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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.G.ARUN

Friday, the 24th day of October 2025 / 2nd Karthika, 1947 WP(C) NO. 30999 OF 2025 (Y)

PETITIONER:

ESAI CLARA, AGED 22 YEARS, D/O SANAL KUMAR G, HAVING ADDRESS AT AMMINI VEEDU, NEAR ANWESHI WOMEN'S LIBRARY, CHEVAYOOR P.O. KOZHIKODE, PIN - 673017

RESPONDENTS:

- 1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, GOVT. SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN 695001
- 2. COMMISSIONER FOR ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN 695001
- 3. GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE, KOZHIKODE REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL VELLIMADUKUNNU, KOZHIKODE, PIN 673012
- 4. UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT, REPRESENTED BY ITS REGISTRAR CALICUT UNIVERSITY P.O., MALAPPURAM, PIN 673635
- 5. ADDL.R5. BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, 21, ROUSE AVENUE INSTITUTIONAL AREA, NEW DELHI [IS IMPLEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 07/10/2025 IN IA 1/2025 IN WP(C) 30999/2025]

Writ petition (civil) praying inter alia that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed along with the WP(C) the High Court be pleased to direct the respondents 2 to 4 to take necessary steps to provide reservation to the Petitioner under the transgender category in the admission to the Integrated Five Year LL.B Course in Government Law College, Kozhikode for the academic year 2025-2026 and allot one seat for admission under the aforesaid category, pending disposal of this Writ Petition (Civil).

This petition again coming on for orders upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(C) and this Court's order dated 09.10.2025 and upon hearing the arguments of M/S.RAGHUL SUDHEESH, UNNIKRISHNAN S. THANDAYAAN, UMADEVI M., AMBILY T. VENU & J.LAKSHMI, Advocates for the petitioner, SRI.N.MANOJ KUMAR, STATE ATTORNEY & SRI.P.G.PRAMOD, SENIOR GOVERNMENT PLEADER for R1 to R3, SRI.P.C.SASIDHARAN, STANDING COUNSEL for R4, SRI.RAJIT, STANDING COUNSEL for Addl.R5, the court passed the following:

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V.G.ARUN, J

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Dated this the 24th day of October, 2025 ORDER

This writ petition is filed seeking emergent directions to take necessary steps to provide reservation to the petitioner under the transgender category for admission to the Integrated Five Year L.L.B Course in Government Law College, Kozhikode for the the academic year 2025-26. The Government has already addressed the Bar Council of India with a request to consider the matter positively and grant necessary approval for creation of two additional seats transgender students in all Law Colleges across the State, beyond the current sanctioned intake. As the Bar Council of India has not taken any decision in the mater, the learned Standing Counsel was asked to get specific instructions.

2. Learned Standing Counsel submits that the

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matter was placed before the Standing Committee for Legal Education and the Committee after due deliberation, decided that the decision has to be taken by the General Council of the Bar Council of India. It is further submitted that it is not possible to submit as to when the General Council will meet next.

- 3. In my opinion, the issue cannot wait endlessly for the General Council of the Bar Council to meet.
- 4. Hence, there shall be an interim direction to the Bar Council of India to grant approval to the request made by the Government of Kerala *vide* communication dated 06.08.2025 for creation of two additional seats for transgender students in all Law Colleges across the State within ten days of receipt of a copy of this order.

Post on 06.11.2025.

Sd/-V.G.ARUN JUDGE

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