

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BECHU KURIAN THOMAS
Friday, the 30th day of January 2026 / 10th Magha, 1947
WP(C) NO. 3700 OF 2026(J)

PETITIONER:

**KUNHIKRISHNAN V, AGED 74 YEARS, SON OF KAMMARA PODUVAL, KAVYAKALA,
VELLUR P.O., PAYYANNUR, KANNUR DISTRICT, PIN - 670307**

RESPONDENTS:

1. STATE OF KERALA REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY HOME DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
2. DISTRICT COLLECTOR KANNUR OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
COLLECTORATE, THAVAKKARA, KANNUR, PIN - 670002
3. DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE- KANNUR RURAL, KERALA
POLICE, DHARAMSHALA MANGATTUPARAMBA, KANNUR, PIN - 670562
4. STATION HOUSE OFFICER CIRCLE INSPECTOR OF POLICE PAYYANNUR POLICE
STATION, POLICE STATION ROAD, PAYYANNUR, PIN - 670307
5. RAGESH K K SECRETARY, DISTRICT COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA –
MARXIST AZHIKODAN SMARAKA MANDIRAM, TALAP, KANNUR, PIN - 670002
6. P SANTHOSH SECRETARY, AREA COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA-
MARXIST, A K G BHAVAN, PAYYANNUR, PIN - 670307
7. MADHUSOODANAN T.I MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, PAYYANNUR
NIRANJANA, MAVICHERY PAYYANNUR, PIN - 670307

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 3rd and 4th respondents to give adequate and sufficient Police protection to the petitioner, his family members and friends, to protect their personal liberty, life and properties and also for maintaining law and order for the normal and smooth conduct of the event announced in Exhibit P1, the event of release of book authored by the petitioner, on 04-02-2026 at Gandhi Park, Payyannur, pending final disposal of this writ Petition.

This petition coming on for admission upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(C) and upon hearing the arguments of M/S. K.P.PRADEEP, T.T.BIJU, T.THASMI & M.J.ANOOPA, Advocates for the petitioner and of GOVERNMENT PLEADER for the respondents 1 to 4, the court passed the following:

BECHU KURIAN THOMAS, J.

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Dated this the 30th day of January, 2026

ORDER

Learned Government Pleader takes notice for respondents 1 to 4. Issue notice to respondents 5 to 7 by special messenger.

2. Learned Government Pleader, upon instructions, submitted that respondents 3 and 4 are ready to provide adequate protection to the petitioner, as sought for.
3. In view of the above and considering the submissions of Dr.K.P.Pradeep, the learned counsel for the petitioner, respondents 3 and 4 are directed to ensure that there shall not be any threat to any personal liberty and life of the petitioner, including for the event scheduled on 04.02.2026 at Gandhi Park, Payyannur, in connection with the release of a book authored by the petitioner, pending disposal of the writ petition.

Post on 06.02.2026.

H/o.

sd/-
BECHU KURIAN THOMAS
JUDGE

AMV/30/01/2026

APPENDIX OF WP(C) 3700/2026

Exhibit P1

**TRUE COPY OF THE PROGRAMME NOTICE OF THE EVENT
SCHEDULED ON 04-02-2026**

