



2024:KER:27403

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. A.J.DESAI

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.G.ARUN

MONDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF APRIL 2024 / 19TH CHAITHRA, 1946

WP(C) NO. 5614 OF 2024

PETITIONER:

N.PRAKASH
AGED 59 YEARS
SON OF LATE A.NARAYANA RAO RESIDING AT PRAJITH
VIHAR AYINI ROAD, MARADU P.O ERNAKULAM DISTRICT,
PIN - 682 304

BY ADV N.PRAKASH(Party-In-Person)

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 001
- 2 TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER
TRANSPORT COMMISSIONERATE 2ND FLOOR,
TRANS TOWERS VAZHUTHACAUD, THYCAUD P.O
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 014
- 3 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, ALAPPUZHA
CIVIL STATION, CIVIL STATION P.O.,
ALAPPUZHA, PIN - 688 001
- 4 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, ATTINGAL
AMC 16/218(1), AVITTAM COMPLEX, MAMAM,
ATTINGAL THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 104
- 5 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, ERNAKULAM
2ND FLOOR, CIVIL STATION, KAKKANAD,
THRIKAKKARA PO, ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682 030
- 6 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, IDUKKI
CIVIL STATION, KUYILIMALA, PINAV PO
IDUKKI, PIN - 685 603



- 7 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KANNUR
CIVIL STATION, EDAPALLY-PANVEL HIGHWAY,
KANNUR, PIN - 670 002
- 8 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KASARAGOD
CIVIL STATION, VIDYANAGAR P.O,
KASARAGOD, PIN - 671 123
- 9 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KOLLAM
CIVIL STATION, ANANDAVALLE-SWARAM
KOLLAM, PIN - 695 013
- 10 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KOTTAYAM
CIVIL STATION, COLLECTORATE PO
KOTTAYAM, PIN - 686 002
- 11 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KOZHIKODE
CIVIL STATION, MALAPARAMBA
KOZHIKODE, PIN - 673 020
- 12 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, MALAPPURAM
CIVIL STATION, UPHILL, MALAPPURAM, PIN -676 505
- 13 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, MUVATTUPUZHA
MINI CIVIL STATION, PAZHAPALLY, MUDAVOOR PO
MUVATTUPUZHA, PIN - 686 669
- 14 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, PALAKKAD
CIVIL STATION, S FORT ROAD, KENATHU PARAMBU,
KUNATHURMEDU PALAKKAD, PIN - 678 002
- 15 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, PATHANAMTHITTA
PARAYIL BUILDING, COLLEGE ROAD, MAKAMKUNNU PO
PATHANAMTHITTA, PIN - 689 645
- 16 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
5TH FLOOR, KSRTC TERMINAL, THAMPANOR
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 023
- 17 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, THRISSUR
CIVIL STATION, AYYANTHOLE PO,
THRISSUR, PIN - 680 003
- 18 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, VADAKARA
MINI CIVIL STATION, VADAKKARA TOWN,
KOZHIKKODE, PIN - 673 101



- 19 REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, WAYANAD
CIVIL STATION, KALPETTA, NORTH KALPETTA PO
WAYANAD, PIN - 673 122
- 20 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, ADOOR
3RD FLOOR, REVENUE TOWER, ADOOR
PATHANAMTHITTA, PIN - 691 523
- 21 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, ALATHUR
MINI CIVIL STATION ALATHUR,
PALAKKAD, PIN - 678 541
- 22 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, ALUVA
6/1293, MINI CIVIL STATION, GOODS SHED ROAD,
ALUVA, ERNAKULAM, PIN - 683 101
- 23 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, ANGAMALY
IIV BUILDINGS, MANJAPARA ROAD, ANGAMALY,
ERNAKULAM, PIN - 683 572
- 24 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER,
CHADAYAMANGALAM SUB REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICE
1ST FLOOR, PANCHAYATH SHOPPING COMPLEX,
CHADAYAMANGALAM KOLLAM, PIN - 691 534
- 25 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, CHALAKKUDY
MINI CIVIL STATION, CHALAKKUDY, THRISSUR,
PIN - 680 307
- 26 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, CHANGANASSERY
REVENUE TOWER, CHANGANASSERY PO, KOTTAYAM,
PIN - 686 101
- 27 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, CHENGANNUR
MINI CIVIL STATION, CHENGANNUR ALAPPUZHA,
PIN - 689 121
- 28 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, CHERTHALA
MINI CIVIL STATION, CHERTHALA PO ALAPPUZHA,
PIN - 688 524
- 29 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, CHITTUR
MINI CIVIL STATION, CHITTUR, PALAKKAD,
PIN - 678 101
- 30 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, DEVIKULAM
NEAR POLICE STATION, ADIMALI, IDUKKI,
PIN - 685 561



- 31 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, GURUVAYOOR
MANJULAL SHOPPING COMPLEX, EAST NADA, GURUVAYOOR
PO, THRISSUR, PIN - 680 101
- 32 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, IRINJALAKKUDA
MINI CIVIL STATION, IRINJALAKKUDA, THRISSUR, PIN
- 680 121
- 33 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, IRITTY
FALCON PLAZA NP ROAD, IRITTY, KANNUR,
PIN - 670 703
- 34 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KANHANGAD
MINI CIVIL STATION, HOSDURG, KANHANGAD PO,
KASARAGOD, PIN - 671 315
- 35 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KANJIRAPALLY
2 ND FLOOR L, PONKUNNAM MINI CIVIL STATION,
PONKUNNAM P O, KANJIRAPPALLY, KOTTAYAM,
PIN - 686 506
- 36 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KARUNAGAPALLY
MINI CIVIL STATION, KARUNAGAPALLY, KOLLAM,
PIN - 690 518
- 37 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KATTAKADA
BUILDING NUMBER KP 17 89 B, LEFT SIDE OF
EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE, KULATHUMMAL, KATTAKADA
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 572
- 38 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KAYAMKULAM
MINI CIVIL STATION, NEAR KSRTC BUS STAND,
KAYAMKULAM ALAPPUZHA, PIN - 690 101
- 39 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KAZHAKOOTAM
2TC 3/1885/4, VENGAL, KATTAIKONAM P.O
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 584
- 40 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KODUNGALLUR
MINI CIVIL STATION, WEST NADA, KODUNGALLUR,
THRISSUR, PIN - 680 664
- 41 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KODUVALLY
MINI CIVIL STATION, KODUVALLY PO, KOZHICKODE,
PIN - 673 572
- 42 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KONDOTTY
EVVY MALL, MUSLIYARANGADI, NEDIYIRIPPU P.O,
KONDOTTY MALAPPURAM, PIN - 673 638



- 43 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KONNI
SUB REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICE, KONNI, BUILDING
NO. XVIII/400A, GROUND FLOOR, B & B APARTMENT,
NEAR AANA KOODE, KONNI - CHANDANAPPALLY ROAD,
KONNI, PATHANAMTHITTA, PIN - 689 691
- 44 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KOTHAMANGALAM
3RD FLOOR, MINI CIVIL STATION, KOTHAMANGALAM PO,
ERNAKULAM, PIN - 686 691
- 45 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KOTTARAKKARA
MINI CIVIL STATION, KOTTARAKKARA P O,
KOTTARAKKARA KOLLAM, PIN - 691 506
- 46 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KOYILANDY
DREAM MALL, EAST ROAD, OPPOSITE NEW BUS STAND,
KOYILANDY KOZHICODE, PIN - 673 305
- 47 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KUNNATHUR
KUNNATHUR, CHAKKUVALLY, SOORANADU PO, KOLLAM,
PIN - 690 522
- 48 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, KUTTANAD
KAILATH BUILDING, RAMANKARY PO, KUTTANAD,
PIN - 689 595
- 49 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, MALLAPPALLY
MINI CIVIL STATION, MALLAPPALLY PATHANAMTHITTA,
PIN - 689 585
- 50 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, MANANTHAVADY
KELLUR PO, MANANTHAVADY, WAYANAD, PIN - 670 645
- 51 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, MANNARKKAD
MINI CIVIL STATION, KUNTHIPUZHA, MANNARKKAD,
PALAKKAD, PIN - 678 541
- 52 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, MATTANCHERRY
CHEMEENS JN., THOPPUMPADY PO, KOCHI,
PIN - 682 005
- 53 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, MAVELIKKARA
MINI CIVIL STATION, MAVELIKKARA ALAPPUZHA,
PIN - 690 101
- 54 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, NANMANDA
BUILDING NO 9/499, NANMANDA, KOZHICODE,
PIN - 673 613



- 55 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, NEDUMANGAD
3RD FLOOR, REVENUE TOWER, NEDUMANGADU,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 541
- 56 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, NILAMBUR
CHANDANAKUNNU PO, NILAMBUR, MALAPPURAM,
PIN - 679 329
- 57 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, NEYYATTINKARA
MINI CIVIL STATION, OPPOSITE NEYYATTINKARA TALUK
OFFICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 121
- 58 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, NORTH PARAVOOR
ABUL MEMORIAL SHOPPING COMPLEX, PERUMPADANA,
NORTH PARUR, ERNAKULAM, PIN - 683 513
- 59 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, OTTAPPALAM
MINI CIVIL STATION, KANNIYAMPURAM POST,
OTTAPPALAM, PALAKKAD, PIN - 679 104
- 60 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, PALA
15/168-C, CHETHIMATTAM, PALA, KOTTAYAM,
PIN - 686 575
- 61 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, PARASSALA
MINI CIVIL STATION, PARASSALA,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 502
- 62 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, PATHANAPURAM
SUB REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICE, PATHANAPURAM,
BUILDING NO. 13/685, MOOLAKADA, KANDAYAM P.O,
PATHANAPURAM KOLLAM, PIN - 689 695
- 63 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, PATTAMBI
2ND FLOOR, MINI CIVIL STATION, PATTAMBI PO,
PALAKKAD, PIN - 679 303
- 64 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, PAYYANNUR
H R PLAZA BUILDING, NEAR VELLUR POST OFFICE,
VELLUR, PAYYANNUR KANNUR, PIN - 670 307
- 65 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, PERAMBRA
FIRST FLOOR, MINI CIVIL STATION, PERAMBRA,
KOZHIKODE, PIN - 673 526
- 66 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, PERINTHALMANNA
WARD 18, BUILDING NO 609/60 C,D,E,F& G, THARAYIL
BUS STAND BUILDING, PERINTHALMANNA PO,
MALAPPURAM, PIN - 679 322



- 67 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, PERUMBAVOOR
MUNICIPAL SHOPPING COMPLEX, PATTAL, IRINGOLE PO,
PERUMBAVOOR, ERNAKULAM, PIN - 683 548
- 68 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, PONNANI
1ST FLOOR, MINI CIVIL STATION, PONNANI NAGAR,
PONNANI, MALAPPURAM, PIN - 679 583
- 69 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, PUNALUR
AYYAPPAS BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, NELLIPALLY,
PUNALUR KOLLAM, PIN - 691 305
- 70 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER,
RAMANATTUKARA (FEROKE), IMAX TOWER, CHUNGAM,
FEROKE P O, KOZHIKODE, PIN - 673 631
- 71 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, RANNI
CHERIYAMOOZHYYIL BUILDING, PULIMUKKU ANGADI PO,
RANNI, PATHANAMTHITTA, PIN - 689 674
- 72 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, SULTHAN
BATHERY, ST. MARY'S JACOBITE SOONORO CHURCH
BUILDING, CHEERAL ROAD, SULTHAN BATHERY,
WAYANAD, PIN - 673 592
- 73 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, THALASSERY
2ND FLOOR, KINFRA PARK, 3RD MILE ERANHOLI PO,
THALASSERY, KANNUR, PIN - 670 107
- 74 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, THALIPARAMBA
6/140 N, KATTI COMPLEX, MANNA, THALIPARAMBA,
KANNUR, PIN - 670 141
- 75 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, THIRUVALLA
4TH FLOOR, REVENUE TOWER, THIRUVALLA
PATHANAMTHITTA, PIN - 689 101
- 76 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, THODUPUZHA
SUB REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICE, MINI CIVIL
STATION, 2ND FLOOR, THODUPPUZHA, IDUKKI,
PIN - 685 584
- 77 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, THRIPRAYAR
MINI CIVIL STATION, NATTIKA, THRIPRAYAR
THRISSUR, PIN - 680 567
- 78 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, TIRUR
MINI CIVIL STATION, TIRUR, MALAPPURAM,
PIN - 676 101



- 79 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, TIRURANGADI
MINI CIVIL STATION, BLOCK ROAD, CHEMMADU,
TIRURANGADI MALAPPUPRAM, PIN - 676 300
- 80 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, TRIPUNITHURA
1ST FLOOR, MINI CIVIL STATION, NEAR OLD BUS
STAND, TRIPUNITHURA ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682 301
- 81 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, UDUMBANCHOLA
CIVIL STATION, NEDUMKANDAM, UDUMBANCHOLA,
IDUKKI, PIN - 685 554
- 82 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, UZHAVOOR
THERUVATHU BUILDING, UZHAVOOR PO KOTTAYAM,
PIN - 686 634
- 83 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, VAIKOM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, KOCHUKAVALA, VAIKOM PO,
KOTTAYAM, PIN - 686 141
- 84 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, VANDIPERIYAR
3RD FLOOR, MINI CIVIL STATION, PEERUMEDU PO,
IDUKKI, PIN - 685 531
- 85 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, VELLARIKUNDU
BUILDING NO 462, WARD 15, BELAL GRAMA
PANCHAYATH, VELLARIKUNDU KASARAGOD, PIN -671 533
- 86 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, VARKALA
CHITHIRA ARCADE PUTHAN CHANTAH VARKALA
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 141
- 87 JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, WADAKKANCHERRY
MINI CIVIL STATION, WADAKKANCHERY, THRISSUR,
PIN - 680 582

OTHER PRESENT:

SR.GP.K.P.HARISH

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION
ON 08.04.2024, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING:

**JUDGMENT**

Dated this the 8th day of April 2024

A.J. Desai, C.J.

In the present petition filed in the nature of public interest litigation, the following prayer has been made:

“i. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writs, directions or orders directing the respondents to issue hard copy of driving licence/registration certificate to all those who are eligible to get them and who are not being issued with, within a time limit to be fixed by this Honourable Court.”

2. Today when the matter is called out, the learned Senior Government Pleader made available a communication dated 06.04.2024 issued by the Transport Commissioner, Motor Vehicles Department, by which it has been clarified that the printing work has resumed from 01.04.2024 and Registration Certificates as well as Driving Licences, which are printed, are being dispatched on the same day. The said communication is taken on record.

In view of the above communication dated 06.04.2024, nothing survives in this petition for further consideration.



Hence, the writ petition is closed.

Pending interlocutory applications, if any, shall stand closed.

Sd/-

A.J. Desai
Chief Justice

Sd/-

V.G. Arun
Judge

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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 5614/2024

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

- Exhibit P1 THE TRUE COPY OF THE DRIVING LICENCE ISSUED TO THE PETITIONER VALID TILL 22.3.2024
- Exhibit P2 TRUE COPY OF THE FORM TR 5(C) (RECEIPT) DATED 20.1.2024 ISSUED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLES DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
- Exhibit P3 TRUE COPY OF THE SMS RECEIVED BY THE PETITIONER
- Exhibit P4 TRUE COPY OF THE APPLICATION STATUS DOWNLOADED FROM PARIVAHAN-SARATHI ON 4.2.2024
- Exhibit P5 TRUE COPY OF THE DRIVING LICENCE ISSUED TO THE PETITIONER DOWNLOADED ON DIGILOCKER DATED NIL
- Exhibit P6 TRUE COPY OF THE RENEWED DRIVING LICENCE ISSUED TO THE PETITIONER ON 9.2.2024 VALID TILL 29.1.2029
- Exhibit P7 TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS ITEM APPEARED IN ONMANORAMA DATED 16.12.2023
- Exhibit P8 TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS ITEM APPEARED IN ONMANORAMA DATED 3.2.2024