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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL K. NARENDRAN

&

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VIJU ABRAHAM

FRIDAY, THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025 / 14<sup>TH</sup> CHAITHRA, 1947

WP(C) NO.16440 OF 2024

PETITIONER:

P. SUDHAKARAN, AGED 55 YEARS  
S/O KRISHNAN NAIR, RESIDING AT POOLOTH HOUSE,  
KOLANGATTUKARA, P.O., CHOOLISSERY, THRISSUR  
DISTRICT, PIN - 680541

BY ADVS. SAJITH KUMAR V.  
H.KIRAN  
VIVEK A.V.  
AMMU M.  
SREEHARI V.S.  
SHERIN DAVIS  
S.SANAL KUMAR (SR.) (K/582/1994)

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA  
REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE  
GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, SECRETARIAT,  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 2 THE DEPARTMENT FOR DEVASWOM



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- REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT,  
GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, SECRETARIAT,  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 3 THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME  
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT,  
GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, SECRETARIAT,  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 4 THE COCHIN DEVASWOM BOARD  
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, DEVASWOM HEAD  
QUARTERS, SWARAJ ROUND NORTH, THRISSUR, PIN -  
680001
- 5 THIRUVAMBADY DEVASWOM  
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, THIRUVAMBADY  
DEVASWOM OFFICE, THIRUVAMBADY DEVASWOM BUILDING,  
ROUND WEST, THRISSUR, PIN - 680001
- 6 PARAMEKKAVU DEVASWOM  
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, GEETHANJALI  
BUILDING, ROUND EAST, THRISSUR, PIN - 680001
- 7 THE STATE POLICE CHIEF  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, KERALA  
STATE POLICE HEAD QUARTERS, VAZHUTHACAUD P.O,  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 8 THE ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, (LAW  
AND ORDER)  
O/O. ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE (LAW &  
ORDER), OOLAMPARA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -  
695005
- 9 THE DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF (THRISSUR CITY)  
O/O. THE DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF (THRISSUR CITY),  
PATTALAM ROAD, SAKTHAN THAMBURAN NAGAR, THRISSUR,  
PIN - 680001
- 10 THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER  
THRISSUR TOWN EAST POLICE STATION,



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THRISSUR, PIN - 680001

- 11 THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR  
THRISSUR DISTRICT, COLLECTORATE, FIRST FLOOR,  
CIVIL STATION, CIVIL LINES RD, KALYAN NAGAR,  
AYYANTHOLE, THRISSUR DISTRICT, PIN - 680003
- 12 MR. ANKIT ASHOKAN IPS  
THE DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF (THRISSUR CITY), O/O.  
THE DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF (THRISSUR CITY),  
PATTALAM ROAD, SAKTHAN THAMBURAN NAGAR, THRISSUR,  
PIN - 680001

BY ADVS.

ADVOCATE GENERAL OFFICE KERALA

K.P. SUDHEER

N.K.SUBRAMANIAN

SHIBU JOSEPH

SHRI.N.MANOJ KUMAR, STATE ATTORNEY()

P.VISWANATHAN (SR.) (K/000283/1986)

OTHER PRESENT:

SRI. S. RAJMOHAN, SR. GP; SRI. N. MANOJKUMAR,  
STATE ATTORNEY; SRI. K.P. SUDHEER, SC, CDB

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION  
ON 04.04.2025, ALONG WITH WP(C).16599/2024, 16753/2024, THE  
COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:



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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

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FRIDAY, THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025 / 14TH CHAITHRA, 1947

WP(C) NO.16599 OF 2024

PETITIONER:

B. GOPALAKRISHNAN, AGED 60 YEARS  
S/O BHARATHAN, RESIDING AT GOKULAM HOUSE,  
GANDHINAGAR, THRISSUR-, PIN - 680008

BY ADVS.KRISHNADAS P. NAIR  
K.L.SREEKALA  
HARIDAS P.NAIR  
M.A.VINOD  
M.RAJESH KUMAR  
K.G.MANOJ KUMAR  
PRASOON.K.P  
ANU PRABHAKAR  
SWATHYKRISHNA K.  
ABHIRAMI P.S.

RESPONDENTS:

1 STATE OF KERALA  
REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF  
KERALA, SECRETARIAT,  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 682031



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- 2 THE SECRETARY,  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (DEVASWOM) SECRETARIAT,  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 3 THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,  
POLICE HEADQUARTERS, VAZHUTHAKKADU,  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM., PIN - 695014
- 4 THE COMMISSIONER,  
COCHIN DEVASWOM BOARD, DEVASWOM HEADQUARTERS,  
SWARAJ ROUND NORTH, THRISSUR-, PIN - 680001
- 5 COCHIN DEVASWOM BOARD  
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, DEVASWOM  
HEADQUARTERS, SWARAJ ROUND NORTH,  
THRISSUR-, PIN - 680001
- 6 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
COCHIN DEWASWOM BOARD, DEVASWOM HEADQUARTERS,  
SWARAJ ROUND NORTH, THRISSUR, PIN - 680001
- 7 THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER, CIVIL STATION,  
AYYANTHOLE, THRISSUR, PIN - 680001
- 8 THIRUVAMBADY DEVASWOM,  
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, THIRUVAMBADY  
DEVASWOM OFFICE, ROUND WEST,  
THRISSUR-, PIN - 680001
- 9 PARAMEKKAVU DEVASWOM, REPRESENTED BY ITS  
SECRETARY, GEETANJALI BUILDING, ROUND EAST,  
THRISSUR-, PIN - 680001
- 0 DISTRICT COLLECTOR,  
COLLECTORATE, CIVIL STATION, AYYANTHOLE,  
THRISSUR, PIN - 680003
- 11 THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER  
CIVIL STATION, AYYANTHOLE, THRISSUR, PIN - 680003



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12 THE CITY POLICE COMMISSIONER, COMMISSIONERATE,  
THRISSUR, PIN - 680001

13 THE ASSISTANT POLICE COMMISSIONER,  
COMMISSIONARATE, THRISSUR, PIN - 680001

BY ADVS.ADVOCATE GENERAL OFFICE KERALA  
K.P. SUDHEER  
N.K.SUBRAMANIAN  
SHRI.N.MANOJ KUMAR, STATE ATTORNEY()

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CASES, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:



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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VIJU ABRAHAM

FRIDAY, THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025 / 14<sup>TH</sup> CHAITHRA, 1947

WP(C) NO.16753 OF 2024

PETITIONER:

V.R.RAJASEKHARAN, AGED 63 YEARS  
S/O.RAMAN NAIR, SREENIKETHAN,  
BADRESWARAM ROAD, EDANADU,  
CHENGANNOOR, ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT,, PIN - 689123

BY ADVS.  
C.S.MANILAL  
S.NIDHEESH

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA,  
REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT  
SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 2 THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,  
HOME DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT,  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-, PIN - 695001
- 3 THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,  
REVENUE DEVASWOM DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT,  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-, PIN - 695001



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- 4 THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,  
THRISSUR CITY, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER,  
THRISSUR-, PIN - 680001
- 5 THE COCHIN DEVASWOM BOARD,  
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, DEVASWOM HEAD  
QUARTERS, SWARAJ ROUND WEST  
THRISSUR-, PIN - 680001
- 6 THE PARAMEKKAVU DEVASWOM BOARD  
PARAMEKKAVU TEMPLE, THRISSUR- REPRESENTED BY THE  
DEVASWOM MANAGER., PIN - 680001
- 7 THE THIRUVAMBADI DEVASWOM BOARD  
THIRUVAMBADI TEMPLE, THRISSUR REPRESENTED BY THE  
DEVASWOM MANAGER., PIN - 680001
- 8 THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR,  
CIVIL STATION, AYYANTHOLE,  
THRISSUR-, PIN - 680003

BY ADVS.  
ADVOCATE GENERAL OFFICE KERALA  
K.P. SUDHEER  
SHIBU JOSEPH  
N.K.SUBRAMANIAN  
SHRI.N.MANOJ KUMAR, STATE ATTORNEY()

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



## **JUDGMENT**

### **Anil K Narendran, J.**

The common issue raised in these writ petitions is regarding the conduct of Thrissur Pooram at Vadakkumnatha Kshethramaidanam of Sree Vadakkumnathan Devaswom, which is under the management of Cochin Devaswom Board. The writ petitions, i.e., W.P.(C)Nos.16440 of 2024, 16599 of 2024 and 16753 of 2024 are filed by the devotees of Lord Vadakumnathan of Sree Vadakkumnathan Devaswom. The reliefs sought for in W.P.(C)No.16440 of 2024 read thus;

“(i) To declare that interference of State Government and its machineries in the administration of Temple by use of Police force and thereby obstructing centuries old rituals, traditions and customs are violative of religious freedom guaranteed under the Constitution of India.

(ii) To issue writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction commanding the Respondents 2 and 3 to frame appropriate guidelines, to govern the conduct of the police authorities during the religious festivals and temple ceremonies, giving due regard to the rituals and customs of the temple as well as the religious right of devotees to spectate/take part in the essential religious rituals, customs



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and practices followed at the temple.

(iii) Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ, order or direction commanding the respondents 1,3 and 7 to conduct appropriate investigation and disciplinary action against Sri.Ankit Asokan IPS, for his wilful actions disrupting the rituals and traditions Associated with Trissur Pooram.

(iv) Issue a Writ of Mandamus or other appropriate writ, order or direction commanding the respondents 1,3 and 7 to take further action on Ext.P10 and Ext.P11 by prosecuting Sri.Ankit Asokan, IPS after registering a crime as sought for.

(v) Direct the Principal District Judge, Thrissur to conduct an impartial enquiry into the conduct and actions of Mr.Ankit Asokan (District Police chief) during the days of Thrissur Pooram that had caused the disruption of traditional customs and rituals of the temples, especially as regards the Madathil Varavu ceremony.”

2. The reliefs sought for in W.P.(C)No.16753 of 2024 read

thus;

“(i) Issue a writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ order or direction directing an enquiry to be made into the police interference and atrocities committed in connection with Thrissur pooram 2024 by the District Judge, Thrissur with a further direction to the respondents 1 and 2 to take stringent action based on the report against the erring police officials within a time limit to be fixed by this Hon’ble Court.

(ii) Issue a writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ



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order or direction directing the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent to conduct a high level enquiry against the circumstances leading to the police interference in the conduct of Thrissur Pooram at its disruption/unholy end on account of the same and further direct the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent to take stringent action including registration of Crime and departmental proceedings based on the report of enquiry within a time frame to be fixed by this Hon'ble Court.

(iii) Issue a writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ order or direction, directing the respondent Devaswoms to jointly formulate a comprehensive scheme/guideline for the proper and efficient conduct of Pooram in future within a time limit to be fixed by this Hon'ble Court.

(iv) Issue appropriate direction or order directing the supervision of the conduct of Pooram under the direct supervision of the District Judge, Thrissur or his designate in the interest of justice."

3. The reliefs sought for in W.P.(C)No.16599 of 2024 read

thus;

"(i) Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ, order or direction to conduct an inquiry pertaining to the issues occurred on the day of Thrissur Pooram from the part of the respondents 9 to 12 on 19.04.2024 and 20.04.2024.

(ii) Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ, order or direction directing the respondents 1 and 3 to take departmental action by issuing appropriate orders against



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the immature and improper decisions from the side of the respondents 9 to 12 by violating the code of their Service Conduct Rules.

(iii) Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ, order or direction directing the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent to register an FIR against the erred officials including the respondents 11 and 12 and conduct an investigation regarding the conspiracy and attempt of creating communal disharmony and violence which will attract the offence under section 153(A) and 120 of IPC.

(iv) Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ, order or direction directing the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to issue an order of Judicial Inquiry pertaining to the issues occurred during the Thrissur Pooram held on 13.04.2024 to 20.04.2024.

(v) Issue an order or direction to conduct the Thrissur Pooram festival for the coming years under the strict monitoring of the District Judge or the Judicial Officer in Thrissur District.”

4. On 23.04.2024, when W.P.(C)No.16440 of 2024 came up for admission before the Vacation Bench, it was ordered to be listed on 22.05.2024 for instructions. On that day, the said writ petition was ordered to be listed along with the connected matters, i.e., W.P.(C)Nos.16599 of 2024 and 16753 of 2024.



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5. In the respective writ petitions, the Cochin Devaswom Board, Paramekkavu Devaswom and Thiruvambadi Devaswom have filed counter affidavits. The learned State Attorney has filed a counter affidavit on behalf of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent State, which was followed by an additional affidavit dated 12.02.2025.

6. On 12.12.2024, when these writ petitions came up for consideration, this Court passed the following order;

“The Cochin Devaswom Board and Thiruvambadi Devaswom have already filed counter affidavits in all the writ petitions.

2. The learned Senior Counsel for Paramekkavu Devaswom would submit that counter affidavit shall be placed on record by next Thursday (19.12.2024), in all the writ petitions.

4. The learned counsel for Thiruvambadi Devaswom would submit that an additional counter affidavit in order to meet the averments/allegations in Ext.R4(a) report dated 21.05.2024 produced along with the counter affidavit filed by the 4th respondent in W.P.(C)No.16440 of 2024 shall also be placed on record within three weeks.

5. The learned State Attorney to get instructions regarding the present status of the enquiry by the Special Investigation Team constituted by Ext.R3(b) Government Order in W.P.(C)No.16440 of 2024, which is produced as Ext.R1(b) in W.P.(C)No.16599 of 2024.”



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7. The order dated 12.12.2024, was followed by the order dated 13.02.2025, which reads thus;

“Today, when these writ petitions are taken up for consideration, the learned State Attorney has placed on record an additional affidavit sworn to on behalf of the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent regarding the present status of the investigation by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by Sri.H.Venkitesh, IPS, Additional Director General of Police (Crime Branch) and the present status of the investigation by Sri.Manoj Abraham, IPS.

2. In the said affidavit it is stated that, Sri.Manoj Abraham, IPS, who was entrusted with the investigation on the lapses, if any, on the part of officers of various departments, who were assigned responsibilities related to Thrissur Pooram, has already completed the investigation and submitted a detailed report before the Government on 31.12.2024, which is being examined by the Government.

3. Having considered the submissions made at the Bar, we deem it appropriate to direct the learned State Attorney to make available for the perusal of this Court, the said report of Sri.Manoj Abraham, IPS, in a sealed cover.”

8. The order dated 13.02.2025 was followed by the order dated 24.02.2025, which reads thus;

“In terms of the directions contained in the order of this Court dated 13.02.2025, the learned State Attorney has made available



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for the perusal of this Court the enquiry report dated 31.12.2024 submitted by Sri.Manoj Abraham IPS, in a sealed cover along with Annexure 3 statement of witness and Annexure 4 exhibits. We have perused the enquiry report.

2. Registry to return the report and its Annexures in sealed cover, through Registrar (Judicial).”

9. Heard the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner in W.P.(C)No.16440 of 2024, the learned counsel for the petitioner in W.P.(C)No.16753 of 2024, the learned counsel for the petitioner in W.P.(C)No.16599 of 2024, the learned State Attorney for the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent State and official respondents, the learned Standing Counsel for the Cochin Devaswom Board, the learned counsel for Thiruvambadi Devaswom and also the learned counsel for Paramekkavu Devaswom.

10. Though various reliefs are sought in these writ petitions for conducting an enquiry in connection with the incident that happened in connection with Thrissur Pooram festival of the year 1199ME (2024), we do not propose to consider the rival contentions on the above issue in these proceedings, since the enquiry ordered by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent State is pending consideration. On that issue, we record the submission made on



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behalf of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent State, by the learned State Attorney, that the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent State shall take necessary steps to ensure that the enquiry and the proceedings pursuant thereto reach a logical conclusion, as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within a period of three months from the date of this judgment.

11. We make it clear that the disposal of these writ petitions by this judgment is without prejudice to the right of the petitioners to challenge the decision to be taken by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent State in connection with the aforesaid enquiry, in case they are aggrieved by the same.

12. Another relief sought for in these writ petitions is regarding formulation of a comprehensive scheme/guidelines/standard operating procedure for proper conduct of Thrissur Pooram in future. On the above aspect, the learned State Attorney would point out a joint meeting convened online on 01.03.2025, which was presided over by the Chief Minister, which was followed by another joint meeting convened on 14.03.2025 at Thrissur Collectorate, which was presided over by the Devaswom Minister.

13. The learned State Attorney has made available for the



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perusal of this Court the minutes of the aforesaid meetings. The learned State Attorney would submit that a copy of those minutes are being placed on record, along with a memo, after serving copy to the learned counsel on both sides.

14. According to 'Agama Sastra' Hindu temples represent the culmination of social and religious aspirations of a society. The temple is the focal point in the life of a community and often represents its pride, identity and unity. It draws into its fold people from its various segments and denominations and binds them together. The worship that takes place in the sanctum sanctorum and within the temple premises is important; so are the festivals and occasional processions that involve the direct participation of the entire community. They complement each other. While the worship of the deity in the sanctum sanctorum might be an individual's spiritual or religious need; the festivals are the expression of a community's joy, exuberance, devotion and pride and are also an idiom of a community's cohesiveness.

15. The Travancore-Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions Act, 1950, was made for making provisions for the administration,



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supervision and control of incorporated and unincorporated

Devaswoms and of other Hindu Religious Endowments and Funds.

Chapter VIII of the Act deals with Cochin Devaswom Board.

Section 62 of the Act deals with vesting of administration in the

Board. As per sub-section (1) of Section 62, the administration of

incorporated and unincorporated Devaswoms and Hindu Religious

Institutions which were under the management of the Ruler of

Cochin immediately prior to the first day of July, 1949 either under

Section 50G of the Government of Cochin Act, XX of 1113, or

under the provisions of the Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions

Act, 1 of 1081, and all their properties and funds and of the

estates and all institutions under the management of the

Devaswom Department of Cochin, shall vest in the Cochin

Devaswom Board. As per sub-section (2) of Section 62,

notwithstanding the provisions contained in subsection (1), the

regulation and control of all rituals and ceremonies in the temple

of Sree Poornathrayeesa at Trippunittura and in the Pazhayannur

Bhagavathy temple at Pazhayannur shall continue to be exercised

as hitherto by the Ruler of Cochin.



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16. Section 73A of the Act deals with duties of the Board. As per Section 73A, it shall be the duty of the Board to perform the functions enumerated in clauses (i) to (iv), namely, (i) to see that the regular traditional rites according to the practice prevalent in the religious institution are performed promptly; (ii) to monitor whether the administrative staff and employees and also the employees connected with religious rites are functioning properly; (iii) to ensure proper maintenance and upliftment of the Hindu Religious Institutions; (iv) to establish and maintain proper facilities in major temples for the devotees.

17. Section 74 of the Act deals with vesting of jurisdiction in the Board. As per Section 74, subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) of Section 62, all rights, authority and jurisdiction belonging to or exercised by the Ruler of Cochin prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1949 in respect of incorporated and unincorporated Devaswoms and Institutions shall vest in and be exercised by the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

18. During the course of arguments, the learned Senior Counsel/learned counsel for the petitioner in the respective writ



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petitions would point out the necessity of formulating a comprehensive scheme/guidelines/standard operating procedure to ensure proper conduct of Thrissur Pooram in future.

19. The learned Standing Counsel for Cochin Devaswom Board and the respective counsel for Thiruvambadi Devaswom and Paramekkavu Devaswom would submit that there will be a joint effort by all the three Devaswoms to ensure that the entire activities in connection with Thrissur Pooram for the year 1200ME (2025), which is scheduled to be held on 06.05.2025 and 07.05.2025, are performed promptly, according to the practice prevalent in Vadakkumnathan Devaswom.

Having considered the pleadings and materials on record and also the submissions made at the Bar, we deem it appropriate to dispose of these writ petitions, after recording the aforesaid submission made on behalf of Cochin Devaswom Board, Thiruvambadi Devaswom and Paramekkavu Devaswom, and by directing the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent State through the State Police Chief and the District Police Chief, Thrissur City to ensure proper and effective crowd management during Thrissur Pooram of the year



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1200ME (2025) scheduled to be held on 06.05.2025 and 07.05.2025, based on the Police Bandobast Scheme already prepared. The District Police Chief, Thrissur City shall ensure that experienced police personnel are posted to supervise crowd management at important locations. The District Collector, Thrissur, shall ensure that there is proper coordination in the activities relating to Thrissur Pooram by the officers of the District Administration. The District Collector shall also coordinate the activities of Thrissur Municipal Corporation in connection with Thrissur Pooram, to ensure that there is proper and timely disposal of the waste generated during the festival. The list of volunteers by Thiruvambadi Devaswom and the Paramekkavu Devaswom shall be provided to the District Collector, Thrissur on or before 25.04.2025. The State Police Chief shall closely monitor the law and order situation in connection with Thrissur Pooram for the year 1200ME (2025), who shall issue necessary directions to the District Police Chief, Thrissur City, if found necessary. The directions issued by the District Police Chief and the District Collector, as part of crowd management and for maintaining law



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and order, shall be complied with, in letter and spirit, by all concerned, in order to ensure the safety of the devotees and the public. The Cochin Devaswom Board, Paramekkavu Devaswom and Thiruvambadi Devaswom shall ensure that the entire activities in connection with Thrissur Pooram for the year 1200ME (2025), which is scheduled to be held on 06.05.2025 and 07.05.2025, are performed promptly, according to the practice prevalent in Vadakkumnathan Devaswom.

**Sd/-**

**ANIL K. NARENDRAN, JUDGE**

**Sd/-**

**VIJU ABRAHAM, JUDGE**

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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 16599/2024

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

- EXHIBIT P1 THE TRUE COPY OF THE NOTICE ISSUED BY THE  
RESPONDENT 4 TO 6 DATED 13.04.2024
- EXHIBIT P2 THE TRUE COPY THE NEWS PAPER REPORTS DATED  
21.04.2024
- EXHIBIT P 3 THE TRUE COPY OF COMPLAINT FILED BY THE  
PETITIONER BEFORE THE RESPONDENTS 1 AND 3 DATED  
22.04.2024

RESPONDENT EXHIBITS

- EXHIBIT R1 (A) TRUE COPY OF THE G.O. (MS) NO.214/2024/HOME  
DATED 05.10.2024.
- EXHIBIT R1 (B) TRUE COPY OF THE G.O. (RT) NO.2932/2024/HOME  
DATED 10.10.2024.
- EXHIBIT R 5 ( A ) TRUE COPY OF REPORT BEARING NO. L. 5144/2024  
DATED 21/05/2024 OF THE 5TH RESPONDENT
- EXHIBIT R 5 ( B ) TRUE COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED  
02/05/2024
- EXHIBIT R8 (A) THE DETAILS OF FUNCTIONS AND RITUALS OF  
THRISSUR POORAM WITH REGARD TO THIS RESPONDENT  
THIRUVAMBADY DEVASWOM DATED 01.04.2024



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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 16753/2024

RESPONDENT EXHIBITS

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| EXHIBIT R2 (A)    | TRUE COPY OF THE G.O. (MS) NO. 214/2024/HOME<br>DATED 05.10.2024                       |
| EXHIBIT R2 (B)    | TRUE COPY OF THE G.O. (MS) NO. 2932/2024/HOME<br>DATED 10.10.2024                      |
| EXHIBIT R 5 ( A ) | TRUE COPY OF REPORT BEARING NO. L. 5144/2024<br>DATED 21/05/2024 OF THE 5TH RESPONDENT |
| EXHIBIT R 5 ( B ) | TRUE COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED<br>02/05/2024                            |



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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 16440/2024

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

- EXHIBIT P1                    A TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT DATED 20.04.2024  
PUBLISHED IN ONMANORAMA ONLINE DAILY
- EXHIBIT P2                    A TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT DATED 21.04.2024  
PUBLISHED IN THE TIMES OF INDIA ONLINE
- EXHIBIT P3                    A TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT DATED 21.04.2024  
IN ONMANORAMA ONLINE DAILY
- EXHIBIT P4                    A TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT DATED 20.04.2024  
IN THE HINDU POST
- EXHIBIT P5                    A TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT DATED 20.04.2024  
IN THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS ONLINE DAILY
- EXHIBIT P6                    A TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT DATED 20.04.2024  
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- EXHIBIT P7                    A TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT DATED 21.04.2024  
IN THE MANGALAMONLINE DAILY
- EXHIBIT P8                    A TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT DATED 03.05.2023  
IN MANORAMA NEWS REPORTING THE FIRST EVER LATHI  
CHARGE DURING THRISSUR POORAM
- EXHIBIT P9                    A TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT DATED 21.04.2024  
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- EXHIBIT P10                   A TRUE COPY OF THE COMPLAINT DATED 22.04.2024  
SUBMITTED BY THIS PETITIONER TO THE STATION  
HOUSE OFFICER, THRISSUR TOWN EAST POLICE  
STATION
- EXHIBIT P11                   A TRUE COPY OF THE PETITION DATED 22.04.2024  
SEEKING SANCTION SUBMITTED TO THE 1ST  
RESPONDENT AS WELL AS THE SECRETARY, MINISTRY  
OF HOME, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

RESPONDENT EXHIBITS

- EXHIBIT R3 (A)                TRUE COPY OF THE G.O. (MS) NO. 214/2024/HOME  
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- EXHIBIT R3 (B) TRUE COPY OF THE G.O. (RT) NO. 2932/2024/HOME  
DATED 10.10.2024 .
- EXHIBIT R5 (B) TRUE COPY OF THE PROCEEDINGS/MINUTES ISSUED ON  
15.04.2024 OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12.04.2024
- EXHIBIT R5 (C) TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION DATED  
20.04.2024
- EXHIBIT R5 (D) TRUE COPY OF THE NOTICE DATED 11.05.2024
- EXHIBIT R5 (E) TRUE COPY OF STATEMENT OF 5TH RESPONDENT GIVEN  
TO THE RANGE OFFICER, DATED 12.05.2024
- EXHIBIT R5 (F) TRUE COPY OF THE STATEMENT DATED 12.05.2024  
GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE THIRUVAMBADY  
DEVASWOM
- EXHIBIT R5 (A) TRUE COPY OF THE PROCEEDINGS/MINUTES ISSUED BY  
THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR DATED 06.03.2024 OF THE  
MEETING HELD ON 29.02.2024
- EXHIBIT R 4 ( A ) TRUE COPY OF REPORT BEARING NO. L. 5144/2024  
DATED 21/05/2024 OF THE 4TH RESPONDENT
- EXHIBIT R 4 ( B ) TRUE COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED  
02/05/2024