

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. NITIN JAMDAR
&
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SYAM KUMAR V.M.**

**Tuesday, the 6th day of January 2026 / 16th Pousha, 1947
WP(C) NO. 20485 OF 2024(S)**

PETITIONER:

**PRASAD SOMARAJAN, AGED 55 YEARS, DHARMAPURAM,
NEAR ASHRAM ENGINEERING COLLEGE P.O.,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 016.**

RESPONDENTS:

- 1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, KERALA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 004.**
- 2. KERALA ROAD SAFETY AUTHORITY, REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, VAZHUTHACAUD, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 014.**
- 3. NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA - NHAI, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, G 5&6, DABRI - GURGAON RD, SECTOR 10 DWARKA, DWARKA, DELHI, PIN - 110 075.**

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 the respondents to initiate steps to implement Exts.P6, P7, P11 and P13 provisionally and subject to the result of the writ petition.

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 19/12/2025 and upon hearing the arguments of MS. A.ARUNA, Advocates for the petitioner, SRI. K.V.MANOJ KUMAR, SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER for R1 and of M/S. LEJO JOSEPH GEORGE & E.C.KURIAKOSE, Advocates for R3, the court passed the following:

P.T.O.

Nitin Jamdar, C.J. & Syam Kumar V.M., J.

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Dated this the 06th day of January, 2026

ORDER

Heard Ms.A. Aruna, learned counsel for the Petitioner in W.P. (C) No.20485 of 2024, Mr.S.Gopakumar, learned counsel for the Petitioner in W.P.(PIL) No.107 of 2025, Mr.Lejo Joseph George, learned Standing Counsel for the National Highways Authority of India, Mr.K.R.Rajkumar, learned Senior Panel Counsel for the Union of India and Mr.K.V.Manoj Kumar, learned Special Government Pleader.

2. The learned Standing Counsel for the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has tendered a memo indicating the publicity given to the mobile phone application developed by the NHAI regarding the shortfalls in maintaining the standards prescribed by the Indian Roads Congress. The learned counsel for the Petitioners in both the writ petitions point out that, certain aspects still need to be addressed. Firstly, the mobile application refers only to pedestrians and not to the condition of the road. Secondly, no methodology has been developed, or at least placed on record by the NHAI as to how the complaints lodged through the said application would be dealt with.

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3. In respect of both these aspects, further clarification and action on the part of the NHAI are necessary. While the process of developing and making the application is not yet complete with regard to the issues raised by the Petitioners in their petitions, an inspection shall be carried out by the concerned officer of the NHAI with respect to the said issues and how the NHAI proposes to address each issue raised.

4. Post the writ petitions on 20 January 2026.



Sd/-

Nitin Jamdar
Chief Justice

Sd/-

Syam Kumar V.M.
Judge

ds 06.01.2026