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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P.V.KUNHIKRISHNAN

WEDNESDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025 / 28TH KARTHIKA, 1947

WP(C) NO. 43512 OF 2025

PETITIONER/S:

V.M. VINU
AGED 69 YEARS
S/O NARAYANAN, PALLIPATTU AYYAPPAN TEMPLE,
VARAPADMAM CIVIL STATION.P.O., KOZHIKODE, PIN -
670020

BY ADVS.
SRI.B.S.SWATHI KUMAR
SMT.ANITHA RAVINDRAN
SRI.HARISANKAR N UNNI

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
VIKAS BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, REPRESENTED BY
ELECTION COMMISSIONER, PIN - 695033
- 2 DISTRICT COLLECTOR
KOZHIKODE (DISTRICT ELECTORAL OFFICER, KOZHIKODE),



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PIN - 673001

3 THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER
ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SECRETARY,
KOZHIKODE CORPORATION, KOZHIKODE., PIN - 673020

BY ADV SHRI.DEEPU LAL MOHAN, SC, STATE ELECTION
COMMISSION, KERALA

OTHER PRESENT:

SMT DEEPA K R, SPL GP, SRI DEEPULAL MOHAN, SC

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON
19.11.2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:



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P.V.KUNHIKRISHNAN, J

W.P.(C) No. 43512 of 2025

Dated this the 19th day of November, 2025

JUDGMENT

The above writ petition is filed with following prayers :

- i) “issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction directing the 2nd respondent to consider and dispose of Ext.P4 appeal forthwith, and consequently to include the name of the petitioner in the final voters list of Division No. 8 Malaparambu Division of Kozhikode Corporation;*
- ii) issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, or direction declaration that the action of the 3rd respondent in recommending the deletion of the petitioner’s name from the voters list is nothing but an abuse of statutory power and a subversion of the democratic process, thereby disentitling the 3rd respondent from continuing to hold his office*



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as Electoral Registration Officer;

iii) to declare that the petitioner is entitled to be included in the voters list of Division No. 8 Malaparambu Division of Kozhikode Corporation and direct the respondents to allow the petitioner to vote and contest the election to the Kalai Division No.37 of Kozhikode Corporation;

iv) dispense with the English translation of vernacular documents ;

v) issue such other appropriate writ order or direction as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper to meet the ends of justice " [sic]

2. According to the petitioner, he is a celebrity and his name is not there in the final voters list published by the State Election Commission. It is submitted that the United Democratic Front (UDF) leaders approached the petitioner and asked him to contest in the election to the Kallayi Division No.37 of Kozhikode Corporation. According to the petitioner, he reluctantly yielded to the request and decided to contest in the election. But, at the time of filing the nomination papers, it



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came to the notice of the petitioner and others that his name was not included in the voters list for the election to the Corporation. Then, it is submitted that he met the 3rd respondent and appraised him of the facts, but the reply was that the time is over and he cannot do anything. Therefore, the petitioner filed Ext.P4 appeal before the 2nd respondent, which is pending is the submission. According to the petitioner, he has taken all preparations to contest in the election from Kallayi Division No. 37 of the Kozhikode Corporation in the coming election under the banner of UDF. Now, the petitioner is not able to contest because his name is not there in the final voters list. Therefore, this writ petition is filed.

3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the Standing Counsel for State Election Commission.

4. Simply because the petitioner is a celebrity, there is no preference to the petitioner. He is an ordinary



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citizen of this Country. It is an admitted fact that the preparation of electoral roll started from 19.07.2025. Thereafter, a preliminary voters list was published. There was opportunity to the petitioner to object, if his name is not there in the list at that stage. Thereafter, final voters list was published on 02.09.2025 and after revision, again a final voters list was published on 25.10.2025. At that time also, the petitioner's name is not there in the list. The petitioner has not objected at that stage also. Thereafter, the Commission again gave opportunity to the individual citizens, whose names are not mentioned in the final voters list and they were allowed to submit objection on 4th and 5th November, 2025. The petitioner has not availed that opportunity also. Now, the petitioner submits that he is a celebrity and he wants to contest in the election. I cannot agree with the same. The counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner's name is deleted because there is political



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rivalry. I am surprised to see such an argument from the side of the petitioner. This is a fault on the part of the petitioner himself. He need not blame others and he has to blame himself.

There is no merit in the writ petition and hence, the same is dismissed.

Sd/-

**P.V.KUNHIKRISHNAN
JUDGE**

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Judgment reserved	NA
Date of Judgment	19/11/25
Judgment dictated	19/11/25
Draft judgment placed	20/11/25
Final judgment uploaded	20/11/25



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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 43512/2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	TRUE COPY OF THE RELEVANT PAGE OF THE VOTERS LIST SHOWING THE PETITIONER'S NAME
Exhibit P2	TRUE COPY OF THE AADHAR CARD NO. 3025 1822 2787 OF THE PETITIONER
Exhibit P3	TRUE COPY ELECTION IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA TO THE PETITIONER
Exhibit P4	THE TRUE COPY OF THE APPEAL DATED 17-11-2025 FILED BY THE PETITIONER BEFORE THE 2ND RESPONDENT.