

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM  
PRESENT  
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C. JAYACHANDRAN**

Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026 / 16th Pousha, 1947  
**WP(C) NO. 54 OF 2026(F)**

**PETITIONER:**

**R.S.SASIKUMAR. AGED 76 YEARS. S/O. LATE K. RAMAKRISHNA PILLA, KRA  
7, 'NIRMALYAM', J.P. LANE, NEMOM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695020**

**RESPONDENTS:**

1. STATE OF KERALA REPRESENTED BY CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM , PIN - 695001
2. THE CHANCELLOR UNIVERSITY OF KERALA, LOK BHAVAN, VELLAYAMBALAM JUNCTION, JAWAHAR NAGAR, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695099
3. UNIVERSITY OF KERALA REPRESENTED BY THE REGISTRAR, SENATE HOUSE CAMPUS, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM , PIN - 695034
4. THE VICE CHANCELLOR UNIVERSITY OF KERALA, SENATE HOUSE CAMPUS, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM , PIN - 695034
5. AKG CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND STUDIES PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, REPRESENTED BY ITS DIRECTOR, PIN - 695034
6. THE STATE SECRETARY COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MARXIST), PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM , PIN - 695034
7. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, KUDAPPANAKKUNNU, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695003
8. THE TAHSILDAR THIRUVANANTHAPURAM TALUK, EAST FORT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM , PIN - 695023
9. THE VILLAGE OFFICER VANCHIYOOR, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695035
10. THE CORPORATION OF THIRUVANANTHAPURAM REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, CORPORATION BUILDING, LMS VELLAYAMBALAM ROAD, PMG JUNCTION, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695033

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

i. Respondent No.1 to make available a certified copy of G.0(MS) No.1172/77 RD dated 20.08.1977 before this Hon'ble Court, pending disposal of the Writ Petition.

ii. Respondents 5 and 6 not to enter or make use of the buildings in Re.Sy Nos.49 & 50 (O.S.No.2645 pt), Block No.52, Vanchiyoor Village, Thiruvananthapuram Taluk in any manner, pending disposal of the Writ Petition.

This petition coming on for admission upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(C) and upon hearing the arguments of SRI.GEORGE POONTHOTTAM(SENIOR ADVOCATE) along with M/S.NISHA GEORGE & AKSHARA RAJU, Advocates for petitioner and of SRI.P.SREEKUMAR(SENIOR

**ADVOCATE) along with SRI.S.PRASANTH, Advocate for respondent 2 and of SRI.THOMAS ABRAHAM, STANDING COUNSEL for respondents 3 & 4, the court passed the following:**



**C. JAYACHANDRAN, J.**

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**Dated this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026**

**O R D E R**

When this Writ Petition was moved, this Court ascertained from the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner as to how the instant Writ Petition can be maintained, except as a Public Interest Litigation (P.I.L). Learned Senior Counsel would reply that the affidavit preferred by the petitioner contains an element of public interest, in his capacity as an ex-employee of the Kerala University. The subject matter of challenge is an assignment proposed by the University in favour of the 5<sup>th</sup> respondent.

2. Having heard the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner and having perused the records, this Court is of the opinion that this Writ Petition is not maintainable, except as a P.I.L. The contention that the petitioner has a private interest in his capacity as a retired employee of the University is too far-fetched and can hardly be countenanced. A retired employee of a University cannot have any private interest, recognisable in law, insofar as assignment of the

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property of the University is concerned; and his concern, if any, can only partake the character of public interest. The fact that the petitioner is drawing pension from the University, for that matter from the Government, will not make the petitioner an interested party, so as to oust the maintainability of a P.I.L. Petitioner's affidavit, itself, indicates that the present litigation is public in nature and not to vindicate any private grievance of the petitioner.

In the circumstances, the Registry is directed to place the matter before the court dealing with Public Interest Litigations.



Sd/-

**C. JAYACHANDRAN  
JUDGE**

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