

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

Present:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.K.JAYASANKARAN NAMBIAR

&

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SHAJI P.CHALY

TUESDAY, THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 2020/11TH CHAITHRA, 1942

WRIT PETITION (TMP) NO. 2/2020

PETITIONER :

The Kerala High Court Advocates' Association, represented by its Secretary,
1st Floor, High Court of Kerala Building, Ernakulam -682 031

By Advs. Sri. P. Ravindran (Sr.) along with Sri. Manu Govind

RESPONDENTS :

1. The State of Kerala, represented by the Chief Secretary to Government of Kerala, Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram 695 001
2. The Secretary to Government of Kerala, Department of Home, Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram 695 001.
3. The Secretary to Government of Kerala, Department of Health, Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram 695 001
4. The Director General of Police and State Police Chief, Police Head Quarters, Thiruvananthapuram 695001
5. The Union of India, represented by Secretary to Government of India, Department of States, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi 110001.
6. The State of Karnataka, represented by the Chief Secretary, Secretariat, Vikasa Saudha, Bangalore 560001.
7. The State of Tamil Nadu, represented by the Chief Secretary, Secretariat, Chennai 600009.
8. The Union Territory of Puducherry, represented by its Lieutenant Governor, Puducherry 605013.
9. The National Disaster Management Authority, NDMA Bhawan, A-1, Safdarjung, Enclave, New Delhi - 110029 represented by its Member Secretary
10. The Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, represented by its convenor, Observatory Hills, Vikas Bhavan P.O, Thiruvananthapuram – 695033

Sri. Ranjith Thampan, Additional Advocate General for R1 to R4
Adv.Sri. Jaishankar V. Nair , CGC, for R5
Adv. Sri. S . Manu for R6

This Writ Petition having come up for orders on 31-03-2020, the Court on the same day passed the following :

A.K. JAYASANKARAN NAMBIAR, J.
&
SHAJI P. CHALY, J.

W.P.(C). (TMP) NO.2 OF 2020

Dated this the 31st day of March, 2020

ORDER

A.K. Jayasankaran Nambiar, J.

When this matter was taken up today, we heard Sri.P.K. Navadgi, the learned Advocate General of the State of Karnataka as also Sri.Ranjith Thampan, the learned Additional Advocate General of the State of Kerala apart from the learned senior counsel Sri.P. Ravindran instructed by Sri.Manu Govind, the learned counsel on behalf of the petitioner.

2. The learned Advocate General of Karnataka would submit that as regards the opening up of road routes for transportation of essential commodities, the route from Kannur – Iritty – Mananthavady – Sargur – Begur - Nanjangud – Mysore and Kannur – Sulthan Bathery – Gundlupetes – Mysore have already been opened up for the said transportation, and will continue to be maintained as such through the lockdown period. As regards the third route between Kannur – Iritty – Koottupuzha – Mangoor – Virajpet, it was suggested by Sri.Ranjith Thampan that the State of Karnataka could consider the possibility of opening up of the said route also for transportation of essential commodities. The learned Advocate General of Karnataka would respond by stating that if an appropriate letter is sent by the authorities in Kerala to the Secretary, Home Department of the Government of Karnataka, then the matter can be considered by the said authority. We therefore

direct the District Collector, Kannur to immediately send a communication to the Secretary, Home Department, Government of Karnataka, on the lines indicated above, so that the matter can be considered by the latter immediately, and a decision be informed before us when the matter is taken up for consideration at 1.45 p.m. tomorrow. In response to the query with regard to the blockades in place preventing the transportation of patients for medical treatment, both the Advocate General of Karnataka as also the Additional Advocate General of Kerala would submit that they can revert before us by 1.45 p.m. tomorrow with specific instructions as to the arrangement that can be made for catering to the medical needs for patients in Kasaragod district based on the proximity of the hospital concerned to the residents in the said district.

Post this matter along with W.P.(C). (TMP).No.4/2020 for hearing through video conferencing at 1.45 p.m. tomorrow [1.4.2020].

A.K.JAYASANKARAN NAMBIAR
JUDGE

SHAJI P. CHALY
JUDGE