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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 36014/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 26-11-2025 in WA No. 1621/2025 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

KERALA PRIVATE HOSPITALS ASSOCIATION & ANR. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA & ORS. Respondent(s)

IA No. 323603/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 16-12-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Gopal Sankaranarayanan, Sr. Adv.  
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Ms. Aswathi M.k., AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

1. On the oral request of Mr. Gopal Sankaranarayanan, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner(s), the Union of India through the

Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is impleaded as respondent No.22 in the present proceedings. Cause-title be amended accordingly.

2. Issue notice, returnable on 03.02.2026.

3. Mr. Siddharth R. Gupta, learned counsel, is appearing on caveat for respondent no.16 waives notice.

4. The Court has requested Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General and Mr. M.K. Maroria learned Advocate-on-Record, to assist the Court on behalf of the Union of India in this matter.

5. As such, no formal notice is required to be sent to respondent no. 16 and the newly added respondent no.22.

6. Mr. Gopal Sankaranarayanan, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner(s), has pressed for interim protection to the extent which was continuing during the pendency of the writ petition before the learned Single Judge and also the Division Bench in appeal.

7. An order dated 03.07.2025 has been placed before us passed by the Division Bench of the High Court of Kerala in Writ Appeal No.1621 of 2025. According to which, the respondent(s) therein the appeal were directed not to take coercive steps against the Members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Appellant-Association.

8. Mr. Gopal Sankaranarayanan, learned senior counsel, further submits that the petitioner(s) are not opposing and/or challenging the provision for registration. He further submits that the Members of the petitioner-Association will apply for permanent registration under Section 19 of the Kerala Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2018 (for short, 'the 2018 Act'), however, no coercive steps may be taken in the meantime.

9. Considering these facts, we only provide that the Members of petitioner-Association will continue with their exercise of getting themselves registered under the Section 19 of the 2018 Act. However, the respondents shall not take any coercive measures till the next date, i.e. 03.02.2026.

10. The interim order is limited till the next date fixed, i.e. 03.02.2026.

(NEETU KHAJURIA)  
ASST.REGISTRAR-CUM-PS

(RANJANA SHAILEY)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR