

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. SOUMEN SEN
&
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C. JAYACHANDRAN
Tuesday, the 27th day of January 2026 / 7th Magha, 1947
WP(C) NO. 16773 OF 2020(S)

PETITIONER:

KERALA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, REPRESENTED BY
ITS MEMBER SECRETARY, NIYAMA SAHAYA BHAVAN,
HIGH COURT COMPOUND, ERNAKULAM, KOCHI - 682 031.

RESPONDENTS:

- 1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 001.**
- 2. THE DIRECTOR, WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 012.**
- 3. THE DIRECTOR, FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 011.**
- 4. THE KERALA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, PSC OFFICE, PATTOM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 004.**

ADDITIONAL R5 IMPLEADED

- 5. KERALA STATE POLICE CHIEF, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.**

ADDL. R5 IS SUO MOTU IMPLEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 30/9/2020
IN WPC 16773 OF 2020.

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

- 1. to direct the 4th respondent to furnish a status report regarding recruitment of Scientific Assistants in the Forensic Science Laboratories and**

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2. to direct the respondents 1 and 2 to furnish a status report regarding appointment of Special Prosecutors for POCSO Special Courts of the State.

This petition coming again on for orders upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(C), this Court's order dated 06/01/2026 and upon hearing the arguments of M/S. ROSHEN D. ALEXANDER, TINA ALEX THOMAS & HARIMOHAN, Advocates for the petitioner, SRI.N.MANOJ KUMAR, STATE ATTORNEY for R1 to R3 & Addl.R5 and of SRI. P.C.SASIDHARAN, Standing Counsel for R4, the court passed the following:

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SOUMEN SEN, C.J.

&

C. JAYACHANDRAN, J.

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Dated this the 27th day of January 2026

ORDER

SOUMEN SEN, C.J.

The learned State Attorney has submitted, on instructions, that out of 31 posts proposed by the State Police Chief, 12 posts have been created and the remaining 19 posts are pending consideration before the Finance Department. We direct the State Government to take immediate steps for filling up the 12 vacancies as sanctioned by the Finance Department. The Finance Department is also directed to communicate its decision with regard to the creation of the remaining 19 posts to the concerned authorities. A report in the form of an affidavit shall be filed by the State respondents

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within three weeks from the date, upon prior service on Mr. Harimohan, the learned Advocate for the petitioner.

2. Post on 17.02.2026.

Sd/-
SOUMEN SEN
CHIEF JUSTICE

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C. JAYACHANDRAN
JUDGE



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