

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P.V.KUNHIKRISHNAN THURSDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF JUNE 2023 / 18TH JYAISHTA, 1945 WP(C) NO. 17921 OF 2023

PETITIONER:

SAROSH P.ABRAHAM,

AGED 62 YEARS

S/O P.T.ABRAHAM, MANAGER, ST.MARY'S RESIDENTIAL CENTRAL SCHOOL, POOJAPPURA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695012, RESIDING AT 8L POWER LINK SHIV, VAZHUTHACAUD, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695014

BY ADVS.
SABU GEORGE
P.B.KRISHNAN
P.B.SUBRAMANYAN
MANU VYASAN PETER
CHITHIRA VENUGOPAL

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RESPONDENTS:

- 1 UNION OF INDIA
 REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF HUMAN
 RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, SASTHRI BHAVAN,
 NEW DELHI, PIN 110001
- 2 CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
 SIKSHA KENDRA, 2 COMMUNITY CENTRE, PREETH VIHAR, DELHI,
 REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, PIN 110092
- 3 STATE OF KERALA

 REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE GENERAL EDUCATION

 DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

 PIN 695001
- 4 DIRECTOR OF GENERAL EDUCATION,

 JAGATHY, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN 695014
- 5 CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION CBSE REGIONAL OFFICE, BLOCK B, 2ND FLOOR, LIC DIVISIONAL OFFICE CAMPUS, PATTOM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM REPRESENTED BY ITS

REGIONAL OFFICER, PIN - 695004

WP(C) Nos. 17921 & 15954 OF 2023

THE KERALA CBSE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION
PENTA TOWER, BANERJI ROAD, KALOOR,
ERNAKULAM, REPRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT,
PIN - 682017

SMT.NISHA BOSE, SENIOR GP,
SRI.MANU.S, DSGI,
SRI.NIRMAL.S, SC

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 08.06.2023, ALONG WITH WP(C).15954/2023, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P.V.KUNHIKRISHNAN

THURSDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF JUNE 2023 / 18TH JYAISHTA, 1945

WP(C) NO. 15954 OF 2023

PETITIONERS:

- 1 THE KERALA CBSE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT
 ASSOCIATION
 REG NO.174/1996, PENTA TOWER, 7TH FLOOR,
 KALOOR, KOCHI- 682017, REPRESENTED BY ITS
 PRESIDENT T.P.M.IBRAHIM KHAN, AGED 75
 YEARS, S/O.PAREED BAVA KHAN, SENIOR
 ADVOCATE, UNITED LAW CHAMBERS, S.R.M.ROAD,
 ERNAKULAM, KOCHI, PIN 682018
- THE CHAIRMAN

 LAKEFORD SCHOOL, VATTAKAYAL, KAVANAD,

 KOLLAM-691003.
- 3 THE CHAIRMAN
 NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL,
 MUKHATHALA, KOTTIYAM, KUNDRA ROAD, KOLLAM,
 PIN 691577
- 4 THE CHAIRMAN

 SABARIGIRI ENGLISH SCHOOL, AGASTHICODE,

 ANCHAL, KOLLAM, PIN 691306
- 5 THE MANAGER

 CRESENT PUBLIC SCHOOL, THOTTAMUGHAM,

 ALUVA, ERNAKULAM, PIN 683105

BY ADVS.

T.S.HARIKUMAR

P.B.SAHASRANAMAN

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 THE STATE OF KERALA
 REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY TO THE
 GENERAL EDUCATION, SECRETARIAT,
 THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695001.
- 2 THE DIRECTOR OF GENERAL EDUCATION
 DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL EDUCATION, THYCAUD,
 THIRUVANANTHAPURAM 695014
- 3 CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (CBSE) SIKSHA KENDRA, 2 COMMUNITY CENTRE, PREET VIHAR, DELHI 110092, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY.
- THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

 CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, BSNL

 RTTC CAMPUS, KAIMANAM,

 THIRUVANANTHAPURAM 695040

 BY ADV NIRMAL S

 SMT.NISHA BOSE, SENIOR GP

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 08.06.2023, ALONG WITH WP(C).17921/2023, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

P.V.KUNHIKRISHNAN, J.

W.P.(C)No. 17921 and 15954 of 2023

Dated this the 08th day of June, 2023

JUDGMENT

These two writ petitions are filed with a common grievance and therefore I am disposing of these two writ petitions by a common judgment.

- 2. These writ petitions are filed challenging the proposed guidelines framed by the Director of General Education for setting up Fee Regulatory Committee and fixing the fee in CBSE/ICSE affiliated schools and unaided schools in the state following Kerala State syllabus.
- 4. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and the learned Government Pleader.
- 5. Counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that, they have already submitted



representations before the Government narrating their grievance and there may be a direction to the consider Government to the same before proceeding with the guidelines. The learned Pleader after getting Government instructions submitted that, the Director of General Education forwarded a guideline regarding the constitution of a Fee Regulatory Committee to the Government and the Government has not taken any decision either to issue an executive order or for a legislation. If that be the case, I am of the considered opinion that, before proceeding further, the representations submitted by the petitioners also can be considered.

Therefore, these writ petitions are disposed of in the following manner:

i. The 1st respondent in W.P.
 (C)No.15954/2023 is directed to consider and pass appropriate orders in Exts.P4 and P6

representations submitted by the petitioners in W.P.(C)Nos.17921/2023 and 15954/2023 respectively, after giving an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this judgment.

ii. Petitioners will produce a certified copy of this judgment along with a copy of these writ petitions before the State of Kerala, represented by the Secretary to the General Education Department, Government Secretariat, Thiruvanathapuram, for compliance.

P.V.KUNHIKRISHNAN JUDGE

APPENDIX OF WP(C) 15954/2023

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT P.1	THE TRUE PHOTOSTAT COPY OF	THE
	AFFILIATION BY-LAWS 2018 ISSUED) BY
	THE 3RD RESPONDENT	
EXHIBIT P.2	THE TRUE PHOTOSTAT COPY OF	THE
	GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE	1ST
	RESPONDENT FOR GRANTING NOC TO	THE
	UNAIDED CBSE SCHOOLS	FOR
	AFFILIATION	
EXHIBIT P.3	THE TRUE PHOTOSTAT COPY OF	THE
	JUDGMENT IN W.P.(C).NO.26744	OF
	2016, DATED 17-03-2023	
EXHIBIT P.4	THE TRUE PHOTOSTAT COPY OF	THE
	ORDER IN R.P.NO.472 OF 2023	IN
	W.P.(C).NO.26744 OF 2016 DATED	11-
	04-2023	
EXHIBIT P.5	THE TRUE PHOTOSTAT COPY OF	THE
	REPRESENTATION SUBMITTED BY	THE
	1ST PETITIONER AND OTHERS DA	ATED
	NIL	
EXHIBIT P 6	THE TRUE PHOTOSTAT COPY OF	THE
	REPRESENTATION SUBMITTED BY	THE
	1ST PETITIONER BEFORE THE	

RESPONDENT, DATED 24-05-2023

APPENDIX OF WP(C) 17921/2023

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT-P1

A TRUE COPY OF THE JUDGMENT DATED

17-02-2023 IN W.P(C) NO.26744 OF

2016

EXHIBIT-P2

A TRUE COPY OF JUDGMENT DATED 11
04-2023 IN R.P NO.472 OF 2023

BEFORE THIS HON'BLE COURT

EXHIBIT-P3

TRUE COPY OF THE CURRENT

AFFILIATION BYE-LAWS ISSUED IN THE

YEAR 2018 BY THE 2ND RESPONDEN

EXHIBIT-P4

A TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION

PREFERRED BY THE PETITIONER DATED

26-05-2023

RESPONDENTS EXHIBITS : NIL

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PA TO JUDGE