

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM**PRESENT****THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V****&****THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. JAYAKUMAR****Wednesday, the 28th day of January 2026 / 8th Magha, 1947****SSCR NO. 21 OF 2025**

**IN THE MATTER OF TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD - SABARIMALA SPECIAL COMMISSIONER
REPORT - SM.NO.21/2025 -MONTHLY REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONER,
SABARIMALA REGARDING THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING CHINGHAM MASA
POOJA FROM AUGUST 16, 2025 TO AUGUST 21, 2025 (1201 ME CHINGHAM MASAM) AT
SABARIMALA SREE DHARMA SASTHA TEMPLE - 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. THE TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, NANTHANCODE, KAWDIAR POST,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695003**
- 3. THE DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER
TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD, DEVASWOM BUILDINGS, NANTHANCODE,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695003**
- 4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
SABARIMALA, SABARIMALA P.O., PATHANAMTHITTA - 689662**
- 5. CHIEF VIGILANCE & SECURITY OFFICER (SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE)
TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM HEAD QUARTERS, NANTHANCODE, KAWDIAR POST,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695003**

6. CHIEF POLICE COORDINATOR
(ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE) (POLICE HEADQUARTERS)
SABARIMALA, PATHANAMTHITTA, PIN - 689713
7. RANNI PERUNAD GRAMA PANCHAYAT
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, RANNI PERUNAD, PERUNAD,
PATHANAMTHITTA - 689711
*ADDL.R8 IMPEADED
8. THE HIGH POWER COMMITTEE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
SABARIMALA MASTER PLAN, REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN,
TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD, NANTHANCODE,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695003.
*IS SUO MOTU IMPEADED AS ADDL.R8 VIDE ORDER DATED 27/08/2025
IN SSCR NO.21/2025.
*ADDL.R9 IMPEADED
9. THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER (DFO),
KARIKULAM, RANNI, PATHANAMTHITTA – 689672
*IS SUO MOTU IMPEADED AS ADDITIONAL 9TH RESPONDENT VIDE ORDER
DATED 08/10/2025 IN SSCR.NO.21/2025

BY SRI.S.RAJMOHAN, SR.GOVERNMENT PLEADER
BY STANDING COUNSEL FOR TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
BY SMT.SAYUJYA RADHAKRISHNAN, AMICUS CURIAE FOR SABARIMALA
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER
BY STANDING COUNSEL FOR THE HIGH POWER COMMITTEE FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF SABARIMALA MASTER PLAN
BY SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER (FOREST) FOR ADDL. R9
BY SMT.CHITHRA CHANDRASEKHARAN, STANDING COUNSEL FOR R7

THIS SABARIMALA SPECIAL COMMISSIONER REPORT HAVING COME UP FOR
ORDERS AGAIN ON 28/01/2026, UPON PERUSING THE REPORT AND THIS COURT'S
ORDER DATED 28/11/2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

**RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V.,
&
K.V. JAYAKUMAR, JJ.**

SSCR. No. 21 of 2025

Dated this the 28th day of January, 2026

ORDER

Raja Vijayaraghavan V, J.

In this report, the two issues that remain to be addressed pertain to the establishment of a biogas plant at Sannidhanam and the construction of a storage plant for the storage of gas cylinders.

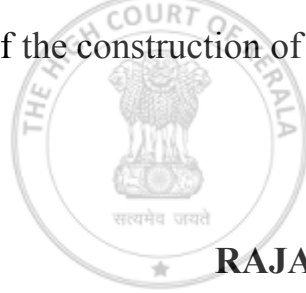
2. By order dated 08.10.2025, this Court had directed the learned Government Pleader as well as the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the Travancore Devaswom Board to apprise this Court as to whether the delay in the execution of the biogas plant project was attributable to paucity of funds. However, no such inputs have thus far been placed before this Court. The learned Standing Counsel appearing for the Travancore Devaswom Board and the learned Government Pleader are, therefore, directed to state the time frame within which the required funds, if any, can be made available and the construction of the biogas plant can be completed.

3. The next issue relates to the construction of a godown for the storage of gas cylinders at Sannidhanam and Pamba, which is proposed to be established at Nilackal. The learned Standing Counsel appearing for the Ranni-Perunad Grama Panchayat submits that, upon submission of a proper

application along with all requisite documents by the Travancore Devaswom Board, the same can be processed, and the necessary permits can be granted in accordance with law. It is submitted that, as on date, the No Objection Certificate from the Fire Department has not been produced.

4. We, therefore, direct the Travancore Devaswom Board to expedite the process and submit a duly completed application along with all requisite documents, including the Fire Department NOC, before the Ranni-Perunad Grama Panchayat, so as to enable the grant of licence and to facilitate the commencement and completion of the construction.

Post on 13.02.2026, on which date the learned Government Pleader as well as the learned Standing Counsel shall obtain and place on record instructions with regard to the status of the construction of the biogas plant.



Sd/-
RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V,
JUDGE

Sd/-
K. V. JAYAKUMAR,
JUDGE

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