



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V
&
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K. V. JAYAKUMAR
WEDNESDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER 2025 / 12TH AGRAHAYANA, 1947

WP(C) NO. 44899 OF 2025

PETITIONER:

N. PRAKASH
AGED 61 YEARS
SON OF LATE A. NARAYANA RAO PRAJITH VIHAR, AYINI ROAD
MARADU P.O. ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682304

BY ADV N. PRAKASH (PARTY-IN-PERSON)

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 THE COCHIN DEVASWOM BOARD
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY SWARAJ ROUND NORTH,
THRISSUR, PIN - 680001
- 2 THE DEVASWOM OFFICER
SREE POORNATHRAYEESA TEMPLE TRIPUNITHURA P.O.
ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682301
- 3 STATION HOUSE OFFICER
HILL PALACE POLICE STATION TRIPUNITHURA P.O.
ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682301

OTHER PRESENT:

SRI. K.P.SUDHEER..., SC, CDB
SRI.S.RAJMOHAN, SR. GP

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR FINAL
HEARING ON 03.12.2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED
THE FOLLOWING:



J U D G M E N T

Raja Vijayaraghavan V. J.

The petitioner, an ardent devotee of the Sree Poornathrayeesa Temple, has approached this Court aggrieved by the action of the 2nd respondent in engaging strong-arm security personnel, wearing T-shirts emblazoned with the word “bouncer”, to control devotees in the Sree Poornathrayeesa Temple, Thrippunithura, during the period from 22.11.2025 to 25.11.2025. His contention is that the deployment of such individuals within the sacred precincts of a temple for the purpose of managing and directing devotees is wholly inappropriate and fundamentally incompatible with the sanctity, decorum, and cultural ethos that the temple environment demands. To substantiate his contentions, the petitioner has also produced before this Court video clips depicting the temple festival and the conduct of the personnel in question.

2. We had directed the learned Standing Counsel for the Cochin Devaswom Board to obtain instructions in the matter.

3. Sri. K. P. Sudheer, the learned Standing Counsel, submitted that, ten days prior to the commencement of the festival, a substantial number of members of the Temple Advisory Committee tendered their resignations. It is further submitted that the temple had earlier engaged ex-servicemen as security personnel; however, owing to the enormous and unmanageable crowds that thronged the temple, they were unable to effectively regulate devotee movement. It was in these compelling circumstances that the security



agency was engaged. The learned Standing Counsel, however, fairly submitted that it was unfortunate that individuals wearing T-shirts emblazoned with the word “bouncer” were deployed during the festival. He assures this Court that such an incident shall not recur in future, and that the Devaswom Board will ensure that necessary decorum is maintained in all temple-related arrangements.

4. We record the submissions of the learned Standing Counsel and direct the respondents to exercise due caution hereafter and to refrain from engaging personnel wearing inappropriate attire, including T-shirts bearing the word “bouncer”, for security during temple festivals or within temple precincts.

This Writ Petition is disposed of.

Sd/-

**RAJA VIJAYARAGHAVAN V,
JUDGE**

Sd/-

**K.V. JAYAKUMAR,
JUDGE**

APM



APPENDIX OF WP(C) NO. 44899 OF 2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	THE REPORTS PUBLISHED BY JANAM T.V. DATED 25.11.2025 AND MATHRUBHUMI NEWS DATED 26.11.2025
Exhibit P2	THE TRUE COPY OF THE REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE TIMES OF INDIA DATED 26.11.2025
Exhibit P3	TRUE COPY OF THE JUDGMENT DATED 27.10.2023 IN W.P.C.NO.33334 OF 2023