IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D. K. SINGH

MONDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL 2025 / 17TH CHAITHRA, 1947

WP(C) NO. 23791 OF 2024

PETITIONER/S:

SHIBIN V.S., AGED 34 YEARS
S/O VASUDEVAN S, WORKING AS 'SHANTHI', TRAVANCORE DEVASWAM BOARD, NEYYATTINKARA GROUP, RESIDING AT VALIYAVILA VEEDU, PULLUVILA, PULLUVILA P.O, NEYYATTINKARA TALUK, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695526

BY ADV Bhavana K K

RESPONDENT/S:

1 TRAVANCORE DEVASWAM BOARD
HEAD OFFICE, NANTHANCODE, KOWDIAR P.O, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY, PIN - 695003

2 DEVASWAM COMMISSIONER
TRAVANCORE DEVASWAM BOARD, HEAD OFFICE, NANTHANCODE, KOWDIAR P.O, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695003

3 ASSISTANT DEVASWAM COMMISSIONER
NEYYATTINKARA GROUP, NEYYATTINKARA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695121

4 MAHESH K
"SHANTHI', TRAVANCORE DEVASWAM BOARD, NEYYATTINKARA GROUP, VENGANOOR (KEEZHSHANTHI), THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695042

BY ADV P.U.VINOD KUMAR

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING FINALLY HEARD ON 07.04.2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

JUDGMENT

The petitioner is employed as 'Shanti' at Kuttichal Ganapathiyamkunnu Temple, Thirunelloorsala, Neyyattinkara Devaswom Group. According to the petitioner, as per the transfer guidelines issued by the 1st Respondent/Dewaswom Board, the petitioner is entitled to transfer to Neyyattinkara.

2. The petitioner had submitted an application in Ext.P2 dated 27.02.2024 in the prescribed format seeking his transfer to Neyyattinkara temple as per the provisions of transfer guidelines and Circular No. ROC 04/24/S dated 31.01.2024.

2.1 The learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the seniority of 'Shantis' working with the 1st respondent Devaswom Board, the petitioner should be transferred from the present temple to Neyyattinkara temple. However, in violation of the transfer guidelines and the Circular as well as the seniority, the petitioner has not been

transferred, and some junior person has been posted.

2.2 The petitioner again filed a representation on 01.07.2024 in Ext.P6 before the Devaswom Board. The learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the Devaswom Board to consider the petitioner's representation in Ext.P6 and take an appropriate decision.

3. The learned Counsel representing the Devaswom Board does not have much objection to the said prayer made by the learned Counsel for the petitioner on behalf of the petitioner.

4. Considering the aforementioned facts, the present writ petition is disposed of with directions to respondents 1 to 3 Devaswom Board to consider and take a decision on the Ext.P6 application expeditiously, preferably within one month. The petitioner should be afforded the opportunity of hearing before taking a decision on Ext.P6 representation of the petitioner.

The writ petition stands disposed of with the aforementioned direction.

Sd/-

D. K. SINGH

JUDGE

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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 23791/2024

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	THE TRUE COPY OF THE CIRCULAR NO. R.O.C 04/24/S DATED 31.01.2024 ISSUED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT
Exhibit P2	THE TRUE COPY OF THE APPLICATION DATED 27.02.2024 IN THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER
Exhibit P3	TRUE COPY OF THE GENERAL TRANSFER GUIDELINES NO. R.O.C 1527/22/MIS.I DATED 05.03.2022 ISSUED BY THE 1ST RESPONDENT
Exhibit P4	THE TRUE COPY THE PROCEEDINGS NO. 4431 DATED 30.05.2024 ISSUED BY THE ASSISTANT DEVASWAM COMMISSIONER, NEYYATTINKARA GROUP
Exhibit P5	THE TRUE COPY OF THE PROCEEDINGS NO.4797 DATED 29.06.2024 ISSUED BY THE ASSISTANT DEVASWAM COMMISSIONER, NEYYATTINKARA GROUP
Exhibit P6	THE TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION DATED 01.07.2024 ADDRESSED TO THE RESPONDENTS 1 TO 3
Exhibit P1	True translation of Exhibit P1
Exhibit P2	True translation of Exhibit P2
Exhibit P3	True translation of Exhibit P3
Exhibit P4	True translation of Exhibit P4
Exhibit P5	True translation of Exhibit P5
Exhibit P6	True translation of Exhibit P6