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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE ZIYAD RAHMAN A.A.

WEDNESDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF JANUARY 2025 / 2ND MAGHA, 1946

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PETITIONER/S:

TOM C. MATHEW, AGED 39 YEARS S/O. THOMAS MATHAI, CHENGALATHU HOUSE, PATHANAMTHITTA P.O., PATHANAMTHITTA, PIN - 689645

BY ADVS.
JACOB P.ALEX
JOSEPH P.ALEX
MANU SANKAR P.
AMAL AMIR ALI

RESPONDENT/S:

- THE KONNI GRAMA PANCHAYATH,
 REP. BY THE SECRETARY, KONNI GRAMA PANCHAYATH, KONNI
 P.O., PIN 689691
- THE SECRETARY,
 KONNI GRAMA PANCHAYATH, KONNI P.O., PIN 689691
- 3 ASST. ENGINEER KONNI GRAMA PANCHAYATH, LID & EW SECTION, KONNI GRAMA PANCHAYATH, KONNI P.O., PIN - 689691

BY ADV RAJEEV V.K.

OTHER PRESENT:

Preetha.K.K, Sr.G.P

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 22.01.2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

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<u>JUDGMENT</u>

The petitioner who is having properties within the territorial limits of 1st respondent Panchayath, has approached this Court, being aggrieved by the inaction on the part of the Panchayath in considering Ext.P5 representation submitted by him. According to the petitioner, a road namely 'Adukad Road', maintained by the 1st respondent and adjacent to the petitioners property and ends at the northern portion of his property, is wrongly described in the Asset Register. It is the case of the petitioner that, even though the actual length of the road is only 1.3 km, the same has been shown as 2 kms in the Asset Register by including the property of the petitioner. In such circumstances, to remove the same by carrying out necessary rectifications in the Asset Register, the petitioner submitted Ext.P5 representation as early as on 25.04.2023. Even though repeated reminders were issued, no orders were passed thereupon. This writ petition is filed seeking a direction to the Panchayth to pass orders on the same expeditiously.

2. After hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the Panchayath, I am inclined to dispose of this writ petition.

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Accordingly, it is ordered that, the 1st respondent shall ensure that a competent officer of the Panchayath, consider Ext.P5 representation and appropriate decision shall be taken in this regard after giving the petitioner an opportunity of being heard. Decision as refereed to above shall be taken within a period of three months from the date of receipt of copy of this judgment after measuring the road.

Sd/-

ZIYAD RAHMAN A.A. JUDGE

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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 2515/2025

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

| Exhibit P1 | TRUE COPY OF THE LAND TAX RECEIPT BEARING NO. |
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| | KL03061502408/2024 DATED ON 01-05-2024 ISSUED BY KONNI TAZHAM VILLAGE IN RESPECT OF THE PROPERTY |
| Exhibit P1(a) | TRUE COPY OF THE LAND TAX RECEIPT BEARING NO. |
| | KL03061502393/2024 DATED ON 30-04-2024 ISSUED BY |
| | KONNI TAZHAM VILLAGE IN RESPECT OF THE PROPERTY |
| Exhibit P1(b) | TRUE COPY OF THE LAND TAX RECEIPT BEARING NO. |
| | KL03061502394/2024 DATED ON 30-04-2024 ISSUED BY |
| | KONNI TAZHAM VILLAGE IN RESPECT OF THE PROPERTY |
| Exhibit P1(c) | TRUE COPY OF THE LAND TAX RECEIPT BEARING NO. |
| | KL03061502418/2024 DATED ON 02-05-2024 ISSUED BY KONNI TAZHAM VILLAGE IN RESPECT OF THE PROPERTY |
| Eulibit B4(4) | |
| Exhibit P1(d) | TRUE COPY OF THE LAND TAX RECEIPT BEARING NO. KL03061502407/2024 DATED ON 01-05-2024 ISSUED BY |
| | KONNI TAZHAM VILLAGE IN RESPECT OF THE PROPERTY |
| Exhibit P2 | TRUE COPY OF THE APPLICATION DATED 07/02/2023 |
| LANIDIC 12 | SUBMITTED BY SRI. MIDHUN SUNNY MATHEW UNDER THE |
| | RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005 BEFORE THE 1ST |
| | RESPONDENT |
| Exhibit P3 | TRUE COPY OF THE REPLY ISSUED FROM THE OFFICE OF |
| | 1ST RESPONDENT DATED 28/02/2023 |
| Exhibit P4 | TRUE COPY OF THE RELEVANT PAGE OF THE ASSET |
| | REGISTER OF THE 1ST RESPONDENT PANCHAYATH |
| Exhibit P5 | TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION DATED 25/04/2023 |
| | SUBMITTED PETITIONER BEFORE THE 2ND RESPONDENT |
| | ALONG WITH POSTAL AD |
| Exhibit P6 | TRUE COPY OF THE REMINDER LETTER DATED |
| | 17/02/2024 SUBMITTED BY PETITIONER BEFORE THE |
| | 2ND RESPONDENT |

RESPONDENTS' EXHIBITS:NIL

TRUE COPY

P.A.TO JUDGE