## IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM PRESENT:

# THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC FRIDAY, THE 29TH OCTOBER 2010 / 7TH KARTHIKA 1932

WP(C).No. 32664 of 2010(G)

**PETITIONER(S):** 

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KIZHAKKEKOTTA POURASAMITHY, REG.NO.T.1471/2004, KIZHAKKEKOTTA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT, P.K.S.RAJAN.

BY ADV. SRI.BIJU BALAKRISHNAN

#### **RESPONDENT(S):**

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- 1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.
- 2. THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT (C), GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.
- 3. THE KERALA TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER, COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.
- 4. THE KERALA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION, TRANSPORT BHAVAN, EAST FORT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, REPRESENTED BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR.
- 5. THE CHIEF ENGINEER, KERALA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, (BUILDING DIVISION) THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.
- 6. THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER, TRANSPORT BHAVAN, EAST FORT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

GOVT.PLEADER SRI.P.NARAYANAN SRI.V.V.NANDAGOPAL NAMBIAR, SC

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 29/10/2010, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

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### Dated this the $29^{th}$ day of October, 2010 J U D G M E N T

Petitioner has approached this Court aggrieved by the proposed shifting of the RTO office from East Fort Area to the Civil Station at Kudappanakunnu, Trivandrum. According to the petitioner, the said proposal for shifting the office from the present station will cause untold inconvenience to the public and therefore should not be proceeded with.

- 2. In my view, the location of an office is a matter for the authorities to decide and unless such a decision is vitiated by extreme case of arbitrariness or malafides, this Court should not interfere. In this case, I do not think that such vitiating factors are made out. Therefore, I am not persuaded to interfere with the matter.
- 3. Be that as it may, according to the counsel for the petitioner Ext.P3 representation complaining of shifting of the RTO Office, which was made to the Chief Minister of Kerala is now pending consideration of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent. On that basis, petitioner seeks a direction for its consideration. Taking note of

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the said submission, without expressing anything on the merits, it is directed that if Ext.P3 representation has been received by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent and if the same is pending, the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent shall consider the said representation, which shall be done as expeditiously as possible, on the production of a copy of this judgment along with a copy of this writ petition.

Writ petition is disposed of as above.

**ANTONY DOMINIC, JUDGE** 

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