2025:KER:31960

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.S.DIAS

FRIDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF APRIL 2025 / 21ST CHAITHRA, 1947

WP(C) NO. 15993 OF 2025

PETITIONER/S:

S. ARUNKUMAR
AGED 38 YEARS
S/O. SUNDARAN, PADINJAREPPURA NELLIYAMKADE, KANNANNUR PO PALAKKAD DISTRICT, (PRESIDENT, KANNANIKKAVU (KANNANNUR) DURGABHAGAVATHYKSHETHRAMVISHUVELA COMMITTEE, KANNANNUR, PALAKKAD), PIN - 678702

BY ADV N.MAHESH

RESPONDENT/S:

1 **DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND CHAIRMAN**
DISTRICT MONITORING COMMITTEE, KERALA CAPTIVE ELEPHANTS RULES, PALAKKAD, PIN - 678001

2 **RANGE OFFICER**
SOCIAL FORESTRY RANGE, PALAKKAD, PIN - 678002

OTHER PRESENT:

SPCL GP T P SAJAN
GP SANGEETH

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 11.04.2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

Dated this the 11th day of April, 2025

JUDGMENT

The writ petition is filed to direct the 1st respondent to consider Ext.P1 application expeditiously.

2. The petitioner is the President of Vishuvela Committee, Kannannikkavu (Kannannur) Durgabhagavathy Kshethram, Kannannur, Palakkad. Vishuvela is being conducted from 1920 onwards. Two captive elephants are normally paraded during the festival. In the current year, the vishuvela will be conducted on 14.04.2025. The petitioner has submitted Ext.P1 application before the 1st respondent seeking permission to parade two elephants during the vishuvela. Although the application was filed on 07.03.2025, no action has been taken in the matter. Hence, the writ petition.

3. Heard; the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Special Government Pleader.

4. On a consideration of the facts and the materials on record, particularly that Ext.P1 application is pending consideration before the 1st respondent since 07.03.2025, without expressing anything on the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to direct the 1st respondent to consider the same expeditiously.

In the aforesaid circusmtnaces, I direct the competent authority under the 1st respondent to consider and dispsoe of Ext.P1 application today itself and the order may be communicated to the petitioner.

The writ petition is ordered accordingly.

Hand over.

Sd/-

C.S.DIAS, JUDGE

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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 15993/2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	**TRUE COPY OF THE APPLICATION DATED 07/03/2025 BEFORE THE 1ST RESPONDENT**
Exhibit P2	**TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER DATED 20/03/2025 PASSED BY THE 1ST RESPONDENT**