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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. JAYAKUMAR

WEDNESDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025 / 15TH SRAVANA, 1947

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IN THE MATTER OF TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD-SABARIMALA SPECIAL
COMMISSIONER REPORT-S.M.NO.17/2025-REPORT REGARDING THE USE OF
TRACTOR BY ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE SRI. M.R. AJITH
KUMAR DURING HIS VISIT TO SABARIMALA-SUO MOTU PROCEEDINGS

INITIATED-REG:

PETITIONER:

SUO MOTU

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
REVENUE (DEVASWOM) DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695001
- 2 DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
KERALA POLICE HEADQUARTERS, THIRUVANATHAPURAM-695010
- 3 THE CHIEF POLICE CO-ORDINATOR
(ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE (POLICE
HEADQUARTERS)). SANNIDHANAM, SABARAMILA - 689713
- 4 THE CHIEF VIGILANCE AND SECURITY OFFICER



(SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE)
TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD, NANTHANCODE,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695003

- 5 THE TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, NANTHANCODE, KAWDIAR
POST, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695003
- 6 DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER
TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD, NANTHANCODE, KAWDIAR POST,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN-695003
- 7 DISTRICT COLLECTOR
PATHANAMTHITTA, CIVIL STATION P.O.,
PATHANAMTHITTA-689645

SAYUJYA RADHAKRISHNAN (SC) ,
G.BIJU (SC) ,
SR. GP-S.RAJMOHAN

THIS SABARIMALA SPECIAL COMMISSIONER REPORT HAVING COME UP
FOR ADMISSION ON 06.08.2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED
THE FOLLOWING:

**JUDGMENT****Raja Vijayaraghavan V, J.**

The aforesaid suo motu proceedings were initiated based on a report filed by the Special Commissioner, Sabarimala, on receipt of information through various news channels that Sri. M.R. Ajith Kumar, Additional Director General of Kerala Police, boarded a tractor and travelled from Pampa to Sabarimala and back.

2. It would be pertinent to note that as early as on 25.11.2021, this Court in DBP No. 26 of 2021, had issued an order prohibiting the movement of devotees, Devaswom Officials, Police personnel etc., in tractors used for the transportation of goods through the trekking path.

3. When the matter was taken up on 16.07.2025, it was brought to the notice of this Court that the Director General of Police had sought for an explanation from the Additional Director General of Police (Armed Police Battalion) regarding the incident that happened at Sabarimala on 12.07.2025 and 13.07.2025. It was also reported that a crime has been registered as Crime No.235 of 2025 of Pampa Police Station for offences, *inter alia*, under Sections 281 and 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 66(1), 192A and 123 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

4. In terms of the directions issued by us, the Chief Police Co-ordinator, has filed a report which has been placed before this Court. In the report, it is stated that a crime has been registered and that explanation was obtained from



Sri. M.R. Ajith Kumar regarding the incident. Sri. M.R. Ajith Kumar is stated to have admitted that he had used the Police Department tractor on 12.07.2025 and 13.07.2025 for reaching Sannidhanam and back to Pampa. According to him, he was compelled to use the vehicle due to the development of health issues while trekking to Sannidhanam. It also appears that explanation has been sought from Sri. Ajith Kumar by the State Police Chief.

5. We strongly deprecate the improper and irresponsible conduct of a Senior Officer of the Police Department. However, since an explanation has been sought from the said Officer by the Director General of Police and crimes have been registered in connection with the unbecoming act and conduct, we are of the view that this report can be closed. The respondents shall ensure that such incidents do not occur henceforth and the directions issued by this Court in DBP No. 26 of 2021 are strictly complied with.

This SSCR is closed.

Sd/-
RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V
JUDGE

Sd/-
K. V. JAYAKUMAR
JUDGE