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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.G.ARUN

TUESDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025 / 20TH KARTHIKA, 1947

WP(C) NO. 42229 OF 2025

PETITIONER:

M/S AMAL NEERAD PRODUCTIONS LLP
A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP REGISTERED IN 2023
UNDER THE LLP ACT, 2008, HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE
AT THIRUNAKKARA HOUSE, LISIE ROAD, ERNAKULAM NORTH P.O,
ERNAKULAM, KERALA REPRESENTED BY ITS DESIGNATED
PARTNER, MR. AMAL NEERAD, AGED 50 YEARS, S/O
OMANAKUTTAN C.R, RESIDING AT THIRUNAKKARA HOUSE, LISIE
ROAD, ERNAKULAM NORTH P.O, ERNAKULAM, KERALA -, PIN -
682018

BY ADVS.

SRI.V.HARISH

SRI.RAJAN VISHNURAJ

SHRI.VARUN JACOB

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 UNION OF INDIA
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING, 6TH FLOOR, SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI,
PIN - 110001
- 2 SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, 6TH FLOOR,
SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI, PIN - 110001
- 3 CENTRAL BOARD OF FILM CERTIFICATION
FILMS DIVISION COMPLEX, PHASE-I BUILDING, 9TH FLOOR,
DR. G. DESHMUKH MARG, MUMBAI, REPRESENTED BY ITS
CHAIRMAN, PIN - 400026

BY ADV O.M.SHALINA, DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA
SMT. O.M. SHALINA FOR DSGI.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON
11.11.2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:



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JUDGMENT

Dated this the 11th day of November, 2025

The petitioner, a film production firm, is aggrieved by the denial of opportunity to submit its entry for the 72nd National Film Awards, 2024.

2. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's attempt to register in the official login portal was defeated due to technical glitches. Learned Counsel further submitted that the petitioner's film 'Bougainvillea' regarding which the application was to be submitted, has been conferred with 7 awards in the Kerala State Film Awards. Therefore, denial of opportunity will not only affect the Production Company,



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but also the chance of the artists and technicians who have worked hard for the film's overall success. Highlighting this aspect and seeking redressal, the petitioner had submitted Ext.P7 request on 31.10.2025, ie. the last day for submitting the application. The request remains unconsidered and hence the respondents should be directed to consider Ext.P7 in a time bound manner.

3. Learned DSGI submitted that the official portal was open from 10.10.2025 and Pan India publicity was given about the 72nd National Film Awards, 2024.

4. This Court cannot delve into the question whether the petitioner was prevented from submitting application due to a technical glitch. The petitioner having raised such an allegation and made a request to



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extend the time for accepting the application, the authority concerned has to take a decision at the earliest.

The writ petition is hence disposed of by directing the 2nd respondent to take up Ext.P7 request and pass a reasoned order thereon, advertng to the grounds urged by the petitioner. The order, as directed above, shall be issued within 10 days of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

**Sd/-
V.G.ARUN
JUDGE**

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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 42229/2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

Exhibit P1	A TRUE PHOTOCOPY OF THE FILM CERTIFICATE DATED 07.10.2024
Exhibit P2	A TRUE PHOTOCOPY OF THE NEWS ARTICLE REGARDING THE HONOURS AWARDED TO THE PETITIONER'S FILM AT THE KERALA STATE FILM AWARDS 2025, PUBLISHED IN 'THE INDIAN EXPRESS' WEBSITE VIDE LINK WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM ON 03.11.2025
Exhibit P3	A TRUE PHOTOCOPY OF THE SCREENSHOT EVIDENCING ACCOUNT ACTIVATION EMAIL SENT TO THE PETITIONER'S EMAIL ID FROM THE NFA WEBSITE
Exhibit P4	A TRUE PHOTOCOPY OF THE AUTHORIZATION LETTER SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER
Exhibit P5	A TRUE PHOTOCOPY OF THE AFFIDAVIT (FOR FEATURE FILMS) SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER
Exhibit P6	A TRUE COPY OF THE SCREENSHOT OF THE PETITIONER'S DASHBOARD FROM THE WEBSITE OF THE NFA VIDE LINK WWW.NFAINDIA.ORG/DASHBOARD
Exhibit P7	A TRUE COPY OF THE EMAIL REPRESENTATION DATED 31.10.2025 SENT FROM THE PETITIONER'S EMAIL TO NFA.MIB@GOV.IN