

ITEM NO.49

COURT NO.7

SECTION XI-B

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal(C) No. 28310/2024

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 11-09-2024 in OPKAT No. 31/2023 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

NIKHIL S.

Petitioner

VERSUS

KERALA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION & ORS.

Respondents

IA No. 295293/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE APPLICATION FOR DIRECTION
IA No. 102616/2026 - STAY APPLICATION

Date : 09-10-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA
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Reason: 

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

1. Heard-in-part.
2. Re-list the special leave petition on 29th October, 2026.
3. We require the State of Kerala to file an affidavit indicating the exact number of posts of Range Forest Officer which were filled up in pursuance of the notification dated 14th December, 2017 and whether appointment of the petitioner, as directed by the Kerala Administrative Tribunal, if upheld, would exceed the quota of 25% as mentioned in Rule 3(3)(i)(a) of the Kerala Forest Service Special Rules, 2010.
4. We also require the petitioner to disclose on affidavit whether he did participate in any further recruitment process subsequent to the notification dated 14th December, 2017 seeking appointment the post of Range Forest Officer.
5. Let such affidavit be filed in 10 days.

(JATINDER KAUR)
P.S. to REGISTRAR

(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)