

BEFORE THE KERALA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

PRESENT: SHRI.A. SHAJAHAN,
STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER

Thursday, the 22nd day of February, 2024

O.P. No. 17 of 2022

Petitioner

: Manoj C Gerge
S/o. C.J. George,
Cheenkallel,
Ramapuram Bazar P.O.,
Kottayam - 686 576

(Member, Ward No.13,
Ramapuram Grama Panchayat)

**(By Advs.A. Santhosh Kumar &
K. Vinod)**

Respondent

: Shiny Santhosh,
W/o. Santhosh,
Kizhakkekkara Veedu,
Ramapram Bazar P.O.,
Vellilapilly, Kottayam - 686 576

(Member, Ward No.7,
Ramapuram Grama Panchayat)

(By Adv.Kallambalam S. Sreekumar)

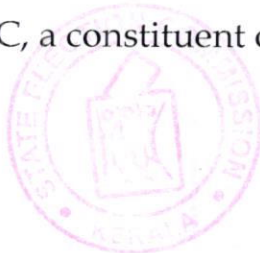


ORDER

This is a petition filed under Section 3 and Section 4(1) of the Kerala Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act, 1999 for declaring that the respondent had committed defection and hence disqualified to continue as a member of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat and also for declaring as disqualified to contest any election to the Local Body for a period of six years.

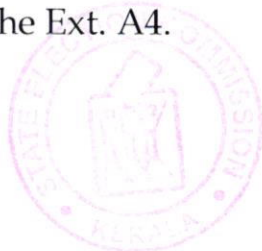
2. The petitioner's case in brief is as follows:

The Petitioner and the Respondent contested and won the election to the Ramapuram Grama Panchayat as official candidates of Indian National Congress, (here in after referred as INC), in official symbol "Hand" and is a constituent of United Democratic Front (UDF), and become the Panchayat Members, from Ward No.13 and 7 respectively in the General Election held to the Local Self Government Institutions, during December 2020. In the nomination submitted to the Returning Officer, respondent stated that she is contesting the election as INC candidate in the symbol "Hand". The District Congress President recommended the official symbol of INC "Hand" to the respondent. After the election respondent had given a sworn declaration in form No. 2 before the Secretary of the Panchayat as prescribed under rule 3(1) stating her political allegiance as an elected member of INC. On the basis of the same, the Secretary of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat prepared a Register in form No.1 showing the political affiliation of the respondent as an elected member of INC, a constituent of UDF.



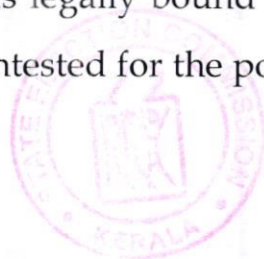
In Ramapuram Grama Panchayat the contest was mainly between UDF, LDF and BJP. Based upon the statewide allegiance, the candidates belonging to INC and Kerala Congress (M) P.J. Joseph Group were the constituent of UDF. Ramapuram Grama Panchayat is having a total 18 ward members. Out of which, six members belong to INC and two members belong to KC(M)Joseph Group is under UDF banner. Five members belong to Kerala Congress (M) Jose Group is under LDF banner. Three members belong to BJP and two members are elected as pure independent candidate. Thus UDF coalition secured majority of seats.

As per the understanding among the UDF coalition, a consent deed was executed by the leaders. As per the said deed, it was jointly decided that the Respondent, Smt. Shiny Santhosh shall be the President of Panchayat for initial 1 ½ years continued by Smt. Lissamma Mathachan of Ward No.4, who belongs to KC(M) Joseph Group for two years and the balance term to Smt. Soumya Xavier of Ward No.11, who belongs to INC. Likewise in Vice President election the first 1 ½ years was allotted to Sri. Joshy Joseph Kumbalath of Ward No. 3, who belongs to KC (M) P J Joseph Group. The consent deed dated 29.12.2020 marked as Ext.A3. In pursuance of the Ext. A3 agreement another agreement was entered in between the President of INC Ramapuram mandalam Committee and elected members of the panchayat for sharing the presidentship and vice presidentship, which is marked Ext. A4. The respondent and petitioner were the signatories to the Ext. A4.



In compliance with the terms of the consent deed, both the President of the panchayat , who is the respondent herein and Vice President are resigned on 11.07.2022. The election for the new President and Vice President of the Panchayat was scheduled on 27.07.2022. As agreed among UDF constituents, Smt. Lisamma Mathachan of Ward No.4, who belongs to KC (M) PJ Joseph group was to become the new President and Sri. K.K. Santharam of Ward No.9 , who belongs to INC as the new Vice President of the Panchayat. The INC through its District President Kottayam District Congress Committee, who is authorized person and is empowered to grant symbol of its candidates, has given a written instruction by way of whip (direction in writing) dated 21.07.2022, to all the members belonging to the INC including the respondent. Copy of the whip addressed to the respondent is Ext. A5. Ext. A6 is the acknowledgement of receipt issued by the respondent. It was directed in the whip to cast her vote in favour of Smt. Lisamma Mathachan for election to the post of president and to vote in favour of Sri. K.K. Santharam for election to the post of vice president. A copy of the whip was also communicated to the Secretary of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat in the manner prescribed under Sub Rule (2) of the Rule 4 of the Kerala Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act, 2000, which was duly acknowledged by the Secretary. Acknowledgment of receipt of copy whip by the Secretary is Ext. A7.

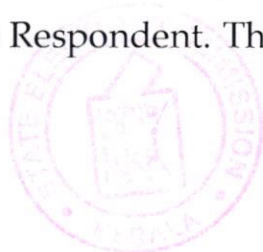
The Respondent who is legally bound to obey the direction by way of whip issued by INC, contested for the post of President supported by the



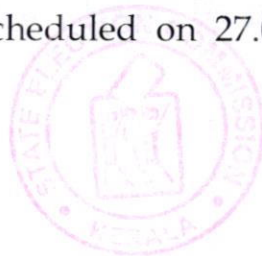
KC(M) Jose Group which is a rival political party belongs to LDF front in violation of the whip. Name of the petitioner for the post was proposed by KC(M) Jose Group, Member Smt. Ancy Benny. It was seconded by Ammini KN, who is an independent member. Ext. A8 is the nomination for President election . The Respondent, who belongs to INC stood against the official candidate, under the banner of KC(M) Jose Group in the LDF faction. The official candidate of INC got 7 votes as against 8 votes casted in favour of the respondent. UDF lost in the election and respondent emerged successful. On the same day the Vice President election was held in afternoon. The Respondent voted in favour of the candidate fielded by KC(M) Jose Group, and defeated the official candidate of INC. The Respondent was fully aware of the whip and the intention of her political party. But she intentionally defied the same, consequent which the President as well as Vice President election of the Grama Panchayat was won by LDF faction and the governance of the Panchayat was lost to UDF. The Petitioner further stated that LDF were the main rival front in the General Election. The Respondent is disqualified to continue as the member of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat and therefore attracts disqualification under Section 3 and Section 4(1) of the Kerala Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act, 1999.

3. The respondent's contentions is as follows:

The Respondent is a member of INC and she never joined LDF or any other political party as alleged. The Petitioner has no *locus standito* file the petition against the Respondent. The INC political party never given



consent to the petitioner to file this petition. The petition is filed with a *malafide* intention in order to harass the Respondent. INC and Kerala Congress (M) are the political parties in UDF front. Five members who are contested under the political banner name Kerala Congress (M) also win in the election. There was no members of CPI or CPM in LDF banner. The Respondent further stated that regarding the sharing of President and Vice President posts and there was no such consent deed executed by the leaders to the knowledge of the Respondent. After the election Indian National Congress convened a Parliamentary Party meeting and the name of the Respondent put forward to the post of President by leaders and the said proposal was conveyed to the District Congress Committee and they approved the proposal. As per the said decision the Respondent was elected as the President of the Panchayat. At the time of President election there was no condition for exchanging the Presidentship or Vice Presidentship among the members. There was no such consent deed executed as stated in the OP. The Respondent is not a signatory to the said consent deed. The alleged deed produced along with the OP is false and is a forged document. There was no provision in Kerala Panchayat Raj (Prohibition of Defection) Act to execute a consent deed regarding the sharing of President and vice President election or any other election. After the assembly election certain members belonging to Kerala Congress (M) joined UDF and as per the party direction the Respondent resigned from the post. The next president election was scheduled on 27.07.2022 and the KC(M) party

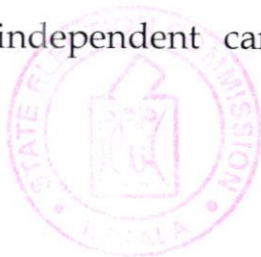


allowed the Respondent to contest the president election and they supported the Respondent to become President.

It is false that the Respondent accepted the whip and acknowledged the same. The DCC President never given any whip to the INC members or the Secretary of the Panchayat at any point of time. INC has not taken any official decision to support any particular candidate in the election. Nothing was communicated to any person regarding the President election of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat. On 27.07.2022 meeting for election was held and the Respondent submitted nomination first and after her submission member from Ward No.4 submitted nomination for President election and one BJP member from Ward No.8 also submitted the nomination. The Respondent got majority of votes and Returning Officer declared the Respondent as President of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat. There was no official direction to vote in favour of a particular person in the President election or the Vice President election of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat as alleged in petition. There is no LDF members right now in Ramapuram Grama Panchayat. All the members belonging to Kerala Congress (M) are now the part and parcel of UDF and hence there is no question of receiving the nomination of rival party or supporting the rival party as alleged in the petition. The Respondent never voluntarily abandoned or given up her membership in INC or joined in any other political party as alleged. The prayers sought in the petition are not allowable and the Respondent not done any act violating the provisions of Kerala Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act.



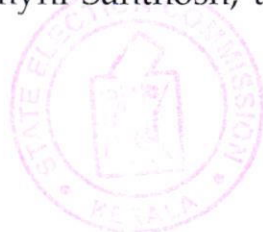
4. Heard both parties.
5. The evidence consists of oral depositions of PW1 to PW7 and RW1 to RW4 and Exhibits A1 to A11 and X1 to X6(a-d).
6. Based upon the pleadings, the following points arise for consideration
 - i) Whether the Respondent has become subject to disqualification under the both limbs and Provisions of the Kerala Local Authorities Prohibition of Defection Act) 1999, and had committed defection and is disqualified to continue as a member of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat.
 - ii) to declare that the Respondent is disqualified to contest to any election to the Local Bodies for a period of six years.
7. Points i & ii - PW1, the Petitioner stated that he is a member of Ward No.13 and the Respondent is a member of Ward No.7 who got elected to the Ramapuram Grama Panchayat in the general election held on December, 2020 as official candidates of Indian National Congress in the official symbol "Hand". There is no dispute that respondent is contested and got elected as a member of INC, a constituent of UDF. Ramapuram Grama Panchayat have 18 members. Six members including the Petitioner and the Respondent belongs to INC and two members from Kerala Congress (M) Joseph Group. Altogether UDF consists of 8 members. As per the Exhibit-A2, the copy of the political affiliation register, five members belongs to Kerala Congress (M) Jose faction of LDF and three members belongs to BJP and two members are elected as pure independent candidates. Thus UDF coalition



secured majority of seats. Political party strength as well as coalition strength are specifically stated in the Ext. A2.

Petitioner submitted Exhibit-A3 agreement dated 29.12.2020. Petitioner produced and marked Exhibit-A4 agreement duly signed and executed by the Respondent dated 29.12.2020 in support of his case. The Petitioner submitted Exhibit-A5 copy of the whip dated 21.07.2022 given to the Respondent. The receipt of serving of whip is produced herewith and marked as Exhibit-A6. The copy of whip given to the Grama Panchayat Secretary is marked as Exhibit-A7. The Petitioner further produced the copy of nomination paper signed by the Respondent, which was obtained through the RTI Act. The Petitioner deposed that the whip served on the Respondent is clear as to the decision and stand of the party in the election to the post of President in Ramapuram Grama Panchayat. The PW1 marked Exhibit-A9 and Exhibit-A10 which is the copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 27.07.2022 for the election of President and Vice President respectively. During cross examination PW1 deposed that the documents produced in the present case is obtained under RTI Act. He further deposed that Exhibit-A4 has his signature. PW1 further deposed that the whip was directly given by the Mandalam President to the six members of INC including the respondent.

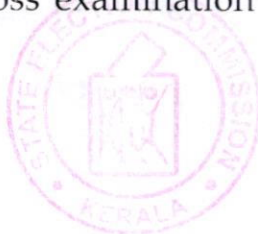
PW2 the Secretary of the Grama Panchayat has deposed that he had produced the documents sought by the Commission. Exhibit-X1 is the nomination form of Smt. Shyni Santhosh, the Respondent. Exhibit-X2 is



the register showing the party affiliation of members maintained at Panchayat. Exhibit-X3 and Exhibit-X4 are the copy of the minutes attested by the Returning Officer regarding the meeting for the election of President and Vice President held on 27.07.2022. PW2 further submitted the nomination paper for the election to the post of President held on 27.07.2022 and marked as Exhibit-X5: and ascertained that no other documents have been produced. The PW2 during the chief examination deposed that Exhibit-A7 bear the signature and designation seal of Secretary and seal of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat.

PW3 the Secretary of Manjoor Grama Panchayat during the chief examination deposed that he was officiating as the Secretary of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat from 29.10.2021 to 03.12.2022. During the election to the post of President on 27.07.2022 he was the Secretary of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat. During the cross examination PW3 admitted his signature in the Exhibit-A7. PW4 the Mandalam President of Kerala Congress P.J. Joseph faction in his chief examination admitted that he has signed in the 2nd page of Exhibit-A3.

PW5 the Mandalam President of INC Ramapuram in her chief examination admitted that she has signed in Exhibit-A3. She further deposed that stamp paper used for preparing Exhibit-A4 was purchased in her name. Exhibit-A7 document was given to Grama Panchayat Secretary and the Grama Panchayat Secretary signed the document and returned to her. In her cross examination she has stated that the whip

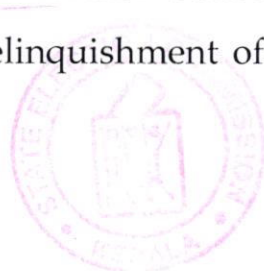


was given to the members and Panchayat Secretary as per the authorization by the DCC President.

PW6 the Member of Ward No.6 of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat in his chief examination stated that Respondent and him contested in the election as the official candidates of INC in the "Hand" symbol. In his cross examination stated that he received the whip from the Mandalam President.

PW7 the DCC President of INC, Kottayam stated that Exhibit-A5 was issued in the official letterhead of the DCC and it bears his signature and seal. In his cross examination he has stated that the whip was delivered through Smt. Moly Peter (PW5) and for that an authorization letter was given to Smt. Moly Peter (PW5).

RW1 the Respondent had deposed that she was elected from Ward No.7 of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat in the year 2020 as an official candidate of Indian National Congress and she has no connection with the LDF. RW1 further stated that as per the DCC proposal she was elected as the President of Grama Panchayat. She further stated that she has not signed any document as alleged. She has resigned from the post of President as per the decision of the party. RW1 further deposed that she hasn't received any whip from the Indian National Congress party and also she has not given any receipt to that effect. She has stated that the Petitioner and the Mandalam President joined together and fabricated documents in the present case. RW1 further stated that she hasn't committed defection or voluntarily relinquishment of membership of the party. In



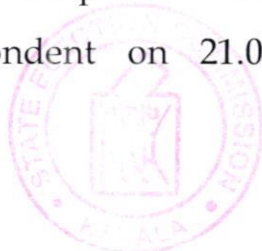
her cross examination she admitted her signature in the Exhibit-A4 and her signature in Exhibit-A6 whip. She also admitted the signature of her in Exhibit-A11.

RW2, the Public Information Officer of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat stated that he has furnished reply to the applications regarding the election of Grama Panchayat President/Vice President held on 27.07.2022.

RW3, the Member of Ward No.9 of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat had deposed that he is the Parliamentary Party leader of the UDF in the Ramapuram Grama Panchayat. In his cross examination admitted his name and signature in the Exhibit-A4.

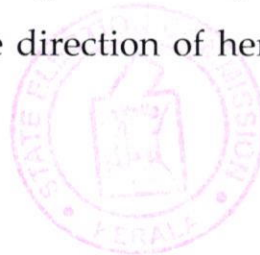
RW4, the Secretary of District Congress Committee, Kottayam deposed that the documents mentioned in the summons is in the custody of DCC President and so he can't produce it. He was not cross examined by the Respondent.

8. Both the petitioner and respondent contested and won the general election held in 2020 December as IINC candidates. The respondent was elected as President of Ramapuram Panchayat as decided by the INC. Subsequently she resigned the presidentship as decided by the party. However, in the election held to the post of President and Vice President on 27.07.2022 INC decided to field Smt.Lissama Mathachan of Ward No.4 as the new President and K.K. Santaram of Ward No.9 as new Vice President and issued whip to all the members belonging to the INC including the respondent on 21.07.2022 and copy of the whip



communicated to the Secretary of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat and he acknowledged the receipt. But the respondent contested to the post of the President against the official candidate of INC, proposed by the rival party KC(M) and won the election. On the same day, in the afternoon she voted in favour of candidate of KC(M) Jose Group and defied the whip issued by the INC to vote in favour of official candidate of INC.

9. Exhibit A1, and X1 nomination paper filed by the respondent in the general election, Exhibit A2 and X2 the party affiliation register prepared by the Secretary, Rmapuram Grama Panchayat based on the declaration, filed by the elected members clearly shows that the respondent contested and won the election as a candidate of INC. Exhibit A4 and X3 are the copies of the minutes of the meeting held for the election of President on 27.07.2022 and Exhibit A10 and X4 are the copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 27.07.2022 for the election of Vice President clearly show that the respondent voted against the official candidate of her party and she herself contested and won against the party official candidate for the presidentship.
10. In her depositions, the respondent stated that she resigned the post of the President as the party decided to do so. Even though she derived that there is any agreement signed by her on the exchange of Presidentship, she identified and admitted her signature shown the Exhibit A4, agreement.
11. The bottomline of the challenge raised by the petitioner is that the respondent failed to obey the direction of her party to vote in favour of



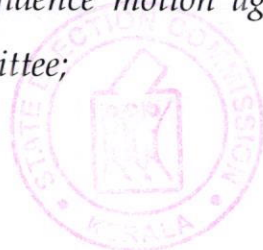
party's official candidate in the election for the post of President and Vice President of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat and she herself contested and won the post of President in defying the party direction knowing the contest is between her and the candidate nominated by her party and thus has voluntarily given up the membership of the political party and hence she is liable to be disqualified under Section 3(1)(a) of the Kerala Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act. Section 3(1) (a) read as follows:-

"3. Disqualification on ground of Defection- Notwithstanding anything contained in the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (13 of 1994), or in the Kerala Municipality Act, 1994(20 of 1994), or any other law for the time being in force, subject to the other provisions of this Act,-

(a) if a member of local authority belonging to any political party voluntarily gives up his membership of such political party, or if such member, contrary to any direction in writing issued by the political party to which he belongs or by a person or authority authorized by it in this behalf in the manner prescribed, votes or abstains from voting,-.

(i) in a meeting of a Municipality, in an election of its Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, a member of standing Committee or the Chairman of a standing committee; or

(ii) in a meeting of a Panchayat, in an election of its President, Vice President, a member of a Standing Committee; or the Chairman of the Standing Committee; or in a voting on a no-confidence motion against any one of them except a member of a Standing Committee;



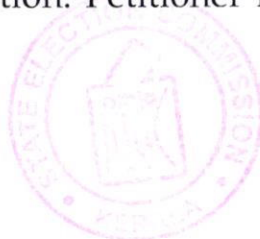
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(2) *The direction in writing issued for the purpose of clauses (a) and (b) of sub-section (1) shall be given to the members concerned in the manner as may be prescribed and copy of such direction in writing shall be given to the Secretary of the Local Self Government Institution concerned.*

(3) *Where any dispute arises regarding the direction issued under this section between the political party or coalition concerned and the member authorized in this behalf as prescribed under sub-section (2), the direction in writing issued in this regard by the person authorized by the political party from time to time to recommend the symbol of the political party concerned for contesting in election shall be deemed to be valid.*

Explanation.- For the purpose of this section an elected member of a local authority shall be deemed to be a member belonging to the political party, if there is any such party, by which he was set up or given support as a candidate for the election."

12. Petitioner is admittedly an elected member of Ramapuram Grama panchayat and as such he is having *locus standi* to file petition as provided under Section 4 of the Act. Petitioner has produced Ext. A1 nomination paper and Ext.A2 party affiliation register to prove that respondent has contested election and got elected as a member belonging to INC, a constituent of UDF. Petitioner adduced evidence that the then DCC President has recommended official symbol "Hand " to the respondent to contest election. Petitioner has produced Ext. A3 and A4



agreements to prove that there was agreements for sharing of official post in between UDF constitutes and between elected members. The respondent is one of the signatory of Ext.A4 agreement. It was proved through Ext.A2 party affiliation register that UDF secured majority and rival political faction viz. LDF has secured 5 through KC (M) Jose group. Petitioner further proved that in pursuance the Ext. A3 and A4 agreements respondent , who belongs to INC resigned from the post. Petitioner proved that DCC President, who is the authorized person to issue whip to the members belonging to the INC issued Ext A5 whip to the respondent. The whip was issued and served to the respondent in the manner provided under rule 4(1) (i) and 4 (2) of the rules. Petitioner has produced the Ext. A6 receipt issued by the respondent in token of acceptance of whip. Petitioner has adduced the evidence of PW5 Molly Peter to prove service of copy of whip to the Secretary of the Panchayat as prescribed under rule 4(2) of the rules.

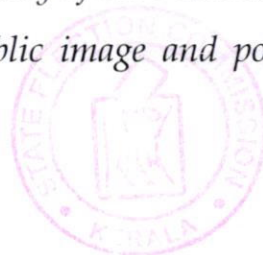
Petitioner further proved that in the president election held on 27.07.2022, the respondent stood as a candidate for rival LDF. The name of the respondent for the post of president was proposed by an elected member belonging to LDF and seconded by an independent member. In the subsequent election respondent got 8 votes viz. 5 votes from KC(M) Jose group, a constituent of LDF, 2 independents and vote of herself and emerged successful. The official candidate of INC got only 7 votes and they lost the election. In *quid pro quo* in the election to the post of vice president held in the afternoon respondent casted vote in favour of LDF



candidate and the official candidate of INC lost the vice president election also.

It is the case of the respondent that there is no member belonging to LDF in the Rāmapuram Grama Panchayat. But respondent's claim is refuted by Ext.A2 party affiliation register, which shows that there are 5 members belonging to KC(M) Jose group, a constituent of LDF coalition in the panchayat. Another contention of the respondent is that Ext A3 and A4 agreements are forged ones. Petitioner proved the Ext A3 and A4 through PW5. However, even in the absence of Ext A3 and A4 agreements law cast a duty upon the respondent to act in accordance with the whip issued by her political party and loyal to her political party till the completion to her term.

In *Rajendra Singh Rana V Swami Prasad Mourya* (AIR 2007 SC 1305) the Supreme Court held that it is the conduct of the elected members that is to be looked into while considering whether an elected member has become disqualified on the ground of defection based on voluntarily giving up membership in the political party. In *Viswanathan V Speaker Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly*(1996 AIR SC 1060) the Apex Court held that the act of voluntarily giving up the membership of the political party may be either expressed or implied. In *Kihota Hollohan v Zachillhu*(1992 SCC Supl (2) 651) the Supreme Court held that "*any freedom of its members to vote as they please independently of the Political Party's declared policies will not only embarrass its public image and popularity, but also undermine*



public confidence in its which, in the ultimate analysis, is its source of sustenance- nay, indeed, its very survival”.

In *Varghese V V and Another Kerala State Election Commission and another* (2009 (3) KHC 42) *Surya Prakash and Others V Kerala State Election Commission* (2015 KHC 454) *Chenthamara K and Others V. Kerala State Election Commission* (2915 KHC 7086) and *Rema Bhaskaran V Kerala State Election Commission*(2018 (2) KHC 126) Hon'ble HC held that a person , who is a member of a political party, which in turn is part of a coalition, who acts against the interest of the coalition, or who has won an election with the support of members of a rival coalition would be seen as acting against the interest of his own political party, which has allied itself with a coalition.

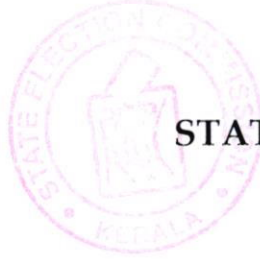
13. Consequently, it can very well be concluded that the respondent is quite aware of the decision, but took a different stand from that of her political party; and acted against the policies of the political party in which she is a member. It is nothing but disloyalty. Further it was found that the moment one becomes disloyal by his conduct to the political party the inevitable inference is that she has voluntarily given up her membership in the political party.

In the result O.P.is allowed and the respondent is declared as disqualified for being a member of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat as provided by Section 3(1) (a) of the Kerala Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act . The respondent is further declared as disqualified



from contesting as a candidate in any election to any local authorities for a period of 6 years from this date, as provided by Section 4 (3) of the Act.

Pronounced before the Commission on the 22nd day of February, 2024.



Sd/-
A. SHAJAHAN
STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER

APPENDIX**Witness examined on the side of the Petitioner**

- PW1 : Sri. Manoj C. George
PW2 : Sri. Dipu T.K.
PW3 : Sri. Martin George
PW4 : Sri. Mathachan P.J.
PW5 : Smt. Moly Peter
PW6 : Sri. Roby Thomas
PW7 : Sri. Nattakom Suresh

Witness examined on the side of the Respondent

- RW1 : Smt. Shyni Santhosh
RW2 : Smt. Bindu Joseph
RW3 : Sri. K.K. Santha Ram
RW4 : Sri. C.T. Rajan

Documents produced on the side of the Petitioner

- A1 : Copy of Nomination in respect of Shiny Santhosh
A2 : Copy of Register showing party affiliation of members of
Ramapuram Grama Panchayat
A3 : Agreement dated 29.12.2020
A4 : Agreement dated 29.12.2020
A5 : Copy of the whip dated 21.07.2022 issued to Smt. Shyni Santhosh
A6 : Acknowledgement of whip by Smt. Shyni Santhosh



- A7 : Copy of the letter dated 25.07.2022 to the Secretary Ramapuram Grama Panchayat by Smt. Moly Peter, President, INC Mandalam Committee, Ramapuram
- A8 : Copy of the nomination submitted by Smt. Shyni Santhosh
- A9 : Copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 27.07.2022 at Ramapuram Grama Panchayat in connection with the President election
- A10: Copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 27.07.2022, 2:00 p.m. at Ramapuram Grama Panchayat in connection with the Vice President election
- A11: Copy of FIR dated 29.07.2022 from Ramapuram Police Station

Documents produced by Witnesses

- X1 : Copy of the nomination submitted by Smt Shiny Santhosh
- X2 : Copy of the Register showing the party affiliation of members of Ramapuram Grama Panchayat
- X3 : Copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 27.07.2022 at Ramapuram Grama Panchayat in connection with President election
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- X5 : Copy of the nomination regarding Smt. Shyni Santhosh
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X6(d): Copy of the letter dated 25.07.2022 issued to Secretary, Ramapuram Grama Panchayat by Smt. Moly Peter, President, INC Mandalam committee regarding the issuance of whip

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