

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

Friday, the 8th day of August 2025 / 17th Sravana, 1947
WP(C) NO. 20485 OF 2024(S)

PETITIONER:

PRASAD SOMARAJAN, AGED 55 YEARS, DHARMAPURAM,
NEAR ASHRAM ENGINEERING COLLEGE P.O,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 016.

RESPONDENTS:

1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, KERALA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 004.
2. KERALA ROAD SAFETY AUTHORITY, REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, VAZHUTHACAUD, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 014.
3. NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA - NHAI, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, G 5&6, DABRI - GURGAON RD, SECTOR 10 DWARKA, DWARKA, DELHI, PIN - 110 075.

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 direct the respondents to initiate steps to implement Exts.P6, P7, P11 and P13 provisionally and subject to the result of the writ petition.

This petition coming again on for orders upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(C), this Court's order dated 25/07/2025 and upon hearing the arguments of M/S. A.ARUNA & UTTARA P.V., Advocates for the petitioner, SRI. K.V.MANOJ KUMAR, SENIOR GOVERNMENT PLEADER for R1 and of M/S. LEJO JOSEPH GEORGE & E.C.KURIAKOSE, Advocates for R3, the court passed the following:

P.T.O.

NITIN JAMDAR, C. J. & BASANT BALAJI, J.

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Dated this the 8th day of August, 2025

ORDER

Heard Ms. Uttara P. V., learned counsel representing Ms. A. Aruna, learned counsel for the Petitioner, Mr. Lejo Joseph George, learned counsel for Respondent No. 3 and Mr. K. V. Manoj Kumar, learned Senior Government Pleader.

2. Learned counsel for Respondent No. 3 has tendered a memo which contains a note signed by the Project Officer. The note contains no particulars whatsoever, except a list.

3. In the petition, all that is pointed out by the Petitioner are requirements as stipulated by the Indian Road Congress. It cannot be that a petition has to be filed for the fulfillment of these requirements for each stretch of road. It is necessary for the National Highways, as regards fulfillment of the stipulations are concerned, to have a grievance redressal / feedback mechanism, so that before the petitions are filed, an attempt is made to resolve the issue by the National Highways. The Project officer will file a counter affidavit on this aspect as well.

4. Post on 12 September 2025. Copy of the affidavit be given to

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the learned counsel for the Petitioner in advance.

Sd/-
NITIN JAMDAR
CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-
BASANT BALAJI
JUDGE

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