SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).3946/2023

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 27-09-2022 in OPKAT No.319/2022 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

DR. SOLAMON A

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF KERALA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No.27007/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 27017/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No.27011/2023 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

WITH

SLP(C) No.3948/2023 (XI-A)

(IA No. 33088/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 33091/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date: 04-12-2024 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

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

- We have heard learned counsel for the parties at a considerable length and perused the record.
- 2. Besides the reasoning assigned by a coordinate Bench in <u>State</u> of <u>Gujarat and others</u> vs. <u>Dr. P.A. Bhatt and others</u>, 2023 SCC Online SC 503 and also in <u>Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic</u>

Sciences and another vs. Bikartan Das and others, 2023 SCC Online 996, we are satisfied on facts that the Ayurvedic or AYUSH doctors serving in the State of Kerala, having regard to the qualitative distinction in the academic qualifications and the standard of imparting respective degree courses, cannot seek parity with medical doctors.

- The special leave petitions are, accordingly, dismissed. 3.
- All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of. 4.

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