

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. NITIN JAMDAR
&
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE BASANT BALAJI

Monday, the 2nd day of June 2025 / 12th Jyaishta, 1947
WA NO. 2179 OF 2023

AGAINST THE JUDGMENT DATED 23/08/2023 IN WP(C) 7107/2020 OF THIS COURT
APPELLANT(S)/PETITIONER::

ANGELS NAIR AGED 57 YEARS GEN, SECRETARY, ANIMAL LEGAL FORCE
INTEGRATION, KAPPILLIL PULLUVAZHY P.O. PERUMBAVOOR, ERNKULAM
DISTRICT 683 541., PIN - 683541

(PARTY IN PERSON)

RESPONDENT(S)/RESPONDENTS NO.1 TO 4 IN THE WP(C)::

1. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, FOEST AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM., PIN - 695001
2. PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST AND HEAD OF FOREST FORCE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, VAZHUTHAKKAD, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM , PIN - 695014
3. CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, DEPUTY INSPECTOR (GENERAL OF FORESTS (CENTRAL)-1, MINSTREL OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE, REGIONAL OFFICE (SOUTHERN ZONE), KENDRIYA SADAN, IVTH FLOOR E AND F WIGS, 17TH MANIN ROAD, IIND BLOCK KORAMANGALA BANGALORE, PIN - 560034
4. UNION OF INDIA , REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE, C.G.O. COMPLEX, LODHI ROAD, PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, NEW DELHI, PIN - 110003

BY SRI. T.P.SAJAN, SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER FOR R1 TO R3.

DSGI FOR R4.

ADV. MR. MANU VYASAN PETER (AMICUS CURIAE)

Prayer for interim relief in the Writ Appeal stating that in the circumstances stated in the appeal memorandum, the High Court be pleased to grant a stay of further proceedings of the Hon'ble Single Bench Judgment in WPC 7107/2020 until further orders.

This Writ Appeal again coming on for orders on 02/06/2025, upon perusing the appeal memorandum and this Court's Order dated 01/11/2024, the court on the same day passed the following:

NITIN JAMDAR, C.J. & BASANT BALAJI, J.

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Dated this the 2nd day of June, 2025

ORDER

Heard Mr.Angels Nair, Petitioner-in-person and Mr.T.P.Sajan, learned Special Government Pleader.

2. The Petitioner-in-person has raised an issue regarding a Malayalam entertainment commercial film shooting in a reserved forest in Kasargod in the year 2018. According to the Petitioner, substantial damage was caused in connection with the movie set.

3. In response to the petition, a counter affidavit is filed by the Under Secretary to the Government, Forest & Wildlife Department, wherein a Government Order dated 30 March 2013 is annexed. This Government Order is issued by the Forest & Wildlife Department in respect of revision of entry fees and security deposits in national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, tiger reserves and other protected areas in the State. In the said order, a table is reproduced, specifying the fees for commercial films. Documentary/educational films are treated separately.

4. The question raised in this petition is whether a permission for commercial films would be desirable in the national parks, wildlife sanctuaries and tiger reserves and also whether the State has formulated any

policy in this matter apart from fixing the rates, as indicated in the documents.

5. The learned Special Government Pleader seeks time to take instructions in this regard.

6. We appoint Adv.Mr.Manu Vyasam Peter as Amicus Curiae to assist the Court. The Registry will furnish all the necessary papers to the learned Amicus Curiae.

7. Post on 23 June 2025



Sd/-
NITIN JAMDAR
CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-
BASANT BALAJI
JUDGE

vgd/02.06.25