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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BASANT BALAJI

MONDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF JUNE 2026 / 1ST ASHADHA, 1948

OP (CAT) NO. 99 OF 2026

ORDER DATED 16.09.2025 IN OA NO.180/00363/2024 OF THE CENTRAL

ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, ERNAKULAM BENCH

PETITIONERS/RESPONDENTS IN OA:

- 1 UNION OF INDIA
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NEW
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- 2 THE CHIEF POSTMASTER GENERAL,
2.O/O. THE CHIEF POSTMASTER GENERAL, KERALA
CIRCLE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - . , PIN - 695033
- 3 THE POSTMASTER GENERAL
CENTRAL REGION, KOCHI, PIN - 682020
- 4 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POST OFFICES,
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POSTAL DIVISION, ALAPPUZHA, . , PIN - 688012
- 5 THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POST OFFICES
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- 6 THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POST OFFICES
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CALICUT POSTAL DIVISION, CALICUT,, PIN - 673003
- 7 THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POST OFFICES



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- 8 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POST OFFICES
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POSTAL DIVISION, IDUKKI,, PIN - 685584
- 9 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POST OFFICES
O/O. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POST OFFICES, KANNUR
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- 0 THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POST OFFICES,
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- 12 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POST OFFICES
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- 13 THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POST OFFICES,
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- 14 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POST OFFICES
O/O. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POST OFFICES,
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- 18 RAJESH KUMAR G
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- 22 VEENA G
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PAZHAVILA VEEDU, PARANIAM, P.O. POOVAR,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695525
- 28 S. RESMI SOMAN
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- 0 ANURAG K.R.
S/O. K. RAVINDRANATH, LSG SPM, NAVAIKULAM S.O.
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CHERUKKARAM PULLAYIL. P.O. KILIMANUR,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ,, PIN - 695133



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W/O. SHIBU SHINE V.C.. LSG SPM, THIRUPURAM P.O.,
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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.
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HIRUVALLOM S.O. TRIVANDRUM SOUTH, PIN: 695 027
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NEAR CSI CHURCH, PEYAD, TRIVANDRUM, PIN - 695573
- 33 LEENA M. THOMAS
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SQUARE TVM SOUTH, PIN: 695 003.,
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ADV VINEETH KOMALA CHANDRAN

THIS OP (CAT) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON
22.06.2026, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING:

**JUDGMENT****Devan Ramachandran, J.**

We have considered the issues involved in this case and have answered them in favour of the respondents in a judgment in OP(CAT)No.153/2025 and connected cases.

2. Since it is without contest that the factual circumstances presented and the legal aspects involved are analogous, if not identical, we are certain that this Original Petition also deserves to be disposed of in terms of the aforesaid judgment.

In the afore circumstances, this Original Petition is dismissed, confirming the impugned order of the learned Central Administrative Tribunal, Ernakulam Bench.

Sd/-

DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN

JUDGE

Sd/-

BASANT BALAJI

JUDGE

APPENDIX OF OP (CAT) NO. 99 OF 2026PETITIONER ANNEXURES

- ANNEXURE A1 A TRUE COPY OF THE COMMUNICATION NO. B/PENSION DATED 20.10.2023 ISSUED BY THE 4TH RESPONDENT TO THE 2 APPLICANT ALONG WITH TRUE TYPED COPY OF ANN. A1
- ANNEXURE A2 TRUE COPY OF THE INSTRUCTION NO. 60- 16/2002-SPB-I DATED 18.09.2003 ALONG WITH THE VACANCY POSITION PUBLISHED ON BEHALF OF THE 1ST RESPONDENT ISSUED UNDER RTT ACT ALONG WITH TRUE TYPED COPY OF ANN. A2
- ANNEXURE A3 TRUE COPY OF THE FILE NOTING ISSUED UNDER RTI ACT FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF ANNEXURE A2 TILL THE APPROVAL FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTIFICATION FOR POSTAL ASSISTANT EXAMINATION ON 22.12.2003 ALONG WITH TRUE TYPED COPY OF ANN. A3
- ANNEXURE A4 TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION NO. RECTT/4-3/2003 DATED 03.03.2004 PUBLISHED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT ALONG WITH TRUE TYPED COPY OF ANN. A4
- ANNEXURE A5 TRUE COPY OF THE O.M. NO. 57/05/2021-P & PW(B) DATED 03.03.2023 ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE
- ANNEXURE A6 TRUE COPY OF THE MEMO NO. 34/NPS TO OPS/2023-24 DATED 30.11.2023 ISSUED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POST OFFICES, MANIPURI DIVISION ALONG WITH TRUE TYPED COPY OF ANN. A6
- ANNEXURE A7 TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION ALONG WITH OPTION SUBMITTED BY THE 17TH APPLICANT TO THE 10TH RESPONDENT ON 07.08.2023
- ANNEXURE A8 TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION DATED 01.08.2023 SUBMITTED BY THE 5TH APPLICANT TO THE 6TH RESPONDENT
- EXHIBIT P1 TRUE COPY OF THE O.A. NO.180/00363/2024, DATED 30.06.2024 FILED BY THE RESPONDENTS HEREIN BEFORE THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, ERNAKULAM BENCH,
- EXHIBIT P2 TRUE COPY OF THE REPLY STATEMENT IN O.A. NO.180/00363/2024, DATED 17.06.2025, FILED BEFORE THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, ERNAKULAM BENCH, BY THE PETITIONERS HEREIN,
- EXHIBIT P3 TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER DATED 16.09.2025 IN O.A. NO.180/00363/2024 OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, ERNAKULAM BENCH