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W.A.No. 533 of 2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. NITIN JAMDAR

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.MANU

THURSDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2025 / 29TH PHALGUNA, 1946

WA NO. 533 OF 2025

AGAINST THE JUDGMENT DATED 28.01.2025 IN WP(C) NO.427

OF 2024 OF HIGH COURT OF KERALA

APPELLANT/PETITIONER IN WPC:

NADUVIL GRAMA PANCHAYAT,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, NADUVIL P.O,
KANNUR DISTRICT, PIN - 670 582

BY ADVS.
T.R.HARIKUMAR
ARJUN RAGHAVAN

RESPONDENTS/RESPONDENTS IN WPC:

- 1 THE OMBUDSMAN FOR LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT
INSTITUTIONS,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
SAPHALYAM COMPLEX, 4TH FLOOR, UNIVERSITY P.O,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 034
- 2 ACHUTHAN,
KALIKOTTU HOUSE, NADUVIL P.O,
KANNUR DISTRICT, PIN - 670 582

ADV. RAMESH P.

THIS WRIT APPEAL HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON
20.03.2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING:

**JUDGMENT**

Dated this the 20th day of March, 2025

Nitin Jamdar, C.J.

Heard Mr. T.R. Harikumar, learned counsel for the Appellant.

2. This is the third layer of litigation the Appellant Panchayat has prosecuted for a quantum, as we are informed, of ₹50,000/-. The Grama Panchayat had first approached the Ombudsman for Local Self Government Institutions, thereafter the learned Single Judge and now this Court in appeal. Considering the fact that the costs of the litigation are being paid out of public funds, the Grama Panchayat should have been circumspect as to where to stop the litigation. Merely because further revenues are open, it does not mean the Panchayat should keep prosecuting regardless of the amount involved and the costs of litigation.

3. We find no reason to interfere with the impugned judgment. The appeal is disposed of.

Sd/-
Nitin Jamdar
Chief Justice

Sd/-
S. Manu
Judge