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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARISANKAR V. MENON

MONDAY, THE 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2025 / 3RD BHADRA, 1947

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AGAINST THE JUDGMENT DATED 27.12.2024 IN WP(C)
NO.36436 OF 2024 OF HIGH COURT OF KERALA

### APPELLANT/PETITIONER:

M/S. HARRISONS MALAYALAM LIMITED, 24/1624, BRISTOW ROAD, WILLINGDON ISLAND, ERNAKULAM, COCHIN, REPRESENTED BY ITS HEAD - LEGAL - SRI. SUMITH BABU, PIN - 682 003

BY ADVS.

SHRI.M.GOPIKRISHNAN NAMBIAR SRI.E.K.NANDAKUMAR (SR.) SRI.JOSON MANAVALAN SHRI.K.JOHN MATHAI SRI.KURYAN THOMAS SHRI.PAULOSE C. ABRAHAM SHRI.RAJA KANNAN SMT.NAYANPALLY RAMOLA

#### RESPONDENTS/RESPONDENT:

1 STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM., PIN - 695 001



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2 KERALA STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, REPRESENTED BY ITS COMMISSIONER OBSERVATORY HILLS, VIKAS BHAVAN P.O. THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 033

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- DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, WAYANAD REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRPERSON, KALPETTA, WAYANAD, PIN 673 122
- 4 THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, WAYANAD, COLLECTORATE, KALPETTA WAYANAD., PIN 673 122
- 5 THE TAHSILDAR, VYTHIRI TALUK, VYTHIRI TALUK OFFICE VYTHIRI, WAYANAD., PIN 673 576

BY ADVS.

GOVERNMENT PLEADER

SHRI.K.GOPALAKRISHNA KURUP, ADVOCATE GENERAL

SHRI.S.KANNAN, SENIOR G.P.

SHRI.M.H.HANIL KUMAR, SPL.G.P. (REVENUE)

SHRI.C.E.UNNIKRISHNAN SPL. G.P TO A.G

THIS WRIT APPEAL HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 25.08.2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:



# JUDGMENT

## A. Muhamed Mustaque, J.

In this appeal, along with I.A. No.1 of 2025, a Government Order has been produced, and the same is marked as Annexure A. We received the additional documents on record.

In the Government Order, it is stated as follows:

"ഡിഡിഎംഎ (ജില്ലാ ദുരന്ത നിവാരണ അതോറിറ്റി ) തയ്യാറാക്കിയ ദുരന്ത ബാധിത കുടുംബങ്ങളുടെ ലിസ്റ്റ് 430 അധികരിക്കാത്തതിനാലും സർക്കാർ നിർമ്മിക്കുന്ന ടൗൺഷിപ്പിനു പുറത്തു താമസിക്കുവാൻ ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്ന ഉരുൾപൊട്ടൽ ബാധിത കുടുംബങ്ങൾക്ക് അനുവദിക്കുന്ന 15 ലക്ഷം രൂപ ന്ധീകരിക്കുന്ന ഗുണഭോതാക്കളും ലിസ്റ്റിൽ നിന്ന് ഒഴിവാക്കപ്പെടും എന്നതിനാലും പുനരധിവാസത്തിനായി ആദ്യഘട്ടത്തിൽ എൽസ്റ്റോൺ എസ്റ്റേറ്റ് ഏറ്റെടുക്കുന്നതിനും നെടുമ്പാല എസ്റ്റേറ്റ്നെ ഒഴിവാക്കുന്നതിനും അനുമതി നൽകുന്നു. ഗുണഭോക്താക്കൾക്ക് വീട് നൽകുന്നതിനായി7 സെൻറ് ഭൂമി വീതമുള്ള പ്ലോട്ട് സൈസ് ആയി പുനഃ ക്രമീകരിക്കുന്നതിനും അനുമതി നൽകുന്നു."

2. The present challenge made by the appellant is against the Government Order to take over Nedumbala Estate, invoking the provisions under the Disaster Management Act, 2005. As per the Government Order, the Government decided to exclude the above estate for the time being. That means, in the future, if



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the Government requires the estate, the Government will come up with a fresh notice to the appellant to take over the estate. If such being the matter, we are of the view that as of now the appellant is not aggrieved, as their land is spared for the purpose of rehabilitation invoking the Disaster Management Act, 2005. Accordingly, the writ appeal is closed.

3. The Government Order which was under the challenge in the Writ Petition having modified by the Government itself, the very substratum of the judgment no longer survives. Therefore, we order that the judgment stands recalled as against the appellant/petitioner herein, leaving open the question of law as raised in the above writ appeal.

We also reserve the Government to proceed against the appellant's estate in the future in accordance with exigency under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

Sd/-A.MUHAMED MUSTAQUE JUDGE

Sd/-HARISANKAR V. MENON JUDGE



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### APPENDIX OF WA 109/2025

Annexure A TRUE COPY OF G.O.(MS).3/2025/DMD,DATED

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Annexure B ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF ANNEXURE A