

TUESDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

WP(PIL) No. 81 of 2026

PAULY VADAKKAN

VS

STATE OF KERALA & OTHERS

ADVS FOR PETITIONER/S:

SRI.JOMY K. JOSE, SHRI.SALMAN FARIS, SMT.RIYA A.

ADVS FOR RESPONDENT/S:

SOUMEN SEN, C.J.

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SYAM KUMAR V.M., J.

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W.P.(PIL) No.81 of 2026
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Dated this the 7th day of April 2026

Appearance:

For the Petitioner : Mr. Jomy K. Jose
For the Respondent : Mr. Anoop V. Nair for R3
: Ms. Reshma R. Krishna
representing Ms. A.K.
Preetha for R2
R4, : Mr. V. Tekchand, Sr. GP for R1,
R6 and R7

ORDER

SOUMEN SEN, C.J.

The issues raised in this Public Interest Litigation require careful consideration, as they disclose hazardous road conditions prevailing along the metro rail corridors within the city of Kochi. The petitioner has highlighted several instances in which the sinking of road surfaces near metro

pile caps has led to accidents resulting in loss of life. The hazardous road conditions have been detailed in paragraph Nos. 5 to 8 of the petition.

2. Upon such consideration, we direct the respondents to immediately identify, level, and permanently rectify all road surface protrusions and uneven portions surrounding metro pillars within the city of Kochi. Further, the respondents shall install adequate and effective safety measures, including high-visibility warning signage, reflective road markers, rumble strips, and impact-absorbing protective installations around metro pillars at all identified hazardous locations. The Corporation shall appoint a technical committee or expert agency to conduct a comprehensive safety audit of all roads along the metro rail corridor and submit a report by the adjourned date.

3. We also direct the Secretary, Corporation of Kochi, to convene an urgent meeting of respondents 2, 4, and 7 and take appropriate steps to ensure that all roads are restored, and that a safety audit is carried out in the meantime. The

report, in the form of an affidavit, shall be submitted on the adjourned date.

Post on 11.06.2026.

**Sd/-
SOUMEN SEN
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**Sd/-
SYAM KUMAR V.M.
JUDGE**

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