

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE
&
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARISANKAR V. MENON

Tuesday, the 2nd day of December 2025 / 11th Agrahayana, 1947
WP(C) NO. 20253 OF 2021(S)

PETITIONER:

SHAJI J.KODANKANDATH, AGED 51 YEARS, S/O.JOSE KODANKANDATH,
SNEHA ROSE VILLA, KODANKANDATH HOUSE, CHEMBUKAVU P.O.,
THRISSUR-20.

RESPONDENTS:

1. THE UNION OF INDIA, THROUGH SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY, NEW DELHI-110 001.
2. THE CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA, G-5 & 6, SECTION-10, DWARKA, NEW DELHI-110 075.
3. THE STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695 001.
4. GURUVAYOOR INFRASTRUCTURE PVT.LTD., PRESENTLY HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT DOOR, NO.1-80/40/SP/58-65, SHILPA HOMES LAYOUT, GACHI BOWLI, HYDERABAD-500 032, REP. BY ITS AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY, SREEKUMAR M.V, S/O.LATE K.E.NAIR, AGED 65, R/O 178, GIRINAGAR, KADAVANTHARA, ERNAKULAM-682 020.

ADDITIONAL R5 IMPLEADED

5. M/S. PST ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION, 2/352, VAVIPALAYAM, KOLARAM (P.O.), PARAMATHY VELUR (TK), NAMAKKAL (DISTRICT), TAMIL NADU, PIN - 637 201.

ADDL.R5 IS SUO MOTU IMPLEADED AS PER ORDER DATED
21/08/2025 IN WP(C) 20253/2021.

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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 stay the operation of Exhibit P6 notification, pending final disposal of the above writ petition.

This petition again coming on for orders upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(C), this Court's order dated 03/11/2025 and upon hearing the arguments of M/S. K.B.GANGESH, SMITHA CHATHANARAMBATH, AMAL S.KUMAR & ATHIRA A.MENON, Advocates for the petitioner, SMT. O.M.SHALINA, DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA & ADDITIONAL SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA for R1, SRI.SANTHOSH MATHEW, SENIOR ADVOCATE along with M/S. NANAVATHI MAULIK.G, ARUN THOMAS, JENNIS STEPHEN & ANIL SEBASTIAN PULICKAL, Advocates for R2, GOVERNMENT PLEADER for R3, SRI. S SREEKUMAR (SENIOR ADVOCATE) along with M/S. P MARTIN JOSE, P PRAJITH, THOMAS P KURUVILA, HARIKRISHNAN.S, AJAY BEN JOSE, MANJUNATH MENON, HANI P NAIR, GITHESH R, SACHIN JACOB AMBAT & ANNA LINDA V.J., Advocates for R4 and of M/S. A.V.INDIRA, SREEDEVI S. & ANANDHU SATHEESH, Advocates for R5, the court passed the following:

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**A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE
&
HARISANKAR V. MENON, JJ.**

**W.P.(C) Nos.20253 of 2021, 27586 of 2022,
28609 of 2023, 18735 of 2025
& W.P. (PIL) No.35 of 2025**

Dated this the 02nd day of December, 2025

O R D E R

A.Muhamed Mustaque, J.

The Report of the Interim Traffic Management Committee is on board. One of the findings concerns the lack of traffic guards at Koratty Junction. The Interim Traffic Management Committee had issued a notice to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on 29.11.2025 directing it to take immediate action in this regard.

2. It is now reported by the learned Additional Solicitor General of India (ASG) that 16 guards have been deployed and that a request has been made to the Government for deploying 50 more. The learned ASG undertakes before this Court that necessary action will be taken in this regard.

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3. Concerns have also been raised regarding the safety risks along the stretch.

4. The learned District Collector, who appeared online, submitted that there are safety and fall-protection deficiencies, as reported in paragraph 2.1 of the Report dated 01.12.2025. The NHAI shall ensure that these deficiencies are rectified immediately and shall report compliance before this Court by the next posting.

5. Other issues have also been highlighted in paragraph 1 as well as paragraph 2 of the Report dated 01.12.2025. We direct the NHAI to take immediate action on those aspects and to report compliance without any delay.

6. The learned District Collector also reported that the work is progressing slowly and that the initial work had commenced in September 2024. The NHAI shall report before this Court the time stipulation for the contract awarded to the additional respondent No. 5.

7. The petitioners shall serve copies of the writ petitions on the additionally impleaded respondent as per

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Order dated 21.08.2025, and the additionally impleaded respondent shall file a counter affidavit in these matters within a period of two weeks.

Post on 10.12.2025.

**Sd/-
A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE,
JUDGE**



**Sd/-
HARISANKAR V. MENON,
JUDGE**

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