

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. NITIN JAMDAR
&
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SYAM KUMAR V.M.

Thursday, the 11th day of December 2025 / 20th Agrahayana, 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 26/11/2025 and upon hearing the arguments of M/S. A.ARUNA & UTTARA P.V, Advocates for the petitioner, GOVERNMENT PLEADER for R1 and of M/S. B.G.BIDAN CHANDRAN, LEJO JOSEPH GEORGE & E.C.KURIAKOSE, Advocates for R3, the court passed the following:

P.T.O.

NITIN JAMDAR, C. J. & SYAM KUMAR V. M., J.

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Dated this the 11th day of December, 2025

ORDER

Heard Ms. Uttara P. V., learned counsel representing Ms. A. Aruna and Mr. S. Gopakumar, learned counsel for the Petitioners, Mr. B. G. Bidan Chandran and Mr. Lejo Joseph George, learned Standing Counsel for the National Highways Authority of India, and Mr. K. Rajkumar, learned Senior Panel Counsel.

2. Learned Standing Counsel for the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) states that the software change will have to be carried out by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) and therefore it is taking time.

3. Copy of the orders passed in these petitions be forwarded by the NHAI to the concerned officer of the NIC to enable the NIC to understand why there is urgency in the matter, so that necessary steps can be taken.

Later on

4. Learned Standing Counsel for the NHAI mentioned the matter at the end of the board to submit that, according to the instructions

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received today, the changes have been carried out.

5. Post on 15 December 2025.

Sd/-
NITIN JAMDAR
CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-
SYAM KUMAR V. M.
JUDGE



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