.2025 IN
I.A.1/2024 IN WP(C)46191/2024)]
- 5 THE SECRETARY
IRITTY MUNICIPALITY, IRITTY, KANNUR DIST, PIN - 670703

BY ADVS.
K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL()
DEEPU LAL MOHAN
RAVI SANKAR P K
SHRI.V.MANU, SENIOR G.P. (GP-46)
SMT.DEEPA K.R., SPL.G.P. (LSGD) ()

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2025:KER:15559

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. KRISHNA KUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 / 5TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WP(C) NO. 46523 OF 2024

PETITIONER/S:

MUHAMMED FAISAL
AGED 48 YEARS
S/O MARAKKAR, THATTARAKKADAN, ANAMULI, THENKARA, MANNARKAD,
PALAKKAD, PIN - 678582

BY ADVS.
P.A.MOHAMMED SHAH
RENOY VINCENT
SHAHIR SHOWKATH ALI
CHELSON CHEMBARATHY
ABEE SHEJIRIK FASLA N.K
NANDA SURENDRAN
SAHAL SHAJAHAN
AQUIN KURUVILLA TOM
M.N.MOHAMMED HUSSAIN

RESPONDENT/S:

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REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 2 STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, CORPORATION OFFICE
COMPLEX, LMS JUNCTION, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
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- 3 DELIMITATION COMMISSION
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- 4 DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER
DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
COLLECTORATE, PALAKKAD, PIN - 678001
- 5 SECRETARY
THENKARAGRAMA PANCHAYAT, MANNARKAD-II, PALAKKAD, PIN -
678582
- 6 REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NDCC
BUILDING-II, JAISINGH ROAD, NEW DELHI, PIN - 110001

BY ADVS.
K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL()
DEEPU LAL MOHAN
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AGED 54 YEARS
S/O. ABDU, AGED 54 YEARS, 11/40, ALLAMKULAM STREET NO.7,
TALIPARAMBA, KANNUR, KERALA, PIN - 670142
- 2 ABDUL SAMAD.P.P,
AGED 54 YEARS
S/O. IBRAHIM MUSLIYAR KV, ZAINABA MANZIL, KADAMBERY,
P.O.KANUL, TALIPARAMBA, KANNUR, KERALA, PIN - 670562

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SECRETARY, ANTHOOR MUNICIPALITY, KANNUR, PIN - 670563
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Dated this the 24th day of February, 2025

A.Muhamed Mustaque, J.

These appeals and writ petitions address the same issue regarding the validity of a government notification that increased the number of seats in the Village Panchayat under the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, and in the Town Panchayat Municipality within Municipal Corporations under the Kerala Municipality Act, 1994 (collectively referred to as Local Authorities). The relevant statutory provisions for determining the strength of these bodies are found in Section 6 of both Acts. The central question is whether the Government has the authority to issue a notification under Section 6(1) of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act and Section 6(1) of the Kerala Municipality Act to increase the strength of the local authority without



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a fresh census to determine the population of the local authority's territorial area, as required under Section 6(2) of the respective statutes. Some of the cases also challenge the amendment of the statutory provision that increased the strength of the local authority.

2. A learned Single Judge in a series of writ petitions held the view that the determination of strength for the formation of a Municipality or Panchayat can only be ascertained based on the most current census data reflecting the population.

3. The issue arose following an amendment in 2024 that increased the strength of the local authority. The argument was that the Government cannot simply notify an increase in strength based on a change in statutory provisions without following the prescribed legal procedure, which includes altering the notification according to each census. Additionally, the amendment to the statutory provisions increasing the strength is also being challenged. The challenge was made before this Court by residents of the Grama Panchayat, Municipality etc.



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4. Before proceeding further, it is appropriate to refer to the relevant statutory provisions to understand the arguments.

4. i. Section 6 of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 refers to the strength of Panchayats as follows:

"6. Strength of Panchayats. (1) The total number of seats in a Village Panchayat, a Block Panchayat and a District Panchayat to be filled by direct election shall be notified by the Government in accordance with the scale specified in sub-section (3) with reference to the population of the territorial area of the panchayat concerned.

(2) The Government may after publication of the relevant figures of each census, by notification alter the total number of seats in a Panchayat notified under sub-section (1) subject to the scale specified in sub-section (3).

(3) The number of seats to be notified under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) shall not, -

(a) in these case of Village Panchayat, be less than fourteen or more than twenty four;

(b) in these case of a Block Panchayat, be less than fourteen or more than twenty four;

(c) in these case of a District Panchayat, be less than seventeen or more than thirty three;

Provided that the ratio between the population of the territorial area of a Panchayat at any level and the number of seats in such Panchayats to be filled by election shall, so far as practicable, be the same throughout the State.

(4) The procedure for fixing the strength of a Panchayat shall be such as may be prescribed."



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4. ii. Section 6 of the Municipality Act, 1994 reads as follows:

"6. Constitution of Council. (1) The Government shall, in accordance with the criteria specified in sub-section (3), notify the total number of seats of the Councillors to be filled up by direct election in a Town Panchayat, Municipality and Municipal Corporation considering the population of the area of the Municipality concerned.

(2) The Government may, after publishing the relevant data according to each census, vary the total number of seats of Councillors in a Municipality notified under sub-section (1) subject to the criteria specified in sub-section (3).

(3) The number of seats of Councillors notified under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), shall be,-

(a) In the case of a Town Panchayat or a Municipal Council,-

(i) Twenty-six, where the population in the area of the Town Panchayat or Municipal Council does not exceed twenty thousand, and

(ii) Where the population of the Town Panchayat or Municipal Council exceeds twenty thousand, twenty-six councillors for the population of first twenty thousand, and one each for every two thousand and five hundred of the population exceeding twenty thousand, subject to a maximum of fifty-three Councillors;

(b) In the case of a Municipal Corporation,-

(i) fifty-six, where the population in the area of the Municipal Corporation does not exceed four lakhs, and

(ii) Where the population exceeds four lakhs, fifty-six councilors for the population of first four lakhs and one each for every ten thousand and one exceeding four lakhs subject to a maximum of one hundred and one Councillors.

(4) The Councillors of every Municipality shall be elected by direct election.

(5) Specified seats shall be reserved for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in every Municipality. The number of seats to be reserved in a Municipality shall be determined by the Government. The number of seats so reserved shall bear, as nearly as may be, the same proportion to the total number of seats to be filled by direct election in that Municipality as the population of the Scheduled Castes in the municipal area or of the Scheduled Tribes in the municipal area bears to the total population of that area and such seats may be allotted by rotation to



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different wards in a Municipality as the State Election Commission or an officer authorised by it may, determine for each general election:

Provided that where the population of the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes in a municipal area is not sufficient to make them eligible for the reservation of any seat, one seat shall be reserved in that Municipality for the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes having higher population.

(6) Fifty per cent (in the case of fraction, it shall be fixed to the next higher integer) of the total number of seats reserved under sub-section (5) shall be reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes, or as the case may be, the Scheduled Tribes:

Provided that where the number of seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes or as the case may be, the Scheduled Tribes under sub-section (5) is only one, that seat need not be reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes or, as the case may be, the Scheduled Tribes.

(7) Fifty per cent (in the case of fraction, it shall be fixed to the next higher integer) (including the number of seats reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) of the total number of seats to be filled by direct election in every Municipality shall be reserved by the Government for women and such seats may be allotted by rotation to different wards in a Municipality as the State Election Commission or an officer authorised by it may, by notification in the Gazette, determine for each general election.

(8) Nothing contained in sub-sections (5) to (7) shall be deemed to prevent persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes or Women from being a candidate to the election to the unreserved seats in a Municipality.

(9) The officer authorised in this behalf by the State Election Commission shall, by draw of lots, determine the wards to which seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under sub-section (5) and for Women under sub-sections (6) and (7) are to be allotted by rotation at such time and on such date and at such place as may be notified by the Commission.

(10) Immediately after deciding the reserved wards under sub-section (9), the State Election Commission shall notify the list of wards so reserved, in the manner prescribed."



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SUBMISSIONS:

5. The learned Senior Counsel, Shri George Poonthottam, appearing for one of the writ petitioners, argued that the power to issue notification under Section 6(1) of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act is circumscribed by the statutory provision under Section 6(2), which mandates placing relevance on figures of each census. It was submitted that the last census was conducted in the year 2011 and the strength of the Panchayat, Municipality and Municipal Corporation was fixed based on the population referred to in such census and therefore, any alteration as referred in sub-section (2) of Section 6 of both Legislations can be based only on a fresh census. It was submitted that in the notification issued under Section 6(1), the Government had cited the increase of population as a reason for issuing the notification without reference to relevant figures in the census. The exercise of alteration of the total number of seats can only be done through a fresh census as contemplated under sub-



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section (2) of Section 6. It is submitted that under Section 6(2), it is stipulated that alteration of the total number of seats by the Government shall be made by relying on the figures of each census. It is their argument that Section 6(1) notification increasing the strength of Panchayat and Municipality without undertaking a fresh census is illegal and contrary to the statutory provisions. The learned counsel also submitted that it is a mandate of Section 69 of the Municipality Act as well as Section 10 of the Panchayat Raj Act that the population of each constituency as far as practicable be the same in a Panchayat area and Municipality. Therefore, the amendment brought to Section 6(3), increasing the strength of members of the local authority is a colourable exercise of legislative power without there being relevant figures undertaken through the census.

6. Adv. Mohammed Shah appearing for some of the writ petitioners placed reliance on the judgment of the Apex Court in **Opto Circuit India Ltd. v. Axis Bank and Others [AIR 2021 SC 753]**, submitted that when a particular act has to be done in a



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particular manner, deviating from the procedure will render any notification issued under Section 6(1) as illegal. The learned counsel also placed reliance on the judgment of the Apex Court in **Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam v. Secretary Governors Secretariat and Others [(2020) 6 SCC 548]** and submitted that the delimitation process must be undertaken in accordance with the constitutional object of Part IX of the Constitution. The learned counsel submits that the 'population' has been defined under Article 243-P(g) as "ascertained at the last preceding census of which the relevant figures have been published" to substantiate his point that population figures based on the fresh census are required to alter the strength of the local authority.

7. It is further argued by the learned counsel Adv. Mohammed Shah that the exercise now undertaken by the Government in altering the strength is not in accordance with Section 6(2) of both the enactments and there is no bar under law in questioning such illegal exercise. The learned counsel placed reliance



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on the Apex Court judgment in **Kishorchandra Chhanganlal Rathod v. Union of India and Others [(2024) 7 SCR 1124]**. The learned counsel placed reliance on the judgment of the Orissa High Court in **Brundaban Chandra Dhir Narendra v. The State of Orissa in the Revenue Department and Others [AIR 1953 ORISSA 121]** and further submitted that any statutory power exercised with ulterior motives is questionable before the Constitutional court.

8. The learned Senior Counsel Shri George Poonthottam submitted that the notification issued by the Government is a colourable exercise of power as a political tool under the camouflage of invoking statutory provisions. The learned Senior Counsel further submitted that once the strength of the local authority is determined based on the census in the year 2011, it cannot be altered without any reason. Therefore, in the absence of any reasons, this exercise is nothing but a misuse of the executive power of the Government. The learned Senior Counsel reiterated that alteration of strength is



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only possible based on relevant figures of the population in the fresh census and not based on the census already relied on to fix the strength of the present local bodies.

9. The learned counsel Shri R. Surendran, apart from reiterating the submission made by the learned Senior Counsel Shri George Poonthottam and learned counsel Shri Mohammed Shah raised one more ground to challenge. According to him, notification under Section 6(1) can be issued only after undertaking a new census as referred under Section 6(2) as Section 4 of the Municipality Act is constituted based on the notification issued under Section 6(1). Therefore, any further alteration is possible either based on a fresh census or only based on the Government exercising power under Section 4(2) of the Municipality Act, making changes or alterations to the nature and composition of the existing body. The learned counsel Shri R.Surendran placed reliance on the judgment of the Apex Court in **State of Goa v. Fouziya Imtiaz Shaikh and Another [2021 KHC 6161]**, and submitted that the jurisdiction of



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this Court is not affected to challenge the illegal act of the Government altering the strength of local authority.

10. The learned Advocate General appearing for the State submitted that the strength of the local authority is fixed by the State exercising legislative power and therefore, it is a prelude to the delimitation process and there is a bar under Article 243-O of the Constitution for this Court to interfere with the validity of any law relating to delimitation of the Constituencies. The learned Advocate General placed reliance on the judgment of the Apex Court in **Fouziya Imtiaz Shaikh's** (supra).

11. The learned Advocate General submitted that it is for the Government to decide in what manner areas of the local body will have to be delimited in conformity with Constitutional provisions and statutory provisions. Placing reliance on **State of U.P. and Others v. Pradhan Sangh Kshettra Samiti and Others [1995 Supp (2) SCC 305]**, the learned Advocate General submitted that the present act of the Government notifying increase of strength is according to



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the criteria prescribed under Section 6(3). The learned Advocate General also placed reliance on the judgment dated 22.10.2024 of a learned Single Judge of the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur in **W.P.(C). No.3693/2024 & connected cases** to argue that there is no bar for the Government to undertake the delimitation process based on the census already relied on for the determination of the earlier number of wards in each local authority.

FINDINGS OF LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE IN THE COMMON JUDGMENT IN W.P.(C).No.39989/2024 & CONN.CASES, DATED 18/12/2024:

12. The learned Single Judge was of the view that on the constitution of the local authority, the Government is given power under Section 6(1) to notify the total number of seats to be filled considering the population of the area, based on census. Once such fixation is done, it can be varied under Section 6(2) after the publication of the relevant data according to each census. The learned Single Judge related the delimitation process with the relevant figures in the census. According to the learned Single Judge,



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once the delimitation process is exercised relying on relevant figures in the census, in this case, 2011, further delimitation can be made only based on current data. According to the learned Single Judge, conducting a delimitation process using outdated or previously used data undermines the validity of the exercise and contradicts Section 6(2) of both enactments. The learned Single Judge is of the view that the population referred to must be based on the officially published census as referred to in Article 243(e) and (g) of the Constitution. Therefore, the Government cannot vary the number of seats based on earlier census rendering the very objective of Section 6(2) redundant. The learned Single Judge, noting that an exercise already undertaken based on the census in 2011 to fix the strength, opined that the present notification which is under challenge is legally unsustainable.

13. After hearing submissions, we find that the following points need to be considered in this matter:

I. Does the challenge to Section 6(3), which modifies the



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strength of the local authority, fall within the scope of the delimitation process and thereby attract the bar under Article 243-O of the Constitution?

II. Does the impugned notification violate the mandatory procedure for altering the strength of the local authority?

Point I.

14. Article 243-O of the Constitution places a complete bar on the Court to entertain the validity of law relating to the delimitation of constituencies or allotment of seats to such constituencies. The Constitution did not define delimitation. Delimitation is normally understood as a process of changing the boundary of the Constituency. In **V. Ramachandra Reddy and Another v. State of Andhra Pradesh And Others [AIR 1965 AP 40]**, the High Court of Andhra Pradesh has observed that "The word 'delimit' in its natural sense means 'to mark out as a boundary' to bound; to mark or determine the limits of; to define as a limit or boundary".



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15. There cannot be any dispute that consequent upon the increase of strength, the boundaries of the wards in the local authority could be altered. This alteration is the delimitation. Therefore, there is a constitutional bar for this Court to entertain a challenge to Section 6(3). The amendment made to Section 6(3) by the State Legislature increased the strength of the Councillors. Further, there is no scope for entertaining any challenge questioning the vires of the amendment made to Section 6(3) as it is within the competence of State Legislation and it does not involve violation of fundamental rights of the writ petitioners. Also, we cannot say that there is any manifest arbitrariness on the part of the legislature to increase the strength of the local authority. Therefore, the challenge of questioning the amendment made to Section 6(3) of both the enactments must fail.

Point II.

16. The Constitution envisions local authorities as elected democratic bodies. Part IX of the Constitution pertains to Panchayats,



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while Part IX-A deals with Municipalities. Article 243-B mandates the State to constitute Panchayats at the village, intermediate, and district levels. The proviso to Article 243-C stipulates that the ratio between the population of a Panchayat's territorial area and the number of elected seats within it shall remain uniform across the State.

17. Article 243-P(g) defines population as ascertained at the last preceding census of which the relevant figures have been published. Therefore, the argument of the petitioners proceeds on the premise that once based on population, the strength of a local authority is fixed, it cannot be altered without obtaining relevant figures by a fresh census.

18. The Kerala Municipality Act, 1994 outlines the constitution of the Municipal Council, which is formed based on the determination of the number of Councillors in proportion to the population. In 1994, the number of Councillors was set at 16 for a population not exceeding 20,000, with an additional four Councillors for every



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increment of 10,000 in a population beyond 20,000. Over time, multiple amendments were introduced, adjusting the strength of Councillors. These successive amendments, culminating in the latest revision that increased the number of Councillors in local bodies, consistently demonstrate that the strength is determined based on the population ratio. There is little dispute regarding this method of fixing the strength of Councillors.

19. Section 6(1) of both enactments states that the Government shall notify the number of seats of the Councillors considering the population of the area of the local body following the criteria specified in sub-section (3). Sub-section (3) fixes the criteria based on population. It provides the minimum number of councillors as well as the maximum number of councillors. Before the amendment made in the year 2024, the maximum number of councillors was less than in the amended provision in 2024.

20. It is appropriate to have a comparative study of the provisions of both the enactments before and after the amendment:



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20.i. Section 6 of The Kerala Panchayat Act,1994 before and after the 2024 amendment is extracted below:

Before Amendment, 2024	After Amendment, 2024
6. Strength of Panchayats. (1) The total number of seats in a Village Panchayat, a Block Panchayat and a District Panchayat to be filled by direct election shall be notified by the Government in accordance with the scale specified in sub-section (3) with reference to the population of the territorial area of the panchayat concerned. (2) The Government may after publication of the relevant figures of each census, by notification alter the total number of seats in a Panchayat notified under sub-section (1) subject to the scale specified in sub-section (3). (3) The number of seats to be notified under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) shall not, - (a) in these case of Village Panchayat, be less than thirteen or more than twenty-three; (b) in these case of a Block Panchayat, be less than thirteen or more than twenty-three; (c) in these case of a District Panchayat, be less than sixteen or more than thirty-two; Provided that the ratio between the population of the territorial area of a Panchayat at any level and the number of seats in such Panchayats to be filled by election shall, so far as practicable, be the same throughout the State. (4) The procedure for fixing the strength of a Panchayat shall be such as may be	6. Strength of Panchayats. (1) The total number of seats in a Village Panchayat, a Block Panchayat and a District Panchayat to be filled by direct election shall be notified by the Government in accordance with the scale specified in sub-section (3) with reference to the population of the territorial area of the panchayat concerned. (2) The Government may after publication of the relevant figures of each census, by notification alter the total number of seats in a Panchayat notified under sub-section (1) subject to the scale specified in sub-section (3). (3) The number of seats to be notified under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) shall not, - (a) in these case of Village Panchayat, be less than fourteen or more than twenty four; (b) in these case of a Block Panchayat, be less than fourteen or more than twenty four; (c) in these case of a District Panchayat, be less than seventeen or more than thirty three; Provided that the ratio between the population of the territorial area of a Panchayat at any level and the number of seats in such Panchayats to be filled by election shall, so far as practicable, be the same throughout the State. (4) The procedure for fixing the strength of a Panchayat shall be such as may be prescribed.



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20.ii. Section 6 of The Kerala Municipality Act, 1994 before and after 2024 amendment is extracted below:

Before Amendment, 2024	After Amendment, 2024
6. Constitution of Council. (1) The Government shall, in accordance with the criteria specified in sub-section (3), notify the total number of seats of the Councillors to be filled up by direct election in a Town Panchayat, Municipality and Municipal Corporation considering the population of the area of the Municipality concerned. (2) The Government may, after publishing the relevant data according to each census, vary the total number of seats of Councillors in a Municipality notified under sub-section (1) subject to the criteria specified in sub-section (3). (3) The number of seats of Councillors notified under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), shall be,- (a) In the case of a Town Panchayat or a Municipal Council,- (i) Twenty-five, where the population in the area of the Town Panchayat or Municipal Council does not exceed twenty thousand, and (ii) Where the population of the Town Panchayat or Municipal Council exceeds twenty thousand, twenty-five councillors for the population of first twenty thousand, and one each for every two thousand and five hundred of the population exceeding twenty thousand, subject to a maximum of fifty-two Councillors;	6. Constitution of Council. (1) The Government shall, in accordance with the criteria specified in sub-section (3), notify the total number of seats of the Councillors to be filled up by direct election in a Town Panchayat, Municipality and Municipal Corporation considering the population of the area of the Municipality concerned. (2) The Government may, after publishing the relevant data according to each census, vary the total number of seats of Councillors in a Municipality notified under sub-section (1) subject to the criteria specified in sub-section (3). (3) The number of seats of Councillors notified under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), shall be,- (a) In the case of a Town Panchayat or a Municipal Council,- (i) Twenty-six, where the population in the area of the Town Panchayat or Municipal Council does not exceed twenty thousand, and (ii) Where the population of the Town Panchayat or Municipal Council exceeds twenty thousand, twenty-six councillors for the population of first twenty thousand, and one each for every two thousand and five hundred of the population exceeding twenty thousand, subject to a maximum of fifty-three Councillors;



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(b) In the case of a Municipal Corporation,- (i) fifty-five, where the population in the area of the Municipal Corporation does not exceed four lakhs, and (ii) Where the population exceeds four lakhs, fifty-five councilors for the population of first four lakhs and one each for every ten thousand exceeding four lakhs subject to a maximum of one hundred Councillors. (4) The Councillors of every Municipality shall be elected by direct election. (5) Specified seats shall be reserved for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in every Municipality. The number of seats to be reserved in a Municipality shall be determined by the Government. The number of seats so reserved shall bear, as nearly as may be, the same proportion to the total number of seats to be filled by direct election in that Municipality as the population of the Scheduled Castes in the municipal area or of the Scheduled Tribes in the municipal area bears to the total population of that area and such seats may be allotted by rotation to different wards in a Municipality as the State Election Commission or an officer authorised by it may, determine for each general election: Provided that where the population of the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes in a municipal area is not sufficient to make them eligible for the reservation of any seat, one seat shall be reserved in that Municipality for the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes having higher population. (6) Fifty per cent (in the case of fraction, it shall be fixed to the next higher integer) of the total number of seats reserved under sub-section (5) shall be reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes, or as the case may be, the Scheduled Tribes: Provided that where the number of seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes or as the case may be, the Scheduled Tribes under sub-section (5) is only one, that seat need not be reserved for women belonging to the	(b) In the case of a Municipal Corporation,- (i) fifty-six, where the population in the area of the Municipal Corporation does not exceed four lakhs, and (ii) Where the population exceeds four lakhs, fifty-six councilors for the population of first four lakhs and one each for every ten thousand and one exceeding four lakhs subject to a maximum of one hundred and one Councillors. (4) The Councillors of every Municipality shall be elected by direct election. (5) Specified seats shall be reserved for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in every Municipality. The number of seats to be reserved in a Municipality shall be determined by the Government. The number of seats so reserved shall bear, as nearly as may be, the same proportion to the total number of seats to be filled by direct election in that Municipality as the population of the Scheduled Castes in the municipal area or of the Scheduled Tribes in the municipal area bears to the total population of that area and such seats may be allotted by rotation to different wards in a Municipality as the State Election Commission or an officer authorised by it may, determine for each general election: Provided that where the population of the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes in a municipal area is not sufficient to make them eligible for the reservation of any seat, one seat shall be reserved in that Municipality for the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes having higher population. (6) Fifty per cent (in the case of fraction, it shall be fixed to the next higher integer) of the total number of seats reserved under sub-section (5) shall be reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes, or as the case may be, the Scheduled Tribes: Provided that where the number of seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes or as the case may be, the Scheduled Tribes under sub-section (5) is only one, that seat need
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Scheduled Castes or, as the case may be, the Scheduled Tribes. (7) Fifty per cent (in the case of fraction, it shall be fixed to the next higher integer) (including the number of seats reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) of the total number of seats to be filled by direct election in every Municipality shall be reserved by the Government for women and such seats may be allotted by rotation to different wards in a Municipality as the State Election Commission or an officer authorised by it may, by notification in the Gazette, determine for each general election. (8) Nothing contained in sub-sections (5) to (7) shall be deemed to prevent persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes or Women from being a candidate to the election to the unreserved seats in a Municipality. (9) The officer authorised in this behalf by the State Election Commission shall, by draw of lots, determine the wards to which seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under sub-section (5) and for Women under sub-sections (6) and (7) are to be allotted by rotation at such time and on such date and at such place as may be notified by the Commission. (10) Immediately after deciding the reserved wards under sub-section (9), the State Election Commission shall notify the list of wards so reserved, in the manner prescribed.	not be reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes or, as the case may be, the Scheduled Tribes. (7) Fifty per cent (in the case of fraction, it shall be fixed to the next higher integer) (including the number of seats reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) of the total number of seats to be filled by direct election in every Municipality shall be reserved by the Government for women and such seats may be allotted by rotation to different wards in a Municipality as the State Election Commission or an officer authorised by it may, by notification in the Gazette, determine for each general election. (8) Nothing contained in sub-sections (5) to (7) shall be deemed to prevent persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes or Women from being a candidate to the election to the unreserved seats in a Municipality. (9) The officer authorised in this behalf by the State Election Commission shall, by draw of lots, determine the wards to which seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under sub-section (5) and for Women under sub-sections (6) and (7) are to be allotted by rotation at such time and on such date and at such place as may be notified by the Commission. (10) Immediately after deciding the reserved wards under sub-section (9), the State Election Commission shall notify the list of wards so reserved, in the manner prescribed.
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21. The Government without awaiting a fresh census, on the strength of the amendment made in Section 6(3), issued the impugned notification under Section 6(1). This resulted in a



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challenge. The petitioners who challenged the notification argue that once the exercise is carried out under Section 6(1), any alteration of the strength can be only based on a fresh census or based on an alteration of the local body as referred to under Section 4 of the Municipality Act.

22. The statutory provision is explicitly clear in establishing that the legislature holds the authority to determine the minimum and maximum strength of Councillors under Section 6(3). The legislative competence to set a maximum limit cannot be questioned; rather, the focus lies on ensuring adherence to the prescribed procedure. Once the legislature defines the minimum and maximum strength, judicial review of this determination falls outside the Court's purview. After setting these limits, the Government must notify the total number of seats in a local body, adhering to the range specified in Section 6(3).

23. Section 6(1) does not impose a restriction preventing the Government from exercising its powers under Section 6(1) even after



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an initial determination, as long as the alteration remains within the limits prescribed under Section 6(3). The Government retains the authority to fix and modify the number of seats, subject to the criteria set forth in Section 6(3). This power does not lapse once the Government has issued a notification under Section 6(1) based on census data. The Government may later alter the strength of Councillors using the same census data, provided the changes comply with the maximum limit prescribed in sub-section (3). Additionally, sub-section (2) empowers the Government to adjust the number of seats based on updated census data reflecting the latest population figures. A harmonious reading of Sections 6(1) and 6(2) clarifies the scope of the Government's authority. For instance, if the Government, based on the 2011 census, initially determined the population-to-ward ratio as 10000:1, it can subsequently revise the ratio to 9000:1 using the same census data. Although the distinction between Sections 6(1) and 6(2) is subtle, it remains evident. Section 6(1) authorizes the Government to issue notifications regarding the



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strength of a local body based on population data from an official census. This means that, even after an initial determination, the Government can increase or decrease the strength of Councillors, provided it adheres to the minimum and maximum limits set under Section 6(3). The exercise under Section 6(1) is guided by population figures derived from the census used for determining seats. This interpretation is further reinforced by Section 2(xxix) of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, which defines population as "the population assessed at the last census the relevant details of which have been officially published." Therefore, the reference to population in Section 6(1) must be understood as referring to the population figures used for issuing notifications under Section 6(1) also. This, in turn, implies that the Government can redetermine the number of seats using the same population figures, rather than awaiting a fresh census.

24. Section 6(2) complements Section 6(1) by providing the Government with the authority to alter the number of seats based on



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fresh census data, subject to the limits specified under Section 6(3). Both provisions work in conjunction, allowing the Government to issue notifications regarding seat determination. Section 6(1) pertains to the initial determination of strength based on an existing census, while Section 6(2) provides for alterations using updated population figures from a new census. Notably, Section 6(2) does not restrict the Government's ability to redetermine the number of seats under Section 6(1) without relying on fresh census data. A notification issued under Section 6(1) can be revisited for redetermination based on previously recorded census data, without necessitating a new census.

25. An analysis of statutory provisions from 1994 onwards reveals that the legislature has consistently prescribed the ratio of population to the number of seats. Under the present enactment, including subsequent amendments, the legislature has delegated the authority to the Government to fix population-based seat allocations, subject to the criteria outlined in Section 6(3). This delegation



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indicates that the Government retains the discretion to determine the strength of local bodies without waiting for a fresh census. The provision under Section 6(2) for altering a notification issued under Section 6(1) should be understood as an enabling power, rather than a mandatory requirement, for redetermining or modifying seats.

26. A purposive interpretation of the statute underscores the importance of maintaining a balance between population and seat allocation to determine the strength of local bodies. The criteria of population being the basis for determining the strength of seats in local authority, determination or redetermination based on population will in no way defeat the objectives of the law. The Constitution and statutory framework aim to ensure that Councillors are elected democratically in alignment with legal provisions. If two interpretations of the statute are possible, the Court should not discard the interpretation aligned with the statutory framework rather than undermining it. Furthermore, if an interpretation aligns with legislative intent and does not contravene statutory provisions,



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the Court should defer to the executive, which is better positioned to assess the practical application of these laws. Failure to interpret Section 6(1) as permitting both the determination and redetermination of seats based on population would impose an undue restriction on the Government's discretion in fixing the strength of Councillors following the population ratio. The legislative scheme is clear: while the legislature defines the minimum and maximum strength of Councillors, the Government is granted discretion to determine the precise number within those limits. Therefore, Section 6(2) serves as a procedural guideline for adjusting the strength once an initial notification has been issued under Section 6(1), while also affirming the Government's authority to redetermine strength based on existing population data.

27. If this approach is not followed, the functioning of local bodies could be significantly disrupted, as the Government would have to await a fresh census before making adjustments. Such a requirement is neither envisaged by constitutional provisions nor by



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statutory law. The Government must be able to decide on the strength of local bodies in the interest of effective governance, taking into account factors such as resource allocation, revenue generation, and administrative efficiency. As long as these decisions adhere to statutory provisions, the Court should not interfere with the Government's exercise of power in this regard.

28. The argument of the learned Counsel, Shri R. Surendran, on behalf of the writ petitioners—that a notification under Section 6(1) is linked to Section 4(1) concerning the constitution of a municipality and, therefore, cannot be altered unless there is a change in the composition of the local authority—is untenable. Section 6 is an independent provision that specifically governs the determination of the strength of Councillors in a local authority. In contrast, Section 4 pertains to the determination of the territorial jurisdiction of a local authority. Additionally, Section 4 addresses the alteration and conversion of a local authority, such as the transition from a Village Panchayat to a Town Panchayat, from a Panchayat to



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a Municipal Council, or from a Municipal Council to a Municipal Corporation.

29. The conspectus of the above discussions brings down the legal matrix as follows:

- (i) Population is the basis for determining the strength of local authority.
- (ii) The legislature is alone competent to determine the minimum and maximum strength.
- (iii) The Government is empowered to fix the strength not below the minimum and not exceeding the maximum fixed by the legislature.
- (iv) The Government is also empowered to refix the strength based on population not breaching minimum and maximum criteria fixed by the legislature.



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(v) The Government is also empowered to alter the strength based on fresh census not breaching minimum and maximum criteria fixed by the legislature.

Accordingly, the writ appeals are allowed, and the writ petitions are dismissed. No order as to costs.

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A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE, JUDGE

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P. KRISHNA KUMAR, JUDGE

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Exhibit P3	A TRUE COPY OF THE KERALA MUNICIPALITY (AMENDMENT) ACT 2024 NOTIFICATION DATED 09.07.2024 ISSUED BY THE 1 ST RESPONDENT
Exhibit P4	A TRUE COPY OF THE RELEVANT EXTRACT OF THE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION BEARING NO. 813/2024 DATED 10.09.2024 ISSUED BY THE 1ST RESPONDENT
Exhibit P5	A TRUE COPY OF THE RELEVANT EXTRACT OF THE NOTIFICATION DATED 18.11.2024 ISSUED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT
Exhibit P6	A TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION DATED 23.12.2024 SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER BEFORE THE 1ST RESPONDENT ALONG WITH ITS POSTAL RECEIPT



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Exhibit P4	A TRUE COPY OF ACT 3 OF 2020 NOTIFIED ON 18.02.2020
Exhibit P5	TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION DATED 26.02.2020 ISSUED BY THE 1ST RESPONDENT UNDER SECTION 6(2) DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF WARDS SUBSEQUENT TO THE AMENDMENT
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Exhibit P11	THE TRUE COPY OF THE DRAFT NOTIFICATION NO. SDC/1066/2024/SDC6 DATED 18.11.2024 WITH RESPECT TO THE 5TH RESPONDENT MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.



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Exhibit P2	TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION DATED 9.7.2024 ISSUED BY THE 1ST RESPONDENT
Exhibit P3	TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION NO. SDC/1104/2024/SDC DATED 18.11.2024



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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 2009/2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

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| Exhibit P1 | A TRUE COPY OF THE GAZETTE NOTIFICATION ISSUED BY THE 1ST RESPONDENT, DATED 30.5.2015 |
| Exhibit P2 | A TRUE COPY OF THE DRAFT NOTIFICATION VIDE., NO.S.D.C.241/2015 ISSUED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT, DATED 30.5.2015 |
| Exhibit P3 | A TRUE COPY OF THE KERALA MUNICIPALITY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024 ISSUED BY THE 1ST RESPONDENT, DATED 9.7.2024 |
| Exhibit P4 | A TRUE COPY OF THE OBJECTION SUBMITTED BY THE 1ST PETITIONER TO THE 3RD RESPONDENT, DATED 2.12.2024 |
| Exhibit P5 | A TRUE COPY OF THE COMMON JUDGMENT IN W.P.(C) NO.39894/2024 ON THE FILE OF THIS HONORABLE COURT, DATED 18.12.2024 |



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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 4176/2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	THE TRUE COPY OF THE G.O. (P) NO. 145/2015/LSGD DATED 30.04.2015 ISSUED BY THE STATE
Exhibit P2	THE TRUE COPY OF THE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT DATED 18.04.20215
Exhibit P3	THE TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER BEARING NO: LDC 237/2015 ISSUED BY THE STATE DELIMITATION COMMISSION DATED 07.09.2015
Exhibit P4	THE TRUE COPY OF THE AMENDMENT ACT, 2020 DATED 18.02.2020
Exhibit P5	THE TRUE COPY OF THE GO(P) NO: 20/2020 LSGD DATED 26.02.2020
Exhibit P6	THE TRUE COPY OF THE JUDGMENT OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT IN WP(C) NO: 6514/2020 DATED 23.06.2020
Exhibit P7	THE TRUE COPY OF THE AMENDMENT IN THE KERALA MUNICIPALITY ACT DATED 07.09.2024
Exhibit P8	THE TRUE COPY OF THE GO(P) NO: 49/2024/ LSGD DATED 10.09.2024
Exhibit P9	THE TRUE COPY OF THE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT COMMISSION DATED 24.09.2024
Exhibit P10	THE TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION BEARING LDC/1104/2024/LDC 18.11.2024
Exhibit P11	THE TRUE COPY OF THE JUDGMENT IN WP(C) 39894/2024 DATED 18.12.2024



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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 5948/2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	ATRUE COPY OF THE G.O. (MS) NO. 153/2015/LSGD DATED 30.04.2015
Exhibit P2	A TRUE COPY OF THE GUIDELINE ISSUED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT FOR DELIMITATION OF MUNICIPALITIES DATED 18.04.2015
Exhibit P3	THE TRUE COPY OF THE DRAFT NOTIFICATION NO.SDC 253/2015 DATED 30.05.2015 WITH RESPECT TO THE 5TH RESPONDENT MUNICIPALITY
Exhibit P4	A TRUE COPY NOTIFICATION NO 1243/LEG. C1/ 2020/LAW OF ACT 3 OF 2020 DATED 18.02.2020
Exhibit P5	THE TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION DATED 26.02.2020 ISSUED BY THE 1ST RESPONDENT UNDER SECTION 6(2) DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF WARDS SUBSEQUENT TO THE AMENDMENT
Exhibit P6	A TRUE COPY OF THE JUDGMENT DATED 23.06.2020 PASSED IN WP(C) NO. 6514/2020
Exhibit P7	A TRUE COPY OF THE KERALA MUNICIPALITY (SECOND AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024 PASSED ON 09.07.2024
Exhibit P8	. A TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION NO. 813/2024 DATED 10.09.2024
Exhibit P9	A TRUE COPY OF THE GUIDELINES DATED 24.09.2024 ISSUED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT
Exhibit P10	THE TRUE COPY OF CLARIFICATION NO. SDC/30/2024SDC7 DATED 30.102024 ISSUED BY 3RD RESPONDENT
Exhibit P11	A TRUE COPY OF JUDGMENT DATED 18.12.2024 IN W.P(C) NO.39894/ 2024 OF THIS HON'BLE COURT COURT AND OTHER CONNECTED MATTERS (2024:KER:95921)



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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 43470/2024

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	A TRUE COPY OF THE G.O. (MS) NO. 153/2015/LSGD DATED 30.04.2015
Exhibit P2	A TRUE COPY OF THE GUIDELINES DATED 18.04.2015 ISSUED BY 3RD RESPONDENT DELIMITATION COMMISSION
Exhibit P3	THE TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER NO. SDC 238/2015 DATED 07.09.2015 WITH RESPECT TO THE 5TH RESPONDENT MUNICIPALITY, FIXING THE NUMBER OF WARDS AS 41
Exhibit P4	A TRUE COPY OF THE JUDGMENT DATED 23.06.2020 PASSED IN WP(C) NO. 6514/2020 AND CONNECTED CASES
Exhibit P5	A TRUE COPY OF THE KERALA MUNICIPALITY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024 PASSED ON 09.07.2024
Exhibit P6	A TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION NO. 813/2024 DATED 10.09.2024
Exhibit P7	A TRUE COPY OF THE GUIDELINES DATED 24.09.2024 ISSUED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT



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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 46191/2024

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

- Exhibit P1 A TRUE COPY OF THE GOVERNMENT ORDER PUBLISHED BY THE FIRST RESPONDENT IN THE KERALA GAZETTE AS G.O. (P) NO.151/2015/ LSGD DATED 30-4-2015
- Exhibit P2 . A TRUE COPY OF THE GOVERNMENT ORDER PUBLISHED BY THE FIRST RESPONDENT IN THE KERALA GAZETTE AS G.O. (P) NO.153/2015/ LSGD DATED 30-4-2015
- Exhibit P3 A TRUE COPY OF THE GOVERNMENT ORDER PUBLISHED BY THE FIRST RESPONDENT IN THE KERALA GAZETTE AS G.O. (P) NO.164/2015/LSGD DATED 11-5-2015
- Exhibit P4 A TRUE COPY OF THE GOVERNMENT ORDER PUBLISHED BY THE FIRST RESPONDENT IN THE KERALA GAZETTE AS G.O. (P) NO.20/2020/LSGD DATED 26-2-2020
- Exhibit P5 A TRUE COPY OF GOVERNMENT ORDER PUBLISHED BY THE FIRST RESPONDENT IN THE KERALA GAZETTE AS G.O. (P) NO.44/2020/ LSGD DATED 5-6-2020
- Exhibit P6 A TRUE COPY OF THE GOVERNMENT ORDER PUBLISHED BY THE FIRST RESPONDENT IN THE KERALA GAZETTE AS GO (P) NO. 49/2024/LSGD DATED 10-9-2024
- Exhibit P7 A TRUE COPY OF THE KERALA MUNICIPALITY (SECOND AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024 (ACT NO.14 OF 2024)
- Exhibit P8 A TRUE COPY OF THE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE THIRD RESPONDENT ON 24-09-2024
- Exhibit P9 TRUE COPY OF THE COMMON JUDGMENT IN WPC 39810/2024 AND CONNECTED CASES DATED 18.12.2024



[W.A.Nos.202/2025, 194/2025, 198/2025, 199/2025, 201/2025, 203/2025, 204/2025, W.P.(C).Nos.43470/2024, 46191/2024, 46523/2024, 46542/2024, 537/2025, 730/2025, 1750/2025, 2009/2025, 4176/2025, 5948/2025]

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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 46523/2024

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	A TRUE COPY OF THE G.O. (P) NO. 153/2015/LSGD DATED 30.04.2015 ISSUED BY THE 1ST RESPONDENT
Exhibit P2	. A TRUE COPY OF THE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT FOR DELIMITATION OF PANCHAYATHS DATED 18.04.2015
Exhibit P3	A TRUE COPY OF THE FINAL DELIMITATION ORDER DATED 07.09.2015 PASSED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT WITH RESPECT TO THE 5TH RESPONDENT GRAMAPANCHAYAT
Exhibit P4	A TRUE COPY OF THE AMENDMENT ACT, 2024 DATED 09.07.2024
Exhibit P5	A TRUE COPY OF THE KERALA PANCHAYAT RAJ (FIXING OF STRENGTH) AMENDMENT RULES, 2024 DATED 01.09.2024
Exhibit P6	TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION NO. LSGD/PD/24269/2024-EER1 DATED 06.09.2024 ISSUED BY THE 1STRESPONDENT
Exhibit P7	A TRUE COPY OF THE GUIDELINES DATED 24.09.2024 ISSUED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT
Exhibit P8	TRUE COPY OF THE JUDGMENT IN WPC.39894 OF 2024 BEFORE THE HONONRABLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA DATED 18.12.2024



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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 46542/2024

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	A TRUE COPY OF THE G.O. (MS) NO. 148/2015/LSGD DATED 30.04.2015
Exhibit P2	A TRUE COPY OF THE GUIDELINES DATED 18.04.2015 ISSUED BY 3RD RESPONDENT DELIMITATION COMMISSION
Exhibit P3	THE TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER NO. SDC 259/2015 DATED 07.09.2015 WITH RESPECT TO THE 5TH RESPONDENT MUNICIPALITY, FIXING THE NUMBER OF WARDS AS 34
Exhibit P4	THE TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER NO. SDC 258/2015 DATED 07.09.2015 WITH RESPECT TO THE 6TH RESPONDENT MUNICIPALITY, FIXING THE NUMBER OF WARDS AS 28
Exhibit P5	A TRUE COPY OF THE KERALA MUNICIPALITY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024 PASSED ON 09.07.2024
Exhibit P6	A TRUE COPY OF THE GUIDELINES DATED 24.09.2024 ISSUED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT
Exhibit P7	A TRUE COPY OF THE GUIDELINES DATED 24.09.2024 ISSUED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT
Exhibit P8	TRUE COPY OF THE JUDGMENT IN WP(C).NO.39894 /2024 BEFORE THE HONOURABLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA DATED 18.12.2024