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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN

WEDNESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025 / 5TH BHADRA, 1947

WP(C) NO. 23911 OF 2018

PETITIONERS:

- 1 TREASA K.J., AGED 40 YEARS, D/O. JOSEPH K.V.,
PALLIPARAMBIL HOUSE, HOUSE NO. 48, KARITHALA
COLONY, GANDHINAGAR, KOCHI - 682 020.**
- 2 VIJAYAKUMAR B., AGED 42 YEARS, S/O. BALACHANDRAN,
EWS 668, GANDHI NAGAR, KOCHI - 682 020.**

**BY ADVS.
DR.K.P.PRADEEP
SHRI.T.T.BIJU
SRI.K.P.KESAVAN NAIR
SMT.NEENA ARIMBOOR
SHRI.SANAND RAMAKRISHNAN
SMT.T.THASMI**

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF
SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 001.**
- 2 ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY, REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
- 695 001.**
- 3 DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ERNAKULAM, CIVIL STATION,
KAKKANAD, ERNAKULAM - 682 030.**
- 4 TAHSILDAR, KANAYANNUR TALUK, KOCHI, PARK AVE
ROAD, ERNAKULAM - 682 011.**
- 5 KERALA STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
OBSERVATORY HILLS, VIKAS BHAVAN P.O.,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 033, REPRESENTED BY
ITS CONVENOR.**



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- 6 KOCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, CORPORATION OFFICE, PARK AVE ROAD, KOCHI, ERNAKULAM - 682 011, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY.
- 7 ADDL.R7. PADMAJA S.MENON, AGED 55 YEARS, W/O P.S MENON, KV24,5TH CROSS ROAD, PANAMPILLY NAGAR, COCHIN-682036.
- 8 ADDL. R8. PREMCHAND, AGED 65 YEARS, S/O. LATE V.P PILLAI, G-175, 'ATHIRA', 5TH CROSS ROAD, PANMPILLY NAGAR, COCHIN-682036.
- 9 ADDL.R9. RAMASWAMY RAMAKRISHNAN, AGED 73 YEARS, S/O. RAMAKRISHNAN, G-205, ELDERS FORUM ROAD, CANAL SIDE, PANMPILLY NAGAR, COCHIN-682036. (ADDL.R7 TO R9 ARE IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 24.07.2018 IN IA 13287/2018)
- 10 ADDL.R10.COCHIN PORT TRUST, WILLINGDON ISLAND, KOCHI, ERNAKULAM-682003, REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN.
- 11 ADDL.R11.SOUTHERN RAILWAY, HEADQUARTERS, PARK TOWN, CHENNAI-TAMILNADU600003, REPRESENTED BY ITS GENERAL MANGER.
- 12 ADDL.R12. DIVISIONAL MANAGER, SOUTHERN RAILWAY, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM DIVISION RAILWAY DIVISIONAL OFFICE, THYCAUD P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695 014.
- 13 ADDL.R13. GREATER COCHIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY GCDA OFFICE, KADAVANTHRA, KOCHI-682 020, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY.
- 14 ADDL.R14. KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD., VYDYUTHI BHAVANAM, PATTOM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695 004, REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR.
- 15 ADDL.R15. KERALA WATER AUTHORITY, VELLAYAMBALAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 033, REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR.



- 16 ADDL.R16. KERALA SHIPPING AND INLAND NAVIGATION, CORPORATION LTD, 61/1227, UDAYA NAGAR, ROAD, GANDHI NAGAR, KADAVANTHRA, KOCHI-682020, REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR.
- 17 ADDL.R17. TALUK SURVEYOR, KANAYANNUR TALUK, TALUK OFFICE, KANAYANNUR, KOCHI, ERNAKULAM-682 011.
- 18 ADDL.R18. KERALA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, NIYAMASAHAYA BHAVAN, HIGH COURT, KOCHI, 682031, REPRESENTED BY ITS MEMBER SECRETARY. (ADDL.R10 TO R18 ARE IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 22.07.2019 IN IA NO.05/2019.)
- 19 ADDL.R19. KOCHI METRO RAIL LTD., 4TH FLOOR, JLN STADIUM STATION, KALOOR, KOCHI-17, REPRESENTED BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR. (IS SUO MOTU IMPEADED AS ADDL. R19 AS PER ORDER DATED 6-3-2020).
- 20 ADDL. R20. BALACHANDRAN.T.K., AGED 51 YEARS, S/O. LATE N. KUMARA MENON, METTEKATTU HOUSE, ASARI LANE, KARAKKAMURI, KOCHI-682011. (IS IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 29-5-2020 IN IA 3/2020).
- 21 ADDL.R21.JAMES VADAKKAN, S/O. LATE JACOB JAMES, AGED 60 YEARS, VADAKKAN BUILDINGS, MUNDANKAL.P.O., PALAI-686574, KOTTAYAM DISTRICT. (MANAGING TRUSTEE, CENTRE FOR CONSUMER EDUCATION K/497/88, K.P.6/399, VADAKKAN BUILDINGS MUNDANKAL.P.O., PALAI-686574, KOTTAYAM DISTRICT. (IS IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 29-05-2020 IN IA 5/2020) (IS IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 29-5-2020 IN IA 5/2020).
- 22 ADDL. R22. LIZY C.J., AGED 49 YEARS, W/O. HASHIR MATHER, ANUGRAHA 65/555, OPPOSITE JUDGES BANGALOW, NUMBER - 4, JUDGES AVENUE, KALOOR, KOCHI - 17, (IS IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 08-06-2020 IN IA 8/2020)
- 23 ADDL.R23. THE KERALA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, REPRESENTED THROUGH ITS MEMBER SECRETARY, PATTOM P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. (IS SUO MOTO



IMPLEADED AS ADDITIONAL RESPONDENT 23 AS PER ORDER DATED 03.07.2020)

- 24 ADDL.R24. MISSION DIRECTOR, STATE MISSION MANAGEMENT UNIT, AMRUT, T.C.25/801(11) 4TH FLOOR, MEENAKSHI PLAZA, ARTECH BUILDING, TRIVANDRUM-695014. (ADDITIONAL R24 IS SUO MOTU IMPLEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 14.08.2020)**
- 25 ADDL.R25. THE SOUTH KALOOR RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION, REGISTRATION NO.ER NO.893/98, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, VINCENT SEBASTIN T., AGED 72 YEARS, S/O.THOMAS, SECRETARY, SOUTH KALOOR RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION, MULAKAYATH HOUSE, FOURTH LANE, KALOOR, KOCHI-17. (IS IMPLEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 23.04.2021 IN I.A. 4/2021)**
- 26 ADDL.R26. THE SECRETARY, PWD, STATE OF KERALA.**
- 27 ADDL.R27. THE SECRETARY, IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT, STATE OF KERALA.**
- 28 ADDL.R28. THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, PROJECT IMPELEMENTATION UNIT, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF INDIA, KAKKANAD. (ADDL.RESPONDENTS 26 TO 28 ARE SUO MOTO IMPLEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 16.07.2021)**
- 29 ADDL.29. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COCHIN SMART CITY VISION LTD., 4TH FLOOR, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU METRO STATION COMPLEX, PALARIVATTOM, KOCHI. (ADDL. RESPONDENT 29 IS SUO MOTU IMPLEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 29-07-2021).**
- 30 ADDL.R30. AFCONS INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED, AFCONS HOUSE, 16, SHAH INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, VEERA DESAI ROAD, AZAD NAGAR, ANDHERI WEST, MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA-400053.**
- 31 ADDL.R31. THE CHIEF PROJECT MANAGER(CPM), RAIL VIKAS NIGAM LTD. (RVNL), MEZAZAINE FLOOR, THIRUMALAI RAILWAY STATION, MYLAPORE, CHENNAI-600004. (ADDL. RESPONDENTS 30 AND 31 ARE SUO MOTO IMPLEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 12-08-2021).**



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- 32 ADDL.R32. THE SECRETARY, DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. (IS SUO MOTU IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 12-10-2021)
- 33 ADDL.R33. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, KOCHI CITY OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, X7FH +CQ9,ABDUL KALAM MARG MARINE DRIVE, ERNAKULAM-682011. (SUO MOTU IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 04-08-2022).
- 34 ADDL.R34. COCHIN SHYPPYARD LTD., MAHATMA GANDHI ROAD, RAVIPURAM, PERUMANOOR, KOCHI, KERALA-682015.
- 35 ADDL.R35. THRISSUR DISTRICT LABOUR CONTRACT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIE LTD., REG. NO. 1389 GLOBAL WOER, FIRST FLOOR, VANCHIKULAM ROAD, OPPOSITE RAILWAY STATION, POOTHOLE.P.O., THRISSUR-680004. (ADDL 34 AND 35 ARE SUO MOTU IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 20-10-2022)
- 36 ADDL.R36. THE KERALA HOTEL AND RESTURANT ASSOCIATION, OFFICE OF THE KHRA, KHRA BHAVAN, M.G. ROAD, COCHIN 682025 G REP. BY ITS PRESIDENT JAYAPAL, AGED 58 YEARS, S/O. GOPALAN NAIR (IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 15/11/2023 IN IA 3/3023)
- 37 ADDL.R37.PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA,ERNAKULAM,682030 (SUO MOTU IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 20/02/2025)
- 38 MEERA R NAIR, D/O M.K.RAJAGOPALN NAIR, RESIDING AT 57/898B, GOKUL, INDIRA NAGAR, KADAVANTRA, ERNAKULAM (ADDL R38 IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 11.09.2025 IN I.A.NO.1/2025)

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**SHRI.JITHIN VARGHESE
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**THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING BEEN FINALLY HEARD ON
27.08.2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING:**



JUDGMENT

This writ petition has been pending before this Court from the year 2018; but not without good reason. The issues impelled have great gravitas, affecting every citizen of the city of Kochi, if not of other places nearby and beyond.

2. The "Perandoor Canal" in Kochi is one of the most important water channels; and it is common knowledge, without requirement for further explanation that, should its flow be reduced or denuded for any reason, the city will find itself inundated during monsoons.

3. The petitioners, in virtual public interest, but projecting compelling private concerns, are persons who are living on the side banks of the Canal and assert that they were facing the brunt of inundation every year. They thus pray that respondents 3 and 6 be directed to frame a permanent scheme to remove the solid waste and aquatic growth, including hyacinth, from the Perandoor Canal; with a further prayer to direct respondents 3 and 5 to invoke the



provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, to keep it flowing without obstruction.

4. Sri.K.P.Pradeep - learned counsel for the petitioners, had argued this matter several times in the past; but this petition obtained acme value in August of the year 2018, when the city of Kochi – as many other parts of Kerala – bore the brunt of unprecedented flooding. It is recorded that such deluge had not been seen in nearly 100 years; and hence this Court had to adopt innovation.

5. Recognizing the absolute seriousness of the cause, Sri.Sunil Jacob Jose – learned counsel of this Court, was appointed as an Amicus Curiae; and his intervention, especially during the monsoon season in the year 2018, was laudable. The Government of Kerala responded to orders of this Court with “Operation Break Through”, in an attempt to decongest the Perandoor and other canals, as also the drainage system of the city; and in the subsequent years, it went through two more



phases, namely Phases 2 and 3.

6. The floods of the year 2018 was nothing short of an eye opener, exposing the fragility of the Canal, as also the drainage systems of the city; but it was also a lesson, teaching us that if they are maintained well and kept decongested, the torrent could be fairly controlled.

7. The cause thus persisted, as it is even today; and the ambit of curial interventions over time required to be expanded.

8. Since it required meticulous watch and monitoring at the ground level, this Court subsequently by orders dated 20.10.2022 and 01.11.2022 appointed two more learned Advocates as Amici Curiae, namely Sri.Govind Padmanaabhan and Sri.A.G.Sunil Kumar; and their committed involvement, along with that of Sri.Sunil Jacob Jose, catalysed remarkable changes and helped this Court to act with precision and comparative ease.

9. Several orders - running into more than hundred - were issued during the life of this case; and most of them – if not



all, were in response to particular requirements at the particular times.

10. The components involved in the operation are several and take into its fold not only the canals and drains, but also culverts maintained by the Indian Railways and installations of public utility entities. There is also the predicament of a few citizens and businesses acting irresponsibly, dumping waste into the canals and the drainage system, which is manifest from some of the earlier orders of this Court, when it was seen that certain eateries on the M.G.Road and in the vicinity, were nonchalantly discharging solid food waste into the drains in front of them. This Court was compelled to issue very stringent directions; and this is why it ought to be recognised that this is a process which requires to be consistently pursued, lest the city faces another situation like in the year 2018.

11. To dissuade citizens from dumping waste into the drainage system and canals, especially, the Perandoor Canal,



directions were issued, making it an offence for citizens to do so; and several steps were then implemented, including to fence all the canals and to place warning signs in its most strategic places. Orders were also issued to the police, to ensure a constant watch against such dumping.

12. Further, the Indian Railways were directed to reconstruct the culverts in the path of the Perandoor Canal and to clean the existing ones using water jetting mechanisms; and they have done the latter every year, but are yet to fully respond as regards the former.

13. In the midst of all this, orders were issued qua other attendant and imperative issues also. For instance, complaints were received by the learned Amici Curiae and informed to this Court by them, that a slaughterhouse run by the Corporation of Kochi at Kaloor was discharging untreated liquid effluents, and even throwing solid wastes, into the Perandoor Canal. Strict directions were issued, forcing the Corporation to act; and the learned



counsel for the Pollution Control Board – Sri.T. Naveen, thereafter, submitted that the situation is relatively better. However, there are still complaints, that enough has not been done.

14. Further, as part of “Operation Breakthrough Phase III” and at the instance of its stakeholders, work of widening, deepening and redirecting the Mullassery Canal began, on the assurance given to this Court that it will be completed within a few months. However, even though it has been over three years and more, the work is yet to be completed; and this Court has been issuing repeated directions to the District Collector to oversee this and finish the work; but it is still a work in progress.

15. This Court did not allow blame games to distract from the attention to the cause; and, as early as on 23.10.2019, being aware that the Corporation of Kochi alone would not be in a position to deal with the problem effectively, or to implement the orders of this Court – there being directions also to



Authorities like the Railways, Irrigation Department, Public Utility Service Providers, the Public Works Department etc. – an order was issued constituting a High Level Committee, the relevant portions of which are self explanatory and hence extracted under:

On the 18th October, 2019, this Court had issued certain specific and detailed guidelines as to the manner in which the Perandoor Canal and the connecting water sources and drains have to be maintained and protected.

2. However, on 22.10.2019, the learned Amicus Curie – Sri. Sunil Jacob Jose, submitted that on account of the heavy rains day before yesterday, the entire City had been inundated and that even the most urban of the areas had not been spared. He had said that most of the houses, particularly those in and around the area through which the Perandoor Canal and other Canals pass, had been completely swallowed by water and that because of the red alert issued by the Government for the subsequent days, unless urgent action was taken, it would be a cataclysm waiting to happen.

6. Sri.Sudheesh Kumar, the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the Corporation of Kochi, submitted no more than to say that the Corporation



had done everything possible and that the inundation seen a couple of days ago was solely on account of the higher than expected rain fall. He, however, admitted that the Corporation was unable to deal with this situation on their own and therefore, that the District Collector had to step in, using his powers under the Disaster Management Act, to remove the blockages in the drain system as well as in the Canals. He submitted that an affidavit will be placed on record showing the action already taken by the Corporation and prays that this matter be listed after two or three days.

7. The learned Amicus Curie, Sri. Sunil Jacob Jose, submitted that the events of the last few days have clearly demonstrated that the Corporation of Kochi, on its own, will not be able to find a lasting solution and that the assistance of the Government and its Agencies is now imperatively required. He says that even though the Corporation appears to take a stand that they are the final Authority, capable and responsible for clearing this problem, it does not seem to be possible, particularly because the Collector had to intervene in the moment of crisis, with the Corporation apparently being at a loss as to how to handle this. He then said that had not been for the District Collector's intervention at



the crucial time, the situation of the City of Kochi would have been far worse.

8. Dr. K.P.Pradeep and Smt. K.V.Reshmi, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners, added to the afore submissions, by saying that this Court should not lose sight of the large number of people who are in the side lines and who are living in lower elevation areas, thus being forced to face inundation on virtually a daily basis. The learned counsel submitted that even after the rains stopped in the last two days, several areas of Kochi are still under water and that lives of those people are miserable, to say the least. They also, therefore, prayed that the Government may be directed to now step in and create a permanent solution, rather than the wait for the Corporation to do so, which according to them, is never going to happen.

9. Dr.K.P.Pradeep, in fact, submits that this is clear from the fact that, even though an affidavit has been filed by the Corporation in July, 2018 - asserting that all works will be completed within a period of nine months therefrom, even after more than a year and half nothing has changed and that the Corporation appears to be maintaining status quo for reasons that are not discernible.



10. The learned Standing Counsel for the KSEB, Sri.N. Satheesh, agreed with the submissions made by the learned Advocate General, admitting that on account of the heavy rains experienced a couple of days ago, the Kaloore Sub-Station had to be stopped, because the panels were inundated; and consequently, that more than 18000 house holds and businesses, including the Cochin Metro Rail, was badly effected. He submits that this happened squarely because the drains and water canals had been completely blocked that day.

11. I have narrated and recorded as above, only to place on record the agony of an average citizen of this City.

12. While the Corporation says that the rains were much more than expected, it is baffling that they did not foresee this and or to understand that such rains are here to stay. The floods of last year was thought of, at least initially, to be only a one-of-its-kind phenomenon, but the way the rains played out this year clearly demonstrated that the vagaries of nature are here to stay.

13. Therefore, for the Corporation to say that it is on account of the heavy rains that the City was flooded, in my view, cannot be countenanced, since



this merely shows that they have not been able to rise to the occasion or to handle the situation.

14. On 18.10.2019, when I issued the earlier interim order, it was the stand of Sri.Sudheesh Kumar - the learned Standing Counsel for the Corporation - that they are capable of handling all this on their own and therefore, that, if given time, they will be able to show results. However, today, what I see is a completely contrary stand from the Corporation where they literally confess that without the help of the Government and such other expert agencies, the expected results can never be achieved. I am, therefore, of the firm view that the City of Kochi now must have a High Level Committee, constituted of the highest officials, with the District Collector as its convener.

15. I, therefore, asked the learned Advocate General about this and he submitted that the Hon'ble Chief Minister also has this in his mind and that the meeting to be scheduled will consider this aspect. He added that, in fact, during the 3 or 4 hours of the "Operation Break through", conducted by the District Collector under the Disaster Management Act, large amount of waste and debris had been removed from the public drains and canals, thus enabling the water to flow; which



clearly established that it is only if the other stakeholders also join it, can the Corporation now do something.

16. I appreciate the stand taken by the Advocate General during the course of this hearing because yesterday, when this matter was mentioned, this Court was constrained to point out to the Government that they also have certain obligations and powers under the Kerala Municipalities Act to appropriately intervene, including to issue directions to the Corporation. The experience of the past would show that though the Corporation submits that they have been spending large amount of resources for cleaning the canals and the drains, no tangible results have been seen. There is no cogent explanation forthcoming as to why this is so and clearly until now, the Corporation had not been made properly accountable in the manner in which it is functioning. The time has now come to make the Corporation accountable so that they will do what is expected of them.

I, therefore, deem it appropriate, in addition to the directions issued on 18.10.2019, to direct the Government to constitute a High Level Committee - for the purpose of dealing with the cleaning, maintenance, upkeep and development of the



Thevara - Perandoor Canal and all other fresh water Canals of the City as also its drainage system - comprising of the Chief Secretary or the Principal Secretary of the Local Self Government Institutions; the District Collector, Kochi; the Secretary of the Cochin Corporation; and the Authorised representatives of all the stakeholders including the Cochin Metro Rail Limited, Cochin Smart Mission Limited, Kerala Water Authority, Kerala State Electricity Board, Railways, Cochin Port Trust, the Pollution Control Board and the Cochin International Airport Limited. The District Collector shall be the Convener of this Committee and the liaison between the Government and the Corporation with respect to any action that is emergently required.

I make it clear that even though I have suggested the membership of the Committee as above, it will be upto the Government to expand this and to include such other Authorities as are relevant and necessary; but I direct them to issue a competent order in this regard, as expeditiously as is possible, but not later than 10 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

On the Government order being so issued, the District Collector will immediately begin work with respect to the coordination of the various



Departments and necessary instructions to the Corporation, if so required, will be issued under the provisions of the Kerala Municipalities Act; and he will also ensure that all imperative and necessary works are completed within deadlines as are fixed, taking note of the urgency of the situation.

Needless to say, even though this order does not reflect or touch upon matters regarding the funding for the various projects for the purposes mentioned above, the Committee will be at liberty to take appropriate decision in this regard also.

List this matter for further consideration on 07.11.2019.

16. The above extracted order was one among the many thereafter issued; and subsequently, when the components of the task began to expand, it was felt that a Committee with numerous members like the 'High Level Committee' may not be effective in the given circumstances. Therefore, by order dated 20.05.2020, the High Level Committee earlier constituted was discharged; and in its place, a new Committee headed by the District Collector (which will hereinafter be referred to as 'the District Collector's



Committee’ or ‘DC Committee’) was constituted. The said order constituting the ‘DC Committee’ dated 16.09.2022 is also extracted for ease of reference:

The events of 22.08.2022 was an eye opener not only for the City of Kochi, but for this Court also.

2. In spite of the various orders that this Court has been issuing over the years, heavy rainfall on that day submerged the city like never before – even worse than what we experienced in the year 2018.

3. Such events show the rather tenuous and delicate nature of the city's infrastructure, particularly its drainage system; and no excuse would suffice, particularly to an ordinary citizen, who has lost everything in the ravaging floods.

4. The learned Amicus Curiae – Sri.Sunil Jacob Jose, has been kind enough to file a report dated 15.09.2022, making various suggestions, particularly in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the same.

5. It is clear from real experience that one Agency alone cannot undertake, or be trusted with the resolution of the issues, particularly when rains are very heavy.

6. I am, therefore, of the firm view that a Committee of the all stakeholders will have to be formed, to be headed by the District Collector, because the said officer is also the Chairperson of the District Disaster Management Authority.

7. In fact, all the learned counsel appearing in these matters, including the learned Senior Government Pleader, affirmed this.

8. I, therefore, direct that the District Collector shall convene a Committee of the competent officials of



the Corporation of Kochi, Cochin Metro Rail Limited, Cochin Smart Mission Limited (CSML), Kerala Water Authority (KWA), Southern Railway, the learned Amicus Curiae – Sri.Sunil Jacob Jose and the Superintending Engineer of the Minor Irrigation Department - who is the head of the Operation Breakthrough Team.

9. The Committee as afore is hereby declared to be constituted and the District Collector shall convene its first meeting not later than 24.09.2022.

10. The preliminary report with respect to the drainage system of the city shall be made available to this Court not later than 28.09.2022.

11. In the meanwhile, since the primary responsibility of maintaining drains and the drainage system is on the Corporation of Kochi, their earlier method of cleaning it as a premonsoon endeavour will have to now cease and a systematic and methodical regular cleaning will have to be undertaken.

12. For this purpose, this Court, at the moment, suggests that such cleaning be done every two or three months, which of course, the aforementioned Committee will also deliberate upon and make available their opinion on the same in the resultant report.

13. It also goes without saying that every concern voiced by the learned Amicus Curiae in his report dated 15.09.2022, including with respect to the drainage system created by the CSML, will also be deliberated upon and reparatory measures or suggestions be made available by the next posting date.

P&T colony

It is reported even today that the work of the new construction is lagging and going at a snail's pace. The GCDA puts fair amount of blame for this on the contractor.

2. I request the learned Amicus Curiae – Sri.Sunil Jacob Jose to find time to file a report on this



construction also, so that this Court can then decide whether any action against the contractor can be warranted.

3. It is requested that such report be placed on record by the next posting date.

4. Needless to say, the learned Amicus Curiae is also at liberty to contact the contractor and obtain inputs from them also.

Post on 29.09.2022.

17. The 'DC Committee' has been subsequently expanded, by including other stakeholders also; and presently, it is still discharging its functions.

18. Meanwhile, on 09.2.2023, it was submitted at the Bar by the learned counsel for the parties that a smaller committee was also required to be created, to be tasked with implementation of the recommendations of the 'DC Committee'. Resultantly, an 'Implementation Committee' headed by Deputy Collector was also constituted. However, with the progress of time, this Committee has become unnecessary.

19. The 'DC Committee' has been functioning rather effectively for the last several years; and this has delivered



satisfactory results because, the city – at least substantial parts of it - has never been flooded in the manner seen in the years 2018 or 2019. In fact, this year, the flooding was controlled appreciably and I have recorded so, in the order issued on 16.06.2025.

20. That said, this is a work in progress because, the vagaries of nature and the changing climatic scenario is greatly unpredictable, mostly unable of precise understanding. The manner of monsoons in Kerala have been dramatically altered, with the earlier notions of ‘Seasons’ being tested to its limits.

21. The systems of the naturally occurring canals and the drainage network in the city, ineluctably, therefore, requires to be maintained to apposite levels year on; and this demands commitment and consistent approach – which will require to be supervised by this Court.

22. I say as above because, initially this year, this Court did not issue orders as it were in earlier years, under the impression that the stake holders would do what is required,



guided by the earlier orders and past experiences; but, unfortunately, the action on ground was rather lax. Consequently, thereafter, several orders had to be issued; which served the city and its citizens of being spared of large scale water logging and inundation.

23. That said, through the various interim orders issued over the years, the overall situation surely has improved – however, solely since this Court is in control. The ‘DC Committee’ now constituted, therefore, requires to systematically and continually pursue the effort on a consistent and perennial basis.

24. Though a few battles may have been won, the war is yet to be!

25. Many of the fundamental problems continue to fester. For example: the construction of the Mullassery Canal - part of the third phase of the ‘Operation Break Through’ is incomplete; the reconstruction of the culverts by the Railway remain without any action yet; the drainage mapping of the city of Kochi is



nowhere begun; the restoration and rejuvenation of various canals - including the Perandoor Canal, still is an unfinished dream; the formulation of cleaning calendar for the canals and drainage system of the city is yet to be finalised etc.

26. There are several other issues – the list being endless - which cannot be stated with certainty, but which may arise as times pass. Add to this, the vigil against dumping into the canals and drainage system requires to be maintained, not only by the Local Self Government Institutions, but also by the police; and all this has to be ensured on a regular basis, certainly under the supervision of this Court.

27. We cannot rest yet – the ultimate goal being still far ahead.

28. However, I do not think this Writ Petition requires to be kept pending because, all which this Court now require to do is to maintain close vigil and issue orders on reports, as and when necessary.



29. In the conspectus of the above, this Writ Petition is ordered:

a) confirming all the interim orders earlier issued; in particular, the order dated 16.09.2022 – through which the ‘DC Committee’ was constituted and the subsequent orders expanding it; the order dated 18.10.2019 containing the directions against the deposit of waste into the Perandoor Canal and ordering the police to assist the corporation; the orders dated 29.05.2020, directing that the extracted debris from the canals be removed within 24 hours; that dated 14.10.2020, whereby a permanent mechanism for the upkeep of the Perandoor canal was ordered; the one dated 04.08.2022, prohibiting dumping of septic waste into the canals; the order dated 01.11.2022 directing the ‘DC Committee’ to take up the task of drainage mapping of the drainage system; that dated 03.05.2023, fixing personal responsibility of the Engineers concerned for upkeep and maintenance of the canals and drainage system and the one dated 22.01.2025, whereby a synergy between



the ‘DC Committee’ and the Local Residents’ Association was ordered to be created, to report illegal dumping into the canal. Axiomatically, all actions taken under afore and all others are affirmed.

b) The ‘DC Committee’ is directed to meet regularly and file periodic quarterly reports before this Court; and when it is done, the same shall be placed before this Court for appropriate orders and directions.

c) The ‘DC Committee’ will ensure the completion of the construction of the “Mullassery Canal” under “Operation Break Through Phase – III”; the construction of the culverts by the Railway; continuous monitoring of the situation in all the Canals and drainage systems of the city of Kochi, as also their cleaning, with specific reference to hot spots like the slaughterhouse at Kaloor and others; the cleaning of the existing railway culverts periodically; the reconstruction of the railway culverts and every other action as is germane, on a regular basis. The dredging of the



“Perandoor Canal”, which is acme to the avoidance of inundation in Kochi, shall be done well in advance every year, for which necessary directions will also be issued to all Authorities concerned, by the ‘DC Committee’ without avoidable delay, adverting to further directions infra.

(d) The ‘DC Committee’ will set a ‘Cleaning Calendar’ of the canals, particularly the ‘Perandoor Canal’, as also the drainage system of the city – which shall then be done by the Irrigation Department as far as the Canals are concerned; and by the Corporation of Kochi *qua* the drainage system.

(e) The ‘DC Committee’ in addition should take necessary steps, through scientific methods and relevant inputs, to create a drainage map of the city, with recommendations to improve it in due course without any avoidable delay. Deliberations in this regard shall be commenced forthwith and action taken on it shall be made available to this Court through the periodic reports of the learned Amici Curiae.



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(f) The learned Amici Curiae Sri.Sunil Jacob Jose, Sri.A.G.Sunil Kumar and Sri.Govind Padmanaabhan will continue to assist this Court by providing periodic inputs and monthly reports, which the Registry shall place before me for apposite action and monitoring; and this Court places on record deepest appreciation for their work, which this Court gathers is also the sentiment of the citizenry, for having gone an extra mile from their official duties, exemplary of their deep public commitment.

Sd/-

DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN

JUDGE

SAS/RR



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PETITIONER EXHIBITS:

EXHIBIT P1	TRUE COPIES OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN FROM THE PERANDOOR CANAL AND THE ABUTTING LANDS.
EXHIBIT P2	TRUE COPY OF THE POST MORTEM REPORT NO. PM NO. 242/15 DATED 17.04.2015 ISSUED BY DISTRICT POLICE SURGEON.
EXHIBIT P3	TRUE COPY OF THE RELEVANT PAGES OF THE BUDGET SPEECH FOR 2016-17 DATED 27.2.2016 OF THE 6TH RESPONDENT.
EXHIBIT P4	TRUE COPY OF THE RELEVANT PAGES OF THE BUDGET SPEECH FOR 2018-19 OF THE 6TH RESPONDENT.
EXHIBIT P5	TRUE COPY OF THE LETTER NO. MOE6/34433/18 DATED 16.3.2019 ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER OF THE 6TH RESPONDENT TO THE TAHSILDAR, KANAYANNUR TALUK.
EXHIBIT P6	TRUE COPY OF THE COMMUNICATION NO. ISO/MOE6/31256/2016-VOL-II DATED 25.01.2019 ISSUED BY THE 6TH RESPONDENT TO THE CHAIRMAN, COCHIN PORT TRUST.
EXHIBIT P7	TRUE COPY OF THE GO(RT) NO.2862/2028/LSGD DATED 08.11.2018.
EXHIBIT P8	TRUE COPY OF THE STATEMENT PUBLISHED BY THE KOCHI CORPORATION IN ITS WEBSITE www.cochinmunicipalcorporation.kerala.gov.in/web/guest/projectstatus
ANNEXURE A1	(1). TRUE COPY OF THE PROFILE OF CENTRE FOR CONSUMER EDUCATION. (2) TRUE COPY OF THE PETITION FILED BY THE PETITIONERS BEFORE THE RESPONDENT STATE OF KERALA AND RESPONDENT NO.8 DATED 15/06/2020.
ANNEXURE A2	TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER IN IA NO.16282/2006 IN WPC NO.26304/2006 OF THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA.
ANNEXURE A3	TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS PAPER REPORT IN MATHRUBHOOMI DATED 18/07/2007.
ANNEXURE I	A TRUE COPY OF REPRESENTATION SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER BEFORE THE CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, KAKKANAD.



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PHOTOCOPY OF THE SKETCH PREPARED BY THE CORPORATION OF COCHIN.

REPORT FILED BY DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER (WORKS), SOUTHERN RAILWAY, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

ANNEXURE II A TRUE COPY OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT DATED 01/06/2020.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE AREA.

ANNEXURE III A TRUE COPY COUNTER AFFIDAVIT FILED BY M/S AFCONS INFRASTRUCTURE LTD IN WPC NO: 24358/2009 WITHOUT EXHIBITS.

ANNEXURE IV A TRUE COPY OF JUDGEMENT DATED 22/03/2010 IN WPC NO: 24358/2009 OF THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA

ANNEXURE I PHOTOGRAPHS INDICATING THE ACTUAL POSITION WHEREIN, THE ELECTRICAL POLES ARE APTLY LOCATED WITHIN THE DRAIN WALL PREMISES

ANNEXURE II PHOTOGRAPHS UNAUTHORISED PROJECTIONS THAT OBSTRUCTING INSTALLATION OF POLES NEAR TO THE PROPERTY EDGE.

ANNEXURE III COPY OF THE PLAN SHOWING COVER SLAB LAYOUT AND DRAIN DIVERSION LAYOUT

ANNEXURE IV BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOGRAPHS OF POLE LOCATIONS IN THE TD ROAD WHERE DRAIN DIVERSION WAS CARRIED OUT.

ANNEXURE V PHOTOGRAPH INDICATING POLE INSTALLATION PHOTOGRAPH AT CONVENT ROAD BEFORE AND AFTER THE DEMOLITION OF THE SHOP FACADE.

ANNEXURE VI PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE 3-D ILLUSTRATION INDICATING THE DRAINS TOWARDS THE ROAD EDGE AND THE VEHICULAR MOVEMENT THE SLABS.

ANNEXURE VII PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE DRAIN DIVERSIONS CARRIED OUT IN ERNAKULAM AND FORT KOCHI AREA

ANNEXURE VIII COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION DATED SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR OF KOCHI 18.02.2021 SUBMIT MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BEFORE THIS RESPONDENT.

ANNEXURE IX COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION DATED 19.01.2021 SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BEFORE THIS RESPONDENT

ANNEXURE X COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION DATED 19.01.2021 SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BEFORE THIS RESPONDENT

ANNEXURE XI COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION DATED 19.01.2021 SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR OF KOCHI MUNICIPAL



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ANNEXURE XII	PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE EXTENT OF COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRICAL CABLES WITHIN THE AREA OF DRAIN WORK IN T.D. ROAD.
ANNEXURE XIII	PHOTOGRAPHS DEMONSTRATING THE EXISTING DRAIN WIDTH OF TD ROAD ABOUT 300MM IS RETAINED.
ANNEXURE XIV	PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING DRAIN DIVERSION AT JEWS STREET AFTER THE INSTALLATION OF POLES
ANNEXURE XV	PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE PROGRESS AND COMPLETION OF WORKS LIKE POWER, WATER, SEWERAGE WITH VARIOUS AUTHORITIES AS ENVISAGED BY CSML.
ANNEXURE XVI	COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT APPEARED IN MANORAMA DAILY DATED 27.07.2021
ANNEXURE XVII	TRUE COPY OF HTE STATEMENT SHOWING THE STATUS OF WORK IN ERNAKULAM SMART ROAD AS ON 31.08.2021.
ANNEXURE A1	A TRUE COPY OF THE WORK ALLOTMENT LETTER ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IIP DIVISION NO.1 ANGAMALI, DT 14.5.2020 BEARING NO.0BT-2/7 TO THE 1 ST PETITIONER
ANNEXURE A2	TRUE COPY OF COMPLETION CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IDAMALAYAR IRRIGATION PROJECT DIVISION NO.1, ANGAMALI DT 30.11.2020 IN OBT-2/7
ANNEXURE A3	TRUE COPY OF THE WORK ALLOTMENT LETTER ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IIP DIVISION NO.1 ANGAMALI, DT 14.5.2020 BEARING NO.0BT-7/7 TO THE 1 ST PETITIONER
ANNEXURE A4	TRUE COPY OF THE COMPLETION CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IDAMALAYAR IRRIGATION PROJECT DIVISION NO.1, ANGAMALI DT 16.09.2020 IN OBT-7/7
ANNEXURE A5	TRUE COPY OF THE WORK ALLOTMENT ORDER NO.D7/1141/2020 DT 13.6.2020 OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IRRIGATION DIVISION, ERNAKULAM
ANNEXURE A6	TRUE COPY OF COMPLETION CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE ASSISTANT ENGINEER, PATHALAM LOCK & REGULATOR SECTION NO.1, ALUVA.
ANNEXURE A7	TRUE COPY OF THE WORK ALLOTMENT LETTER ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IIP DIVISION NO.1 ANGAMALI, DT 14.5.2020 BEARING NO.0BT-5/7 TO THE 2 ND PETITIONER
ANNEXURE A8	TRUE COPY OF COMPLETION CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IDAMALAYAR IRRIGATION PROJECT DIVISION NO.1, ANGAMALI DT 17.09.2020



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ANNEXURE A9	TRUE COPY OF THE WORK ALLOTMENT LETTER ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IIP DIVISION NO.1 ANGAMALI, DT 14.5.2020 BEARING NO.OBT - 6/7 TO THE 2 ND PETITIONER
ANNEXURE A10	TRUE COPY OF COMPLETION CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IDAMALAYAR IRRIGATION PROJECT DIVISION NO.1, ANGAMALI DT 17.09.2020 IN OBT-6/7 OF THE 2 ND PETITIONER
ANNEXURE A	TRUE COPY OF G.O.(P) NO.16/2017/FIN DATED 06.02.2017.

RESPONDENT EXHIBITS:

EXHIBIT R1(A)	A TRUE COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19.02.2020.
EXHIBIT R3(A)	A TRUE COPY OF THE TABULAR DETAILS OF THE STATUS AND OTHER PARTICULARS OF THE 36 WORKS INCLUDED IN THE 1ST PHASE OF OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH.
EXHIBIT R3(B)	A TRUE COPY OF THE TABULAR DETAILS OF THE STATUS AND OTHER PARTICULARS OF THE 33 WORKS INCLUDED IN THE 2ND PHASE OF OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH.
EXHIBIT R3(C)	TRUE COPIES OF THE STATUS OF THE WORKS TAKEN UP UNDER PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2 UNDER THE PROJECT, OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH AS ON 15/05/2020.
EXHIBIT R3(D)	A TRUE COPY OF THE PROCEEDINGS NO.D2-9170/18 DATED 01/05/2020 ISSUED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT.
EXHIBIT R3(E)	A TRUE COPY OF THE ZONAL DIVISION MAP-2016 PERTAINING TO THE 6TH RESPONDENT, COUNTERSIGNED BY THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ATTACHED TO THE OFFICE OF THE 6TH RESPONDENT.
EXHIBIT R3(F)	A TRUE COPY OF THE ROUGH SKETCH OF THE AREA MORE PARTICULARLY THAT OF PERANDLOOR ROB.
EXHIBIT R3(G)	A TRUE COPY OF THE ROUGH SKETCH OF THE AREA MORE PARTICULARLY THAT OF RAILWAY CULVERT NUMBER VR3.
EXHIBIT R6(A)	TECHNICAL REPORT PREPARED BY THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, KOCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN WPC NO.23911/2018,



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29320/2019, 35166/2019 AND 9971/2020.

EXHIBIT R6(a) TRUE COPY OF THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT

EXHIBIT R8(A) TRUE COPY OF THE ESTIMATE REPORT 14.02.2022

EXHIBIT R8(B) TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTAION DATED 02.06.2022

EXHIBIT R8(C) TRUE COPY OF THE MEMORANDUM DATED 19.06.2022

EXHIBIT R8(D) TRUE COPY OF THE ONLINE NEWS DATED 22.01.2025 IN THE HINDU

EXHIBIT R8(E) TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS DATED 28.01.2025 IN KERALA KAUMUDI EPAPER

EXHIBIT R8(F) TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS IN THE HINDU DATED 31.01.2025

EXHIBIT R8(G) TRUE COPY OF THE ENQUIRY REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION AGENCY OF KERALA LOK AYUKTA

ANNEXURE R7(A) ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN ON 02/06/2020.

EXHIBIT R10(A) A TRUE COPY OF THE JUDGMENT DATED 22.03.2010 OF THIS HON'BLE COURT IN WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO.24385/2009.

EXHIBIT R10(B) A TRUE COPY OF THE COMMUNICATION DATED 05.11.2021 SENT BY THE 10TH RESPONDENT TO THE CHAIRPERSON, STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, KERALA DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.

EXHIBIT R11(A) A TRUE COPY OF LETTER NO.V/G.159/ADRM/MISC DATED 18.12.2019.

EXHIBIT R11(B) A TRUE COPY WORK CONTRACT DATED 13.06.2017.

EXHIBIT R11(C) A TRUE COPY OF NOC DATED 07.02.2020.

EXHIBIT R11(D) TRUE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PILLAR UNDER THE BRIDGE.

EXHIBIT R11(E) TRUE PHOTOGRAPH OF PILES PROTRUDING AT ELAMAKKARA BRIDGE.

EXHIBIT R11(F) TRUE PHOTOGRAPH OF PIPES NEAR THE ELAMAKKARA ROB.

EXHIBIT R11(G) TRUE COPY OF LR NO.V/W.274/COURT CASE DT 13.07.2021

ANNEXURE R19(A) TRUE COPY OF THE LETTER NO.KMRL/PRJ/GMP/434/2020/631 DATED 22.5.2020 ISSUED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER (PROJECTS), KMRL TO THE PROJECT DIRECTOR OF DMRC.

ANNEXURE R19(B) TRUE COPY OF THE LETTER NO.DMRC/KOCHI/12/1372/432 DATED 27.5.2020 SENT BY DMRC TO KMRL.



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ANNEXURE R19(C)	TRUE COPY OF THE LETTER NO.MOE3/013875/2020 DATED 25.5.2020 SENT BY THE COCHIN CORPORATION TO DMRC.
ANNEXURE R19(D)	TRUE COPY OF THE ACTION WITH REGARD TO CLEANING FROM EDAPPALLY TO DESHABHIMANI JUNCTION CONTAINING COMPUTER PRINTOUTS OF DELINEATION OF ROAD MARGIN.
ANNEXURE R19(E)	COPY OF THE PROCEEDINGS NO.D2-3919/2020 DATED 15.5.2020 ISSUED BY THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ERNAKULAM.
ANNEXURE R19(F)	COPY OF THE LETTER NO.D2-3919/2020 DATED 16.5.2020 ISSUED BY THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, ERNAKULAM TO THE 19TH RESPONDENT.
ANNEXURE R19(G)	COPY OF THE LETTER NO.KMRL/PRJ/PREMONSOON/150/2014/3310 DATED 30.4.2020 ISSUED TO THE COCHIN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ERNAKULAM.
EXHIBIT R20	TRUE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE CONTAMINATION OF WATER CHANNEL THROUGH THE PERANDOOR CANAL.
EXHIBIT R21(A)	THE TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION DATED 04/03/016 SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER BEFORE THE SECRETARY, KADAMAKKUDY GRAMA PANCHAYAT.
EXHIBIT R21(B)	THE TRUE COPY OF THE REPLY DATED 12/05/2017 GIVEN BY THE SECRETARY, KADAMAKKUDY GRAMA PANCHAYAT TO THE PETITIONER.
EXHIBIT R21(C)	TRUE COPY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS (4NOS.).
EXHIBIT R22(A)	TRUE COPY OF REPLY NO.ISO/MOE4/PIO/033850/2019 DATED 29.11.2019.
EXHIBIT R22(B)	TRUE COPY OF LETTER TO 6TH RESPONDENT HEREIN DATED 01.08.2020.
EXHIBIT R22(C)	TRUE COPY OF SKETCH DEPICTING ALL DRAINS IN AND AROUND JUDGES AVENUE.
EXHIBIT R23 (A)	TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION DATED 22/11/2019SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER BEFORE THE 5TH RESPONDENT.
ANNEXURE R24 (A)	A TRUE COPY OF THE AMRUT GUIDELINES.
ANNEXURE R24 (B)	A TRUE COPY OF THE LETTER NO. F.NO.K-14012/155/2015-SC-II DATED 16/12/2015.
ANNEXURE R24 (C)	A TRUE COPY OF THE OFFICE MEMORANDUM NO. K-16011/19/2016/AMRUT-II DATED 02/06/2016.
EXHIBIT R30(A)	PHOTOCOPY OF THE RVNL'S NOTIFIICATION OF AWARD LETTER DATED 21.02.2007.



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EXHIBIT R30(B)	PHOTOCOPY OF THE LETTER DATED 31.07.2010
EXHIBIT R30(C)	PHOTOCOPY OF THE LETTER NO.2944/JR/2182 DATED 28.08.2010.
EXHIBIT R30(D)	PHOTOCOPY OF THE RELEVANT PAGE OF PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY RVNL DATED 18.04.2011.
EXHIBIT R30(E)	PHOTOCOPY OF THE LETTERS OF APPRECIATION DATED 10.10.2009 ISSUED BY RVNL
EXHIBIT R30(F)	PHOTOSTAT COPY OF THE JUDGMENT IN WPC 24325/2009 DATED 19.11.2010.
EXHIBIT R30(G)	PHOTOCOPY OF THE JUDGMENT IN WPC 24358/2009 DATED 22.03.2010.
EXHIBIT R31(A)	PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN ON 19.10.2021 FROM A PRIVATE JETTY AT VADUTHALA
EXHIBIT R31(B)	PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN ON 19.10.2021 FROM A PRIVATE JETTY AT VADUTHALA
EXHIBIT R31(C)	PHOTOGRAPH OF VALLARPADAM RAILWAY BRIDGE TAKEN ON 19.10.2021
EXHIBIT R31(D)	PHOTOGRAPH OF VALLARPADAM RAILWAY BRIDGE TAKEN ON 19.10.2021
EXHIBIT R31(E)	TRUE COPY OF LETTER DATED 25.1.2019 OF SECRETARY, KOCHIN CORPORATION TO CHAIRMAN, KOCHIN PORT TRUST
EXHIBIT R31(F)	TRUE COPY OF G.O(RT) NO.3880/2019/RD DATED 29.12.2019 OF GOVERNMENT OF KERALA.
EXHIBIT R31(G)	TRUE COPY OF SATELLITE IMAGE OF VALLARPADAM RAIL BRIDGE TAKEN ON 15.10.2021.
EXHIBIT R35 (G)	THE TRUE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE WORK COMPLETED IN THE SITE
EXHIBIT R35 (I)	THE TRUE COPY OF THE WORK PROGRESS DIAGRAM
EXHIBIT R35 (H)	THE TRUE COPY OF THE WORK PROGRESS DIAGRAM
EXHIBIT R35 (J)	THE LATEST PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN ON 04.04.2023
EXHIBIT R35 (K)	THE TRUE COPY OF THE LETTERS SENT BY RESPONDENT SOCIETY TO GCDA DATED 30/12/2021
EXHIBIT R35 (L)	THE TRUE COPIES OF THE LETTERS SENT BY RESPONDENT SOCIETY TO GCDA DATED 6/1/2022
EXHIBIT R35 (M)	THE TRUE COPIES OF THE LETTERS SENT BY RESPONDENT SOCIETY TO GCDA DATED 24/1/2022
EXHIBIT R35 (N)	THE TRUE COPIES OF THE LETTERS SENT BY RESPONDENT SOCIETY TO GCDA DATED 17/2/2022
EXHIBIT R35 (O)	THE TRUE COPIES OF THE LETTERS SENT BY RESPONDENT SOCIETY TO GCDA DATED 5/2/2022



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EXHIBIT R35 (P)	THE TRUE COPY OF THE LETTER TO GCDA, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING THAT THE WORKS OF BLOCK 2 IS COMPLETE DATED 26TH JULY 2023
EXHIBIT R35 (Q)	THE TRUE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE BLOCK 1 AND BLOCK 2
ANNEXURE R37(A)	COPY OF THE LETTER NO.11027/ PIU-CHN-II/ NH66: KOD-EDA/ GENERAL/2024-25/1738 DRAWN BY THE NHAI ADDRESSED TO THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR DATED 20.01.2025 ALONG WITH THE COPY OF THE SOIL TEST REPORT.
EXHIBIT R38(A)	PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE FLOODING OF THE ENTIRE AREA, EVEN DURING DECEMBER 2024, MARCH 2025, MAY 2025, AND JUNE 2025
EXHIBIT R38(B)	TRUE COPY OF THE NEWSPAPER REPORTS DATED 06.03.2025 IN THE TIMES OF INDIA
EXHIBIT R38(C)	TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT DATED 04.01.2025 IN THE HINDU DAILY
EXHIBIT R38(D)	TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT DATED 09.01.2025 IN THE TIMES OF INDIA
EXHIBIT R38(E)	TRUE COPY OF THE LAB TEST REPORTS DATED 24.01.2025
EXHIBIT R38(F)	TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION FILED BEFORE THE MAYOR OF KOCHI DATED 13.01.2025 BY KADAVANTRA INDIRA NAGAR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
EXHIBIT R38(G)	PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE HIGHLY FLOODED ROAD IN FRONT OF APPLICANT'S RESIDENCE CAPTURED ON 26.06.2025
ANNEXURE A	TRUE COPY OF G.O. (P) NO. 16/2017/FIN DATED 06.02.2017.
ANNEXURE I	REPORT PREPARED BY DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER (WORKS), SOUTHERN RAILWAY, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.
ANNEXURE III	COPY OF REPORT PREPARED BY DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER (WORKS), SOUTHERN RAILWAY, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM DATED 15.11.2023