



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

“C.R.”

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D. K. SINGH

WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF JULY 2025 / 18TH ASHADHA, 1947

WP(C) NO. 24767 OF 2025

PETITIONER/S:

HANA FATIMA AHINUS
AGED 18 YEARS
D/O. AHINUS H RESIDINGESHAL, PUTHUSSERIMALA, VADACODE P.O PUTHIYAROAD,
THRIKKAKARA NORTH, ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682021

BY ADVS.
SHRI.MOHAN JACOB GEORGE
SMT.P.V.PARVATHY (P-41)
SMT.REENA THOMAS
SMT.NIGI GEORGE
SHRI.ANANTHU V.LAL
SMT.SHERIN VARGHESE
SHRI.BRAHMA R.K.

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695001
- 2 COMMISSIONER OF ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
7TH FLOOR, KSRTC COMPLEX, OVERBRIDGE, THAMPANOOR,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695036
- 3 ANAN SOURE REPRESENTED BY FATHER SUBHASH KUMAR A, S/O. BALAN, AVATTATT,
MEPPAYUR, KOZHIKODE



4 VIVEK P.B
S/O. BALAN P.N, PERUGANDOOR HOUSE, NEAR SILENT STREET, CHETTUPUZHA P.O,
THRISSUR
[R3 AND R4 IMPEADED AS PER ORDER IN I.A. 1/2025 DATED 09.07.2025]

BY ADVS.
GOVERNMENT PLEADER
SMT.BHANU THILAK
SHRI.N.MANOJ KUMAR, STATE ATTORNEY
SRI.P.G.PRAMOD, SENIOR G.P.

OTHER PRESENT:

P.G. PRAMOD-SR.GP

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING FINALLY HEARD ON 09.07.2025, ALONG WITH WP(C).
24951/2025, 24976/2025 AND CONNECTED CASES, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING:



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WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF JULY 2025 / 18TH ASHADHA, 1947

WP(C) NO. 24951 OF 2025

PETITIONER/S:

- 1 GOUTHAM S.,
AGED 18 YEARS
S/O. SUNIL KUMAR S., SHIVAM HOUSE, VRINDHAVAN, WEST KADUNGALLOOR P.O.,
ERNAKULAM DISTRICT, PIN - 683110
- 2 DEVIKA B.S.,
AGED 19 YEARS
D/O. BIJU P.S., RESIDING AT FIRST FLOOR, DEEPAM, EVRA LANE 11, VENNALA P.O.,
ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682028
- 3 FARHAAN NOUFAL.,
AGED 18 YEARS
S/O. NOUFAL MOOSA MOIDUTTY, KAROTTU MANGALASSERIL HOUSE , SOUHRADHA
NAGAR A-42, KARIPPAI - SUNDARAGIRI ROAD , NORTH KALAMASSERY P.O.,
ERNAKULAM, PIN - 683104
- 4 MERIN GEORGE P.,
AGED 18 YEARS
D/O.VIMALA MATHEW, POTTUKULATHIL HOUSE, KUTHIRAVATTOM P.O., KOZHIKODE,
PIN - 673016
- 5 HADIYA THANVEER.,
AGED 18 YEARS
D/O. FIBIN KOMU, 5/783A, NEAR P.SEKHARAN MANDIRAM, RARICHAN ROAD,
ERANHIPALAM P.O., KOZHIKODE, PIN - 673006
- 6 MADHAVAN R. MUNJANATTU,
AGED 17 YEARS
S/O.RAKESH P., HOUSE NO.19/30 F, 8TH MILE, VENNIMALA ROAD,VELOOR P.O.,
KOTTAYAM MINOR REPRESENTED BY HIS FATHER RAKESH P. AGED 49 YEARS S/O. P.



PRASAD, RESIDING AT HOUSE NO.19/30 F, 8TH MILE, VENNIMALA ROAD, VELOOR P.O.,
KOTTAYAM, PIN - 686501

BY ADVS.
SRI.T.B.HOOD
SMT.M.ISHA

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT. HIGHER EDUCATION
(G) DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN -
695001
- 2 COMMISSIONER FOR ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS,
7TH FLOOR, KSRTC BUS TERMINAL COMPLEX, THAMPANOOR,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001

BY ADVS.
GOVERNMENT PLEADER
SRI.P.G.PRAMOD, SENIOR G.P.
SHRI.N.MANOJ KUMAR, STATE ATTORNEY

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WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF JULY 2025 / 18TH ASHADHA, 1947

WP(C) NO. 24976 OF 2025

PETITIONER/S:

- 1 GARRY VINO GEORGE
AGED 18 YEARS
KULATHUNKAL HOUSE, VADAKODE.P.O. KANGARAPADI, ERNAKULAM DISTRICT, PIN - 682021
- 2 AASIM ABDULLA
AGED 18 YEARS
PUNNILATH HOUSE, BHARATH NAGAR, KODUNGALLOOR, THRISSUR DISTRICT, PIN - 680664

BY ADVS. KURIAN GEORGE KANNANTHANAM (SR)
SHRI.TONY GEORGE KANNANTHANAM
SRI.THOMAS GEORGE
SHRI.EBEE ANTONY
SHRI.AJITH GEORGE KOOLA

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 2 THE COMMISSIONER FOR ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS
K.S.R.T.C. BUS TERMINAL COMPLEX, THAMPANOOR, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001



BY ADVS.
GOVERNMENT PLEADER
SHRI.N.MANOJ KUMAR, STATE ATTORNEY
SRI.P.G.PRAMOD, SENIOR G.P.

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PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D. K. SINGH

WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF JULY 2025 / 18TH ASHADHA, 1947

WP(C) NO. 25180 OF 2025

PETITIONER/S:

SHIFA FAAIZA P.M.
AGED 18 YEARS
D/O. P.K. MOHAMMAD, PATHUVANA HOUSE, ROCK WELL ROAD, H.M.T. COLONY P.O.,
KALAMASSERY, ERNAKULAM DISTRICT, PIN - 683503

BY ADVS.
SRI.T.B.HOOD
SMT.M.ISHA

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT. HIGHER
EDUCATION (G) DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001
- 2 COMMISSIONER FOR ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS,
7TH FLOOR, KSRTC BUS TERMINAL COMPLEX, THAMPANOOR,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695001

SRI.P.G.PRAMOD, SENIOR G.P.

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JUDGMENT

“C.R.”

[WP(C) Nos.24767/2025, 24951/2025, 24976/2025, 25180/2025]

These writ petitions have been filed by the students who have passed 10 + 2 examinations from the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi and who have appeared in Kerala Engineering, Architecture and Medical Entrance Examination 2025. The petitioners are aggrieved by the decision of the Government dated 01.07.2025 in Ext.P6 in W.P.(C) No.24767/2025 issued at 16.48.02 hours whereby the Government changed the prospectus stating that the entrance examination marks and class examination marks should be maintained in 50:50 ratio, but in respect of the Maths, Physics, and Chemistry, the marks obtained in +2 examination shall be in the ratio of 5:3:2.

2. The prospectus for examination was issued on 19.02.2025, which prescribed that the marks of Maths, Physics and Chemistry shall be in the ratio of 1:1:1. After changing this prospectus and formulae for counting the marks obtained in Class 10 + 2, *i.e.*, in Maths, Physics and



Chemistry in the ratio of 5:3:2 instead of 1:1:1 on 01.07.2025, the result was published on the same day at 17.48 hours, exactly one hour after the prospectus got changed.

3. The earlier prospectus was prepared on the basis of the recommendation of the expert committee in the year 2011. The said prospectus held the field for fourteen long years. But, suddenly, the Government realised in its wisdom that there were so-called glaring illegalities in the prospectus. Therefore, it needed to be changed one hour before the time of publication of the rank list on 01.07.2025.

4. Mr P.G. Pramod, learned Senior Government Pleader, submits that clause 1.6 of the prospectus gives power to the Government to make changes in the prospectus at any point of time, even after the examination is conducted and even on the date of publishing the rank list.

5. Ms Bhanu Thilak, learned Counsel, appearing for the interveners, also supports the contention of the learned Senior



Government Pleader and has placed reliance on the Division Bench judgment of this Court in *Seema Sebastian v. State of Kerala*¹, particularly paragraph 3, which reads thus:

“8. We would have simply accepted the argument that eligibility criteria in a prospectus cannot be changed in the normal course after the last date for submitting applications. The prospectus settles the candidates' admission criteria, etc. and gives a fair level playing field for every candidate who aspires for admission. A new claim cannot be admitted in the prospectus before the last date of submitting applications for admission. Amendment to the prospectus stands totally in a different perspective when there is a hostile discrimination between or among different classes standing on the same footing. If the prospectus fixes an eligibility criteria which offends Art.14, it cannot be said it will hold good for everyone to participate in the same manner as provided under the prospectus without amendment. The right to challenge cannot be taken away merely because there is a timeline fixed in the prospectus. No doubt, laches may sometimes be canvassed as a defence to deny relief but not to reject the challenge. When all similarly situated persons are not treated alike, that is open for challenge before the Constitutional Court. An injustice cured cannot be considered as a change of eligibility criteria. If such arguments are sustained, that would amount to denial of the right

¹ 2023 (3) KHC 284



to challenge such arbitrary clauses in the prospectus. No candidates can be denuded of fundamental rights on the ground that the prospectus sets a deadline. It is in that background that the present case has to be examined.

6. While possessing the power to do something is one thing, how that power is exercised is quite another. Even if it is considered that the Government has the power to amend the prospectus, the question which would arise for consideration is when this power can be exercised and in what manner such a power can be exercised?

7. The prospectus was published on 19.02.2025 and applications were invited from the students to participate in the KEAM Entrance Examination 2025. The last date of submission of the application was 10.03.2025. The examinations were held from 23.04.2025 to 29.04.2025 on different dates. The Government suddenly woke up because it got some supernatural wisdom to realise that the prospectus was glaringly illegal. Therefore, it needed amendment, that too, one hour before the publication of the rank list, i.e. on 01.07.2025.



8. Normally, as held by the Division Bench of this Court cited by Ms Bhanu Thilak, the prospectus cannot be changed after the last date of submission of the application. Here, not only did the last date of submission of the application got over in March 2025, but the examinations were also held from 23.04.2025 to 29.04.2025.

9. On 14.05.2025, the score cards of the students relating to the entrance examinations were declared on the website, and the students were directed to submit their marks obtained in class 10 + 2 examinations. When the authorities have full data before them and found that the students from the Kerala stream have not done very well in the examination, they decided to change the formulae in the most arbitrary, illegal and unjustified manner.

10. This Court is of the considered view that after the examination is conducted, the Government is denuded of its power even under clause 1.6 of the prospectus to change the prospectus. Rules of the game cannot be changed midway, once the game has begun.



11. *Prima facie*, it appears that somebody looked at the results and found that the students from the Kerala stream have not done fairly good, and to satisfy the constituency, such a *mala fide* decision in an arbitrary manner has been taken to change the prospectus one hour before the publication of the result on 01.07.2025. Such an exercise of power is wholly arbitrary, illegal, unjustified and cannot be countenanced on any ground.

12. Though Mr P.G. Pramod has vehemently supported the decision of the Government, he has no answer for the manner in which the prospectus was changed one hour before the rank list was published on 01.07.2025.

13. This Court, therefore, holds that the change in the prospectus one hour before the publication of the rank list after the examination is wholly unjustified, illegal and arbitrary. The change in the prospectus is set aside. The Commissioner for Entrance Examinations is directed to publish the rank list in accordance with the prospectus, which was



issued on 19.02.2025.

The writ petitions stand disposed of with the aforesaid observations and directions. All Interlocutory Applications as regards interim matters stand closed.

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D. K. SINGH

JUDGE

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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 24951/2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	TRUE COPY OF THE MARK STATEMENT CUM CERTIFICATE DATED 13.05.2025 ISSUED TO THE 1ST PETITIONER BY THE CBSE
Exhibit P2	. TRUE COPY OF THE MARK STATEMENT CUM CERTIFICATE DATED 13.05.2024 ISSUED TO THE 2ND PETITIONER BY THE CBSE
Exhibit P3	TRUE COPY OF THE MARK STATEMENT CUM CERTIFICATE DATED 13.05.2025 ISSUED TO THE 3RD PETITIONER BY THE CBSE
Exhibit P4	TRUE COPY OF THE MARK STATEMENT CUM CERTIFICATE DATED 13.05.2025 ISSUED TO THE 4TH PETITIONER BY THE CBSE
Exhibit P5	TRUE COPY OF THE MARK STATEMENT CUM CERTIFICATE DATED 13.05.2024 ISSUED TO THE 5TH PETITIONER BY THE CBSE
Exhibit P6	TRUE COPY OF THE MARK STATEMENT CUM CERTIFICATE DATED 13.05.2025 ISSUED TO THE 6TH PETITIONER BY THE CBSE
Exhibit P7	TRUE COPY OF THE RELEVANT PAGES OF THE PROSPECTUS ISSUED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT FOR ADMISSION TO PROFESSIONAL DEGREE COURSES, 2025
Exhibit P8	TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION DATED 13.04.2025 ISSUED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT REGARDING THE REVISED EXAMINATION SCHEDULE
Exhibit P9	. TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION DATED 14.05.2025 ISSUED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT REGARDING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION SCORES
Exhibit P10	TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION DATED 29.05.2025 ISSUED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT REGARDING ONLINE SUBMISSION OF MARKS DATA FOR ENGINEERING RANK - 2025
Exhibit P11	TRUE COPY OF G.O. (RT) NO.460/2025/H.EDN DATED 09.04.2025
Exhibit P12	TRUE COPY OF G.O. (MS) NO.470/2025/H.EDN DATED 01.07.2025 ALONG WITH ANNEXURE THERETO
Exhibit P13	TRUE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF EXT.P12 G.O.
Exhibit P14	TRUE COPY OF THE ENGINEERING ENTRANCE EXAMINATION RESULT OF THE 1ST PETITIONER DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE OF THE 2ND RESPONDENT DATED NIL
Exhibit P15	TRUE COPY OF THE ENGINEERING ENTRANCE EXAMINATION RESULT OF THE 2ND PETITIONER DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE OF THE 2ND RESPONDENT DATED NIL
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Exhibit P19	TRUE COPY OF THE ENGINEERING ENTRANCE EXAMINATION RESULT OF THE 6TH PETITIONER DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE OF THE 2ND RESPONDENT
RESPONDENT EXHIBITS	
EXHIBIT R2(a)	True copy of calculation statement of standardised marks in respect of the petitioners and those candidates with identical marks in the State Board using the earlier method and new method is produced for demonstrating how the newly adopted formula remove the disparity between students belonging to different streams



APPENDIX OF WP(C) 24976/2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit.P1	TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION DATED 29-5-2025 ISSUED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT
Exhibit.P2	TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION DATED 7-6-2025 ISSUED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT
Exhibit.P3	TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER G.O.(MS) 470/2025/ HEDN DATED 1-7-2025 ALONG WITH THE ANNEXURE
Exhibit.P3(a)	TRUE COPY OF THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF EXT.P3



APPENDIX OF WP(C) 25180/2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	TRUE COPY OF THE MARK STATEMENT CUM CERTIFICATE DATED 07.07.2025 ISSUED TO THE PETITIONER BY THE CBSE
Exhibit P2	TRUE COPY OF THE RELEVANT PAGES OF THE PROSPECTUS ISSUED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT FOR ADMISSION TO PROFESSIONAL DEGREE COURSES, 2025
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Exhibit P9	TRUE COPY OF THE ENGINEERING ENTRANCE EXAMINATION RESULT OF THE PETITIONER DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE OF THE 2ND RESPONDENT
Exhibit P10	TRUE COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION DATED 16.05.2024 ISSUED BY THE CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS, CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION REGARDING RELATIVE GRADING SYSTEM



APPENDIX OF WP(C) 24767/2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	COPY OF MARK SHEET OF THE PETITIONER IN THE XIITH STANDARD EXAMINATION
Exhibit P2	COPY OF THE PROSPECTUS ISSUED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT WITH RESPECT TO THE KEAM ENTRANCE EXAM DATED 20.02.2025
Exhibit P3	COPY OF THE ADMIT CARD/HALL TICKET ISSUED TO THE PETITIONER
Exhibit P4	TRUE COPY OF THE RELEVANT PORTION OF SCORE CARD OF KEAM 2025 EVIDENCING THE SCORE SECURED BY THE PETITIONER
Exhibit P5	COPY OF THE RELEVANT PORTION OF THE RANK LIST PUBLISHED ON 01.07.2025 SHOWING THE RANK DETAILS OF PETITIONER DATED 01.07.2025
Exhibit P6	COPY OF THE G.O.(MS) NO.470/2025/HEDN DATED 01.07.2025 ALONG WITH ENGLISH TRANSLATION
Exhibit P7	COPY OF THE RELEVANT PORTION OF RANK DETAILS OF A CANDIDATE [BY NAME AVANTIKA BIZY NAIR (ROLL NO.467193)] WHO SCORED SIMILAR MARKS FOR KEAM 2024