

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.V.RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI

MONDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2015/25TH KARTHIKA, 1937

WP(C).No. 24891 of 2008 (L)

PETITIONER/PETITIONER :

**RENU VIJAYAKUMAR, VYSHNAVAM,
THATHAMANGALAM, CHITTOOR, PALAKKAD.**

**BY ADVS.SRI.P.N.PURUSHOTHAMA KAIMAL
SMT.V.SHYLAJA**

RESPONDENTS/RESPONDENTS :

- 1. STATE OF KERALA REP. BY THE PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY TO GOVT. REVENUE (P) DEPARTMENT
SECRETARIAT, TRIVANDRUM.**
- 2. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER,
PALAKKAD.**

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI. SOJAN JAMES

**THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING BEEN FINALLY HEARD
ON 16-11-2015, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED
THE FOLLOWING:**

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APPENDIX

PETITIONER'S EXHIBITS :

P1: COPY OF THE SALE DEED NO. 2528/1/07 OF SRO, KODUVAYUR DT 19/12/2007.

P2: COPY OF THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER.

P3: COPY OF THE COMMUNICATION NO. 72497/01/2007/REVENUE DT 17/11/2007.

RESPONDENT'S EXHIBITS : NIL.

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P.A.TO JUDGE

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A.V.RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI, J.

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Dated this the 16th day of November, 2015

JUDGMENT

The petitioner submitted an application for converting his paddy field. The 2nd respondent, Revenue Divisional Officer, who is the competent authority, refused to accept the same in view of Ext.P2 order issued by the Principal Secretary to the Government restraining the statutory authorities from exercising their independent function. The Principal Secretary to the Government in Ext.P2 directed that all applications for conversion of paddy field for agricultural/nonagricultural purposes shall not be entertained since a new bill called the Paddy Field Protection Bill, 2007 had been introduced in the State Assembly on September, 19 and the same had come into force on the very day itself. The petitioner alleges that the above interpretation of the 2nd respondent is illegal. It is with this background, the petitioner has come up before this Court.

2. As the Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act has come into in force as per Notification dated 12.8.2008, the writ petition is closed permitting the petitioner to approach the authorities concerned under the existing law, if he is having any subsisting grievance.

Sd/-

A.V.RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI
JUDGE

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