

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. SOUMEN SEN
&
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SYAM KUMAR V.M.**

**Thursday, the 29th day of January 2026 / 9th Magha, 1947
WP(PIL) NO. 19 OF 2026(S)**

PETITIONER:

**THAMPI SUBRAMANIYAN, AGED 43 YEARS, THAMPI NIVAS,
ESI ROAD, KOCHI, PIN - 682 018.**

RESPONDENTS:

- 1. THE CHAIRMAN/ADDL. SECRETARY, WATER RESOURCES, GOVT. SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 001.**
- 2. THE CHIEF ENGINEER, WATER AUTHORITY, HOSPITAL ROAD, KOCHI, KERALA,
PIN - 682 035.**
- 3. THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, KERALA WATER AUTHORITY,
KARUVELIPADY, KOCHI, PIN - 682 005.**

Writ petition (public interest litigation) praying inter alia that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed along with the WP(PIL) the High Court be pleased to direct the Respondents to ensure proper supply of water to the people of West Kochi, Chellanam Panchayath, Kumbalangi Panchayath and 30 wards of the Kochi Municipal Corporation and also direct the respondents to install flow meters at all relevant water supply points to prevent diversion and ensure proper management of the water supply.

This petition coming on for admission upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(PIL) and upon hearing the arguments of M/S. AJITH GEORGE, P.T.THAJMINA, C.S.SHAHUL HAMEED, DINURAG M., NITIN SUSEELAN & P.L.AGNEES, Advocates for the petitioner and of GOVERNMENT PLEADER, the court passed the following:

P.T.O.

Soumen Sen, C. J. & Syam Kumar V.M., J

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Dated this the 29th day of January, 2026

ORDER

Soumen Sen, C.J.

The petitioner claims himself to be a permanent resident of the area, where it is alleged that there is an acute drinking water shortage. It is stated that the residents of the western regions of Kochi are facing scarcity of drinking water. The petitioner has given certain details in the writ petition and also referred to various representations made to the appropriate authorities.

2. We direct the respondents to file the affidavits disclosing the steps take for ensuring the supply of drinking water. The affidavits shall be filed by the respondents within two weeks from today .

3. We hope and trust that in the meantime adequate measures will be taken to ensure that there is continuous supply of drinking water for the residents of the area mentioned in the writ petition.

Post on 19.02.2026

Sd/-

**Soumen Sen
Chief Justice**

Sd/-

**Syam Kumar V.M.
Judge**

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