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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).24194/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 15-07-2026 in WP(PIL) No.117/2026 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

THE KERALA STATE WAQF BOARD & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

SHONE GEORGE & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 202986/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

WITH

SLP(C) No. 24208/2026 (XI-B)

IA No. 203125/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 21-07-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. These special leave petitions are directed against the interim order dated 15.07.2026 passed by a Division Bench of the High Court of Kerala in relation to the functioning of the State Wakf Board.
2. We have heard learned Senior Counsel for both sides.
3. In view of the opening line of paragraph 6, whereunder the Board has been directed not to take any policy decision or incur any capital expenditure without express leave of the Court, we are satisfied that there is no necessity for retention of the last line of paragraph 6 of the impugned order.
4. Consequently, the further direction issued by the High Court to the effect that "the Board shall, for the time being, function under the Supervision of the Joint Secretary to the State Government dealing with Waqf matters" is hereby deleted.
5. The Joint Secretary/Additional Secretary, being a Member of the Waqf Board, shall continue to function in that capacity.
6. As may be seen from paragraph 8 of the impugned order, the matter is coming up for hearing before the High Court tomorrow, i.e., 22.07.2026.
7. We request the High Court to decide the matter expeditiously after giving a fair opportunity to file their claim/counter claim and hearing to the parties.

8. It is clarified that we have not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case.

9. The Special Leave Petitions are, accordingly, disposed of.

10. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

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DY. REGISTRAR