

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN
&
THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE M.B. SNEHALATHA**

**Thursday, the 11th day of December 2025 / 20th Agrahayana, 1947
WP(CRL.) NO. 1421 OF 2025(S)**

PETITIONER:

**SANTON LAMA, AGED 38 YEARS, (AADHAR CARD NO. 7115 5502 6140),
S/O MR. SURAJ LAMA, NO. 9/4, SAIDHAM, BILESHIVALE,
HANUMANTHA NAGAR, DODDAGUBBI POST, BENGALURU, PIN - 560 077.**

RESPONDENTS:

1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 001.
2. ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY, IN CHARGE OF HOME DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 001.
3. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, KERALA POLICE HEADQUARTERS, TRIVANDRUM, PIN - 695 010
4. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, KOCHI CITY, ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682 018.
5. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, THRIKKAKARA POLICE STATION, THRIKKAKARA, ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682 021.
6. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, NEDUMBASSERY POLICE STATION, CIAL, ERNAKULAM, PIN - 683 111.
7. COCHIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LTD (CIAL), REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR, NEDUMBASSERY, COCHIN, PIN - 683 111.
8. THE SUPERINTENDENT, GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL, KALAMASSERY, ERNAKULAM, PIN - 683 104.
- ADDITIONAL R9 & R10 IMPEADED**
9. THE DIG, THE ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNIT (AHTU), THIRUVANANTHAPURAM RANGE, POLICE HEAD QUARTERS, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 010.
10. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 001. ADDL.R9 & R10 ARE SUO MOTU IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 11/11/2025 IN WP(CRL.) 1421/2025.

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Writ petition (criminal) praying inter alia that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed along with the WP(Crl.) the High Court be pleased to direct the respondents 1-6 to produce Mr.Suraj Lama, the missing person in Ext P5 FIR and who was in custody of 5th respondent as evident from Ext P7 photograph before this Honourable Court.

This petition coming again on for admission upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(Crl.), this Court's order dated 04/12/2025 and upon hearing the arguments of SMT. A.PARVATHI MENON, Advocate for the petitioner, SRI. SUNIL NATH, PUBLIC PROSECUTOR for R1 to R6 & R8, Addl.R9 & Addl.R10, SRI. S.SUJIN, Advocate for R7 and of DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA & SMT.S.KRISHNA, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT COUNSEL, the court passed the following:

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DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN & M.B. SNEHALATHA, JJ.

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Dated this the 11th day of December, 2025

ORDER

Devan Ramachandran, J.

The statement filed on behalf of the Deputy Solicitor General of India leaves more questions unanswered than answered.

2. Before we voice our opinion, we are certain that we require the deportation documents of the “alleged detainee” to be placed before us. If the same is in a foreign language, it should be translated and given to us. Smt.S.Krishna – DSGI, sought time till 15.12.2025 for this.

3. Sri.Sunil Nath – learned Government Pleader, submitted that reports have been filed by both the Superintendent of the Government Medical College Hospital, Ernakulam, and also by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Aluva. He, however, sought time till 15.12.2025, for a comprehensive report of the Police to be placed on record. He added that all details, including the requisition of the Police to the Medical College Hospital *qua* the admission of the “alleged detainee”, if any, will also be placed on record.

4. Though we do not want to say anything further at this stage, we deem it necessary to notify the Authorities that this

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Court is concerned about the “alleged detainee” because he is a citizen of India. Every citizen is equal; and under our constitutional umbra, is important. Sometimes, this seems to be lost sight of.

5. We are calling for the afore details within this perspective, and we require the Authorities to keep this in mind.

6. In the meanwhile, the learned Government Pleader will also obtain instructions as to the forensic evaluation of the body that has now been obtained.

List on 15.12.2025.

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**Sd/- DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN,
JUDGE**

**Sd/- M.B. SNEHALATHA,
JUDGE**

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