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W.P.(PIL) No. 109 of 2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V

&

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. JAYAKUMAR

FRIDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025 / 25TH ASWINA, 1947

WP(C) NO. 32854 OF 2025

PETITIONERS:

- 1 V.C. AJIKUMAR
AGED 48 YEARS
S/O. CHANDRANKUTTY VETTIKKANAL HOUSE, ERUMELI P.O.
KOTTAYAM-, PIN - 686509
- 2 LOUIS ERUMELY
AGED 49 YEARS
S/O.DAVID KANDATHIL VEEDU PROPPPOS P.O., ERUMELI
KOTTAYAM-, PIN - 686509

BY ADV SRI.R.KRISHNA RAJ

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT KERALA
GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANATHAPURAM,
PIN - 695001
- 2 SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (DEVASWOM) KERALA GOVERNMENT
SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANATHAPURAM, PIN - 695001



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3 TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
 REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, DEVASWOM HEAD QUARTERS,
 NANDANCODE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695003

BY ADVS.
SHRI. S. RAJMOHAN, GOVERNMENT PLEADER
SHRI.G.BIJU, SC, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
SHRI.N.MANOJ KUMAR, STATE ATTORNEY

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR FINAL
HEARING ON 17.10.2025, ALONG WITH WP(C).32857/2025,
109/2025 AND CONNECTED CASES, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY
DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:



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FRIDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025 / 25TH ASWINA, 1947

WP(C) NO. 32857 OF 2025

PETITIONER:

M. NANDAKUMAR (MUKKAAPPUZHA)
AGED 61 YEARS
VYSHAKH BHAVANAM, HMT COLONY P.O., KALAMASSERI
ORGANIZING SECRETARY, HAINDAVEEYAM FOUNDATION,
PIN - 683503

BY ADV SRI.R.KRISHNA RAJ

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT KERALA
GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANATHAPURAM,
PIN - 695001
- 2 SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (DEVASWOM) KERALA GOVERNMENT
SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANATHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 3 TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, DEVASWOM HEAD QUARTERS,
NANDANCODE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695003



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SHRI.G.BIJU, SC, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
SHRI.N.MANOJ KUMAR, STATE ATTORNEY

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR FINAL
HEARING ON 17.10.2025, ALONG WITH WP(C).32854/2025 AND
CONNECTED CASES, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING:



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V

&

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. JAYAKUMAR

FRIDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025 / 25TH ASWINA, 1947

WP(PIL) NO. 109 OF 2025

PETITIONER:

AJEESH KALATHIL GOPI
AGED 44 YEARS
S/O GOPI KALATHIL KUNJACHAN LEX REDEMPTION PVT LTD,
8/51, F/F, JANGPURA- EXTESION, NEW DELHI,
PIN - 110014

BY ADV AJEESH KALATHIL GOPI (PARTY-IN-PERSON)

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA
THROUGH CHIEF SECRETARY SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 2 THE TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
THROUGH ITS SECRETARY, NANTHANCOD, KAWDIAR POST,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695003
- 3 THE MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATION, PORTS, AND DEVASWOMS
GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, THROUGH SECRETARY, ROOM NO. 397,
1ST FLOOR, MAIN BLOCK, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
KERALA, PIN - 695001



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4 DISTRICT COLLECTOR, PATHANAMTHITTA
2ND FLOOR, DISTRICT COLLECTORATE, PATHANAMTHITTA,
KERALA, PIN - 689645

BY ADVS.
SHRI. S. RAJMOHAN, GOVERNMENT PLEADER
SHRI.G.BIJU, SC, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
SHRI.N.MANOJ KUMAR, STATE ATTORNEY

THIS WRIT PETITION (PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION)
HAVING COME UP FOR FINAL HEARING ON 17.10.2025, ALONG WITH
WP(C).32854/2025 AND CONNECTED CASES, THE COURT ON THE
SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:



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PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V

&

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. JAYAKUMAR

FRIDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025 / 25TH ASWINA, 1947

WP(C) NO. 33325 OF 2025

PETITIONER:

SJR KUMAR
AGED 69 YEARS
S/O LATE K. SRIDHARAN PILLAI, RESIDING AT PARK VILLA,
K.V 62, PANAMPILLY NAGAR, COCHIN, PIN - 682036

BY ADVS.
SRI.SAJITH KUMAR V.
SMT.SETHULAKSHMI N.K.
SHRI.AJIN DEV S.S.
SMT.TANOOSHA PAUL

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 THE STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT,
GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
PIN - 695001
- 2 THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT FOR REVENUE (DEVASWOM) GOVERNMENT OF KERALA,



SECRETARIAT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001

- 3 THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HOME, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 4 THE TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY DEVASWOM BOARD HEADQUARTERS,
NANDANCODE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695003
- 5 THE TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER
NANDANCODE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695003

BY ADVS.

HRI. S. RAJMOHAN, GOVERNMENT PLEADER
SHRI.G.BIJU, SC, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
SHRI.N.MANOJ KUMAR, STATE ATTORNEY

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR FINAL HEARING
ON 17.10.2025, ALONG WITH WP(C).32854/2025 AND CONNECTED
CASES, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:



J U D G M E N T

[WP(C) Nos. 32854/2025, 32857/2025, 33325/2025, WP(PIL) No. 109/2025]

Raja Vijayaraghavan V. J.

These Writ Petitions, including one styled as Public Interest Litigation(PIL), have been instituted challenging the decision of the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) to conduct a Global Conclave of Ayyappa Devotees, scheduled to be hosted on 20.09.2025.

2. By the interim order dated 11.09.2025, the prayer for interdicting the conduct of the Ayyappa Sangamam was rejected.

3. We are given to understand that, though the interim order was challenged, the Hon'ble Apex Court refused to interfere with the same.

4. The Global Conclave of Ayyappa Devotees was held on 20.09.2025, and in that view of the matter, no purpose would be served in retaining these petitions on file.

These petitions are closed.

Sd/-
RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V,
JUDGE

Sd/-
K.V. JAYAKUMAR,
JUDGE



APPENDIX OF WP(C) 32854/2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P-1	TRUE COPY OF APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE 1ST PETITIONER UNDER THE RTI ACT DATED 25.08.2025
Exhibit P-2	TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT OF GLOBAL AYYAPPA SANGAMOM PUBLISHED IN DESABHIMANI DATED 17.08.2025
Exhibit P-3	TRUE COPY OF NEWS ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN NEWS-18 MALAYALAM DATED 22.08.2025
Exhibit P-4	TRUE COPY OF NEWS ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN MATHRUBHUMI DATED 10.08.2025
Exhibit P-5	TRUE COPY OF THE STATEMENT OF THE FOREST DEPARTMENT IN D.B.P.NO.3/2022 DATED 10.02.2022
Exhibit P-6	TRUE COPY OF THE GOVERNMENT ORDER DATED 28.12.1970
Exhibit P-7	TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER OF THIS HON'BLE COURT IN D.B.P.NO.3/2022 DATED 16.02.2022
Exhibit P-8	TRUE COPY OF THE LETTER ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT DATED 27.09.2025
Exhibit P-9	TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT DATED 23.08.2025
Exhibit P-10	TRUE COPY OF THE ANSWER GIVEN BY THE MINISTER IN THE PARLIAMENT DATED 17.03.2025
Exhibit P-11	TRUE COPY OF THE MASTER PLAN FOR SABARIMALA DATED NIL

RESPONDENT EXHIBITS

Exhibit-R3(a)	True copy of the minutes of the M and M Festival preparatory review meeting of the Travancore Devaswom Board held on 26.05.2025 (R.O.C. No.04/2025/Saba)
Exhibit-R3(b)	True copy of the order vide R.O.C. 7763/25/Sab dated 08.08.2025 issued by the Secretary, Travancore Devaswom Board to the



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Exhibit-R3(c)

Devaswom Commissioner, Travancore Devaswom Board

True copy of the Order vide R.O.C. 7763/25/Sab dated 13.08.2025 issued by the Secretary, Travancore Devaswom Board to the Devaswom Commissioner, Travancore Devaswom Board



APPENDIX OF WP(C) 32857/2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P-1	TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT OF GLOBAL AYYAPPA SANGAMOM PUBLISHED IN DESABHIMANI DATED 17.08.2025
Exhibit P-2	TRUE COPY OF NEWS ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN NEWS-18 MALAYALAM DATED 22.08.2025
Exhibit P-3	TRUE COPY OF NEWS ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN MATHRUBHUMI DATED 10.08.2025
Exhibit P-4	TRUE COPY OF THE PAPER REPORT DATED 22.08.2025
Exhibit P-5	COPY OF THE STATEMENT OF THE FOREST DEPARTMENT IN D.B.P.NO.3/2022 DATED 10.02.2022
Exhibit P-6	COPY OF THE GOVERNMENT ORDER DATED 28.12.1970
Exhibit P-7	COPY OF THE ORDER OF THIS HON'BLE COURT IN D.B.P.NO.3/2022 DATED 16.02.2022

RESPONDENT EXHIBITS

Exhibit-R3(a)	TRUE COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE M AND M FESTIVAL PREPARATORY REVIEW MEETING OF THE TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD HELD ON 26.05.2025 (R.O.C. NO.04/2025/SABA)
Exhibit-R3(b)	TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER VIDE R.O.C. 7763/25/SAB DATED 08.08.2025 ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD TO THE DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
Exhibit-R3(c)	TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER VIDE R.O.C. 7763/25/SAB DATED 13.08.2025 ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD TO THE DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD



APPENDIX OF WP(PIL) 109/2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

- Exhibit P1** THE NEWS REPORT REFLECTING THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER'S RESPONSE IN THE MATTER ON 28.08.2025, PUBLISHED IN A LEADING NEWSPAPER NAMELY DESABHIMANI,
- Exhibit P2** THE SOCIAL MEDIA REPORTS COVERING THE DECLARATION MADE BY THE HON'BLE DEVASWOM MINISTER ON 29.08.2025
- Exhibit P3** THE ONLINE EDITION OF THE ENGLISH NEWSPAPER MATHRUBHUMI, PORTRAYING ONE OF THE ONGOING AGITATIONS AGAINST THE AYYAPPA SANGAMAM,
- Exhibit P4** THE EMAIL DATED 27.08.2025 CONTAINING THE REPRESENTATION SENT TO THE SECRETARY, RESPONDENT NO.2
- Exhibit P5** THE EMAIL CONTAINING THE REPRESENTATION SENT TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA (RESPONDENT NO.1),

RESPONDENT EXHIBITS

- Exhibit-R2(a)** TRUE COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE M AND M FESTIVAL PREPARATORY REVIEW MEETING OF THE TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD HELD ON 26.05.2025 (R.O.C. NO.04/2025/SABA)
- Exhibit-R2(b)** TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER VIDE R.O.C. 7763/25/SAB DATED 08.08.2025 ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD TO THE DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
- Exhibit-R2(c)** TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER VIDE R.O.C. 7763/25/SAB DATED 13.08.2025 ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD TO THE DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER, TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD



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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 33325/2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	A TRUE COPY THE G.O (MS) NO. 1993/2025/RD DATED 23.08.2025 ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE 2ND RESPONDENT
Exhibit P2	A TRUE COPY OF THE NEWSPAPER REPORT OF GLOBAL AYYAPPA SANGHAMAM PUBLISHED IN DESHABHIMANI DATED 17.08.2025
Exhibit P 3	A TRUE COPY OF THE REPORT DATED 22.08.2025 IN ONLINE HINDU
Exhibit P4	A TRUE COPY OF NEWS REPORT DATED 03.09.2023 IN INDIA TODAY ONLINE
Exhibit P5	A TRUE COPY ROC NO. 14750/2025/SAB DATED 15.09.2025 ISSUED BY THE DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER ALONG WITH ITS TYPED COPY