

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. NITIN JAMDAR
&
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE BASANT BALAJI**

**Thursday, the 31st day of July 2025 / 9th Sravana, 1947
WP(PIL) NO. 87 OF 2025(S)**

**SUO MOTU PROCEEDINGS INITIATED BY THE HIGH COURT
IN WATERLOGGING OF SNDP HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL,
KUTTAMANGALAM, ALAPPUZHA.**

RESPONDENTS:

1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 001.
 2. THE DIRECTOR OF GENERAL EDUCATION, DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL EDUCATION, JAGATHI, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695 014.
 3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE, CIVIL STATION WARD, ALAPPUZHA - 688 001.
 4. PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURE OFFICER, PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURE OFFICE, CIVIL STATION, ALAPPUZHA - 688 001.
 5. THE SECRETARY, KAINAKARY GRAMA PANCHAYAT, THOTTUVATHALA, KAINAKARY SOUTH, ALAPPUZHA - 688 501.
 6. THE MANAGER, SNDP HSS, KUTTAMANGALAM, KAINAKARY NORTH, ALAPPUZHA - 688 501.
 7. THE SECRETARY, PARUTHIVALAVU PADASHEKHARA SAMITI, KUTTAMANGALAM.P.O, KAINAKARY, ALAPPUZHA - 688 501.
- ADDITIONAL R8 IMPEADED**
8. THE KERALA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, REPRESENTED BY ITS MEMBER SECRETARY, ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682 031.
- ADDL.R8 IS IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 23/07/2025 IN WP(PIL) 87/2025.**

This Suo motu writ petition again coming on for admission upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(PIL), this Court's order dated 23/07/2025 and upon hearing the arguments of SRI. V.TEKCHAND, SENIOR GOVERNMENT PLEADER, SRI. AMAL KASHA, Advocate for R8 and of SRI.JITHIN SAJI ISAAC, AMICUS CURIAE, the court passed the following:

P.T.O.

NITIN JAMDAR, C.J.

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BASANT BALAJI, J.

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Dated this the 31st day of July 2025

ORDER

Heard Mr. Jithin Saji Issac, learned Amicus Curiae, Mr. V. Tekchand, learned Senior Government Pleader and Mr. Amal Kasha, learned counsel appearing for additional Respondent No.8.

2. Learned Senior Government Pleader submits that as per the directions of this Court, the District Collector had convened a meeting on 28 July 2025 in his office which was attended by the Deputy Collector (Disaster Management), the concerned Deputy Director of Education, Principal Agricultural Officer, Tahsildar, office bearers of the Grama Panchayat, office bearers of the Paruthivalavu Padasekhara Samithi, Agricultural Officer, Manager and Principal of the Educational Institution and Assistant Executive Engineer, Agriculture. The decisions taken in the meeting are listed as under:

- 1. The Secretary, Paruthivalavu Padasekhara Samithi, Kainakary was strictly instructed to pump out the water using four motors (one 50 HP, one 60 HP, and two 12 HP pumps) from the flooded area.*
- 2. The Assistant Executive Engineer (Agriculture), Alappuzha was directed to inspect the breached*

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bund areas, identify existing leakages, suggest reinforcement using sandbags, and submit a report accordingly.

3. The Deputy Director of Education was instructed to submit a report detailing the number of academic days lost due to water logging in all affected and unaffected schools in the region.

4. The Secretary, Paruthivalavu Padasekhara Samithi was further instructed to hire five additional 10 HP submersible pumps for dewatering, and to estimate and report the rental cost.

5. The Secretary, Kainakary Grama Panchayat and the padasekhara samithi was directed to begin sanitation activities in the dewatered areas, reinforce the bunds, and supply the required sand to make the school and its surroundings safe and accessible.

4. What is placed before us is these decisions which have to be taken on an immediate basis. The District Collector will ensure that the decisions taken in the meeting are implemented by the respective officers and the Secretaries of the Grama Panchayat and the Samithi. The officers who have taken these collective decisions are directed to comply with the directions of the District Collector as listed above.

5. Apart from this position, we had also called upon the District Collector to look into the issue as regards other educational institutions and to consider measures to avoid the recurrence of similar situations in future. The District Collector will call for another meeting on these aspects. The Deputy Director of Education will submit in the said

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meeting whether any other schools in the area have been similarly affected. It is open to the added Respondent KeLSA to visit the area and give suggestions to the District Collector.

6. Issue notice Respondent Nos. 5 to 7.

7. Post on 11 August 2025.

Sd/-

**NITIN JAMDAR
CHIEF JUSTICE**



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**BASANT BALAJI
JUDGE**

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