

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. NITIN JAMDAR
&
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C. JAYACHANDRAN
Thursday, the 30th day of October 2025 / 8th Karthika, 1947
WP(C) NO. 8600 OF 2025(S)**

PETITIONER:

KERALA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY(KELSA),
REPRESENTED BY ITS MEMBER SECRETARY, DR. MOHIT C.S.,
AGED 54 YEARS, S/O LATE SRI.K.CHAKRAPANI,
NIYAMA SAHAYA BHAVAN, HIGH COURT CAMPUS,
ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682031

RESPONDENTS:

1. GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY,
SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
2. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, REPRESENTED BY
ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA,
JAGATHI, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. , PIN - 695033
3. DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD, REPRESENTED BY
ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA,
DIRECTORATE OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT,
POOJAPPURA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM , PIN - 695012
4. DEPARTMENT OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES DEVELOPMENT,
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA,
VIKAS BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM , PIN - 695033
5. DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR,
MEDICAL COLLEGE P.O, AAKULAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695011

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6. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION, REPRESENTED BY
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM , PIN - 695014.

7. ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION, REPRESENTED BY
ITS CHAIRMAN, NELSON MANDELA MARG, VASANT KUNJ,
NEW DELHI, PIN - 110067

8. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE/STATE POLICE CHIEF,
STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS, VELLAYAMBALAM,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695010

9. BAR COUNCIL OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
CAMPUS ERNAKULAM, BAR COUNCIL BHAVAN, HIGH COURT RD,
KOCHI, KERALA , PIN - 682031

10. KERALA STATE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS,
REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, KERALA UNIVERSITY P O,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, KERALA , PIN - 695034

ADDL. R11 IMPEADED SUO MOTU

11. THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION, REPRESENTED BY CHAIRMAN,
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG, NEW DELHI – 110002

ADDL.R11 IS IMPEADED SUO MOTU AS PER ORDER DATED 05.03.2025
IN WP(C) 8600/25.

ADDL. R12 IMPEADED

12. THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, 695001

ADDL.R12 IS IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 27.03.2025 IN IA 6/25 IN WP(C) 8600/25

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Writ petition (civil) praying inter alia that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed along with the WP(C) the High Court be pleased to direct respondents 2, 5, 6, 7 and 9 to give details of the steps taken by them as per UGC Regulations , 2009 to prevent and combat ragging in educational institutions in the State.

This petition again coming on for admission upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(C), this Court's order dated 25/09/2025 and upon hearing the arguments of Ms.A.PARVATHI MENON, Advocate for the petitioner, SRI. T.A.SHAJI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PROSECUTION, SRI. P.NARAYANAN, SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER & SRI.SAJJU.S, SENIOR GOVERNMENT PLEADER for R1 to R6, R8 & R12, SRI.SAJITH KUMAR V, STANDING COUNSEL for R7 and of SRI.S.KRISHNAMOORTHY, STANDING COUNSEL for R11, the court passed the following:

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NITIN JAMDAR, C. J. & C. JAYACHANDRAN, J.

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Dated this the 30th day of October, 2025

ORDER

Heard Ms. A. Parvathi Menon, learned counsel for the Petitioner in W. P. (C) No. 8600 of 2025, Mr. S. Krishnamoorthy, learned Standing Counsel for the University Grants Commission and Mr. T. A. Shaji, learned Director General of Prosecution.

2. In the order dated 25 September 2025, we had noted that since the State itself has expressed the need to bring out a comprehensive legislation, it is expected that necessary steps would be taken with urgency. Learned Director General of Prosecution had stated that the Law Department would make its best endeavour to complete the scrutiny, and accordingly, the matter was adjourned to today.

3. The learned Director General of Prosecution has placed before us two communications, dated 29 October 2025 and 30 October 2025 (today), addressed to the office of the Advocate General. The last communication records that the Chief Minister has accorded approval for the proposed legislation under Rule 45 of the Rules of Business of Government of Kerala and that the file has now been forwarded to the Law Department for necessary action. The learned Director General of Prosecution further states that, after receipt of the file from the Law Department, the same will be

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placed before the Council of Ministers.

4. In this petition, several orders have been passed since March 2025. In these orders, the submissions of the learned counsel for the parties and the response of the State Government have been unanimous on the urgency of the steps to be taken. As an extension of this unanimous opinion for urgent measures, we direct that all administrative procedure/steps required before placing the subject before the House shall be completed within a period of four weeks from today.

5. Post on 5 December 2025.



Sd/-
NITIN JAMDAR
CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-
C. JAYACHANDRAN
JUDGE

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