

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.G.ARUN

Thursday, the 16th day of October 2025 / 24th Aswina, 1947
WP(C) NO. 36545 OF 2025

PETITIONER:

ADV. RAJESH VIJAYAN, AGED 54 YEARS, K- 651/1996, S/O LATE K N VIJAYAN, RESIDING AT NARAYANEEYAM, EDAPPALLY NORTH P.O., KUNNUMPURAM, KOCHI,, PIN - 682024

RESPONDENTS:

1. BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA, 21, ROUSE AVENUE INSTITUTIONAL AREA, NEW DELHI, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, PIN - 110002
2. BAR COUNCIL OF KERALA, BAR COUNCIL OF KERALA BHAVAN, HIGH COURT CAMPUS, ERNAKULAM, KOCHI, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, PIN - 682031

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 provisionally stay Exhibit P1 from being implemented, pending disposal of this Writ Petition.

This petition again coming on for orders upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(C) and this court's order dated 07.10.2025 and upon hearing the arguments of SHINTO MATHEW ABRAHAM, ARUN THOMAS, VEENA RAVEENDRAN, KARTHIKA MARIA, ANIL SEBASTIAN PULICKEL, LEAH RACHEL NINAN, MATHEW NEVIN THOMAS, KARTHIK RAJAGOPAL, KURIAN ANTONY MATHEW, APARNNA S., ADEEN NAZAR, ARUN JOSEPH MATHEW, NOEL NINAN NINAN and SANTHOSH MATHEW (SR.), Advocates for the petitioner, the court passed the following:

V.G.ARUN, J.

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Dated this the 16th day of October, 2025

ORDER

Considering the reliefs sought and the positive direction issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the interim order is modified by making it clear that the *status quo* to be maintained only with respect to the nomination fee to be remitted by the candidates and is not meant to interdict the conduct of the election.

2. With the above clarification, the order of *status quo* is extended.

Post on 04.11.2025.

Sd/-

V.G.ARUN

JUDGE

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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 36545/2025

Exhibit P1	A TRUE COPY OF THE COMMUNICATION DATED 25-09-2025 ISSUED BY THE BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA
Exhibit P2	A TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER OF THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT IN W.P.(C) 1319 OF 2023, DATED 24-09-2025
Exhibit P3	A TRUE COPY OF THE BAR COUNCIL OF KERALA RULES, 1979, AS APPROVED BY BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA ON 09-02-1980
Exhibit P4	A TRUE COPY OF THE RELEVANT PAGES OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT, FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS-SCBA CHAIRED BY RETD. JDG L. NAGESWARA RAO, DATED 22-04-2025

