

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

Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025 / 20th Karthika, 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.

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 07/11/2025 and upon hearing the arguments of SMT. A.PARVATHI MENON, Advocate for the petitioner, PUBLIC PROSECUTOR for R1 to R6 & R8, Addl.R9 & Addl.R10 and of SRI. S.SUJIN, Advocate for R7, the court passed the following:

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**DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN & M.B. SNEHALATHA, JJ.**

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Dated this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025

**ORDER**

**Devan Ramachandran, J.**

The learned Government Pleader has filed a memo attaching therewith the progress report settled by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Aluva.

Distressingly, the alleged detainee has not been found yet.

Smt.Parvathi Menon – appearing for the petitioner, reiterated the concern of her client and his family.

We have no doubt that the alleged detainee will have to be traced out at the earliest.

We, therefore, *suo motu* implead the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU), DIG, Thiruvananthapuram Range, Police Head Quarters, Thiruvananthapuram and the Principal Secretary, Department of Social Justice, Government of Kerala as additional respondents in the party array. The Registry will make consequential incorporations in the cause title.

The learned Government Pleader will obtain specific instructions from the afore two additional respondents and we direct the second respondent to cause a full enquiry into every destitute home/shelter home/home for senior citizens in the State

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of Kerala and give us a report on the same by the next posting date.

List on 17.11.2025.

**Sd/- DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN,  
JUDGE**

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

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