

**BEFORE THE KERALA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

**PRESENT:SHRI.K.SASIDHARAN NAIR, STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

**Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015**

**RC. No.4/2014**

Petitioner : Secretary  
Veliyanadu Block Panchayat,  
Alappuzha District.

Respondent : Lissamma Scaria,  
President, Veliyanadu Block Panchayat  
Alappuzha District.

This case having been heard on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2014, in the presence of the Secretary and the respondent remaining exparte, the Commission passed the following.

**ORDER**

This is a reference petition filed by the Veliyanadu Block Panchayat Secretary under Section 155(3) of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act for deciding the question as to whether Smt.Lissamma Scaria has resigned from the post of President.

2. The Secretary of Block Panchayat has stated that on 14.08.2014 the Block Panchayat President Smt.Lissamma has submitted a letter stating that there is possibility for getting a letter as if she resigned from the post of President and she requested that if such a letter is received it should not be accepted as her resignation and subsequently on 06.09.2014, a letter of resignation stating that the President has resigned from that post has been received by the Secretary by post as attested by Dr.Ratheesh Babu and so the Block Panchayat Secretary has requested to clarify whether the resignation letter is to be accepted or not and hence this reference.

3. The letter was treated as a reference under Section 155(3) of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act and notice was served to the Block Panchayat President Smt.Lissamma Scaria treating her as respondent. But she remained absent in spite of acceptance of the notice and so she has been set exparte. The Block Panchayat Secretary has given evidence as PW1. He has deposed regarding the facts stated in the petition. He further stated that on 07.10.2014 the respondent has been removed from the post of President by way of passing the no confidence motions moved against her by the LDF members and UDF members respectively and thereafter fresh election to the post of President has been held on 05.11.2014 and that the new President now in office.

In the light of the subsequent events of removing the respondent from the post of President and electing a new President on 05.11.2014, this reference petition has become infructuous and therefore it is disposed of accordingly.

Pronounced before the Commission on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015

Sd/-  
**K.SASIDHARAN NAIR,**  
**STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

**APPENDIX**

**Witness examined of the side of the petitioner**

PW1 : Sri.G.Gopalakrishnan,  
Secretary, Veliyanadu Block Panchayat

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**STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER.**

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