

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

**PRESENT: SHRI. A. SHAJAHAN,
STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

Friday, the 7th day of November, 2025

IA 48 of 2025 in O.P. No. 09 of 2023

Petitioner : Sri. Chandran,
S/o Kuyilan,
Parammal Parambil House,
Ozhoor P.O, Tanoor,
Malappuram District -679307

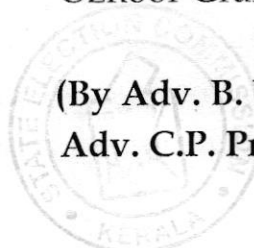
(Member, Ward No.16
Ozhoor Grama Panchayat)

(Adv. J. R. Padmakumar)

Respondent : Sri. K. T. Sreenivasa Babu
S/o. Janardhana Menon,
Sayooj, Ozhoor P. O,
Tanoor,
Malappuram District -679307

(Voter, Ward No.16
Ozhoor Grama Panchayat)

**(By Adv. B. Vasudevan Nair &
Adv. C.P. Praveen)**



ORDER

This IA is filed by the respondent in OP No.09/2023 on the file of State Election Commission for vacating the Order dated 12.09.2023 passed by the Commission in the original petition and permitting him to continue as an elected member of ward 16 of the Ozhoor grama panchayat. For the sake of convenience parties shall be referred to with reference to their position in the OP.

2. The respondent was an elected member of ward no.16 of Ozhoor grama panchayat. While petitioner was holding the post of elected member, he was convicted and sentenced to undergo imprisonment for a period of three years by the Hon'ble Assistant Sessions Court, Tirur by the order dated 01.12.2022 in SC No.401/2015. Upon such conviction of the respondent, the petitioner in the original petition filed OP No. 9/2023 before the Commission for disqualifying the respondent as an elected member of the panchayat under section 36(1), 35(l) of the Kerala Panchayat Raj Act read with section 8 of the Representation of People Act 1951. After hearing the parties and appreciating the legal position, Commission as per Order in OP No.9/2023 dated 12.09.2023 declaring the respondent as disqualified from being an elected member of the Ozhoor grama panchayat.
3. Meanwhile, respondent preferred appeal against the order dated 01.12.2022 of Hon'ble Assistant Sessions Court before the Hon'ble Additional Sessions Court, Tirur as Crl.A No.173/2022. Hon'ble Additional Sessions Court, Tirur as per Order dated 07.10.2025 disposed the appeal by allowing the appeal and setting aside the order of conviction passed by the Hon'ble Assistant Sessions Court. The present IA is filed by the respondent on the basis of his subsequent acquittal by the Hon'ble Additional Sessions Court.
4. Heard
5. The order dated 07.10.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Additional Sessions Court, Tirur acquitting the respondent is the formed part of the record the Commission. Therefore, this is a fit case of vacating the Order dated 12.09.2023 passed by the Commission in view of the subsequent acquittal



of the respondent by Additional Sessions Court, Tirur as per Order dated 07.10.2025. I do so.

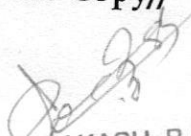
6. Resultantly, the order of disqualification dated 12.09.2023 passed In OP No.09/2023 against the respondent is vacated with immediate effect. Electoral Registration Officer of Ozhoor grama panchayat is directed to restore his name in appropriate part of electoral roll of the panchayat forthwith in view of this order.

Sd/-

A. SHAJAHAN

STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER

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SECRETARY
State Election Commission
Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

