



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V

&

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. JAYAKUMAR

MONDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025 / 3RD AGRAHAYANA, 1947

SSCR NO. 32 OF 2025

(IN THE MATTER OF TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD - SABARIMALA SPECIAL COMMISSIONER REPORT - SM.NO. 32/2025 - MONTHLY REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONER, SABARIMALA REGARDING THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING, THULAM MASA POOJA FROM OCTOBER 17, 2025 TO OCTOBER 22, 2025 (1201 ME THULAM MASAM) AT SABARIMALA SREE DHARMA SASTHA TEMPLE. - SUO MOTU PROCEEDINGS INITIATED - REG:.)

PETITIONER:

SUO MOTU

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY,
REVENUE (DEVASWOM) DEPARTMENT,
GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695001
- 2 TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, NANTHANCODE,
KAWDIAR POST, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695003
- 3 DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER
TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD, DEVASWOM BUILDINGS,
NANTHANCODE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695005
- 4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SABARIMALA, SABARIMALA P.O.,
PATHANAMTHITTA-689 662



OTHER PRESENT:

ADV. SAYUJYA RADHAKRISHNAN, AMICUS CIRIAE,
ADV. S RAJMOHAN, SR. GP.,
ADV. G BIJU, SC FOR TDB

THIS SABARIMALA SPECIAL COMMISSIONER REPORT HAVING COME UP
FOR FINAL HEARING ON 24.11.2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY
DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

**ORDER****Raja Vijayaraghavan V. J.**

We have heard Smt. Sayujya Radhakrishnan, the learned Amicus Curiae appearing for the Special Commissioner, the learned Standing Counsel for the Travancore Devaswom Board, and the learned Government Pleader.

2. One of the grievances highlighted before us is that the Legal Squad of the Legal Metrology Department, which conducts inspections along with the Duty Magistrate at Sannidhanam, has declined to impose fines even in cases where stalls were found to be violating the provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009.

3. Today, when the matter was taken up, a communication issued by the Additional District Magistrate, Sabarimala, addressed to the Executive Magistrate and the Legal Metrology Officer, was placed before this Court. In the said communication, categorical directions have been issued to carry out seizure, search, and prosecution strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009, as clarified by the Hon'ble Apex Court in **ITC Ltd v. State of Karnataka**¹.

This SSCR is closed.

Sd/-

**RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V,
JUDGE**

Sd/-

**K.V. JAYAKUMAR,
JUDGE**

APM

¹ [2025 INSC 1111]