

BEFORE THE KERALA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

PRESENT: SHRI. A. SHAJAHAN,
STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER

Thursday, the 23rd day of October, 2025

O.P. No.25 of 2024

Petitioner

: Smt. Mini Prince,
W/o Prince K. G,
Muruppel House,
Cumbummettu P.O,
Udumbunchola Taluk,
Idukki District-685551

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

(Adv. A. Santhosh Kumar)

Respondent

: Smt. Shobhanamma Gopinathan,
W/o. Gopinathan,
Mulloor House,
Cumbummettu P. O,
Attinkara, Udumbunchola Taluk,
Idukki District-685551

(Member, Ward No.12,
Karunapuram Grama Panchayat)

(Adv. B. Vasudevan Nair)



ORDER

This is a petition filed under section 4 of the Kerala Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act, 1999 for declaring that this respondent committed defection and hence disqualified to continue as member of Karunapuram Grama Panchayat and also for declaring her as disqualified to contest as a candidate in any election to the local authorities for a period of six years.

2. Petitioner's case in brief is as below: Petitioner and respondent are elected members of Karunapuram grama panchayat representing ward 13 and 12 respectively. Both petitioner and respondent were contested and elected as candidate of Indian National Congress (hereinafter INC) in the General Election to local authorities held in 2020. After the election respondent filed sworn declaration before the Secretary of the panchayat stating her political allegiance with INC as an elected member of INC, a constituent of UDF. On the basis of said declaration, the Secretary of the panchayat prepared a Party affiliation register, wherein also it is stated that respondent is an elected member of INC.
3. Karunapuram grama panchayat having a strength of 17 elected members. Out of which, both INC and LDF secured 8 members each and an independent supported by BDJS was also elected. Thus, no political party or coalition secured majority in the panchayat. After General Election the President of the panchayat was elected by draw of lots. The lot drawn in favour of the LDF candidate Smt. Vincy Vavachan, who belongs to CPI (M). Thereafter Smt. Vincy Vavachan was removed from the Presidentship by a no confidence motion during 2021. Thereafter petitioner, who belongs to INC was elected a President.
4. While so, Sri. C M Balakrishnan, an elected member belongs to CPI (M) moved a no confidence motion against the petitioner, which was scheduled for consideration on 25.01.2024. INC decided to defeat the no confidence motion and therefore the District President of the INC



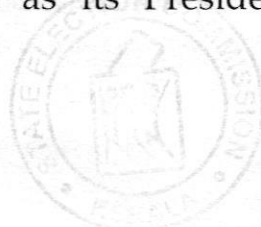
issued whip dated 17.01.2024 to all elected members of INC directing them to abstain from the meeting to be held on 25.01.2024. However, on 25.01.2024 when the no confidence motion was considered, the respondent participated the meeting and voted in favour of the no confidence motion in defiance of the whip issued by her political party. Resultantly, the President supported by the INC was removed from the office on the strength of vote cast by the respondent. Based on the said cause of action petitioner herein filed O P No. 18/2024 against the respondent herein before the Commission.

5. Fresh election to the said casual vacancy of President was scheduled to be held on 08.02.2024. INC has decided to field Smt. Shyamala Madhusoodhanan, an elected member belongs to INC as their Presidential candidate. Accordingly, the Idukki District President of the INC, who is the authorized person to recommend the symbol of INC, issued whip dated 03.02.2024 to all the elected members of INC. It was specifically directed in the whip to cast vote in favour of Smt. Shyamala Madhusoodhanan for the post of President. All the elected members of INC, except respondent accepted the whip when it served directly. Since respondent was reluctant to accept the same, whip was sent by registered post to her address. In addition to it, whip was served by affixture at the residence of the respondent in the presence of the witnesses.
6. However, to the utter surprise, respondent who was legally bound to obey the direction of the political party, was nominated by opposite LDF coalition as their candidate for the post of President. The name of the respondent was proposed by Sri. C M Balakrishnan and seconded by Sri. Mathukutty Mattappally, both LDF members. Thus, respondent contested election against the candidate of INC Smt. Shyamala Madhusoodhanan. Respondent with the active support of LDF members defeated the official candidate of INC. Respondent who was directed to vote for INC candidate vote for herself in collusion with the LDF. Respondent by her conduct becomes disloyal to her



political party and voluntarily given up membership of the party. Respondent was fully aware of the existence of whip issued by her political party. But she intentionally defied the whip. Therefore, respondent is liable to be disqualified under the provisions of the Kerala Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act.

7. Respondent's case in brief is as follows; Respondent has not violated the first or second limbs of section 3 (1) (a) of the Kerala Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act as alleged. It is true that no confidence motion against the LDF supported President was carried and thereafter the petitioner herein was elected as President of the panchayat with the support of an independent member supported by BDJS Sri. Binu P R. Thereafter Sri. Binu P R became the Vice President of the panchayat. Neither INC nor UDF has taken a decision to field the petitioner as President of the panchayat. All those decisions are taken by the petitioner herself in collusion with Sri. Binu P R.
8. It is true that some of the elected members of the Karunapuram grama panchayat moved no confidence motion against the President, who is the petitioner herein. The meeting to consider the no confidence motion was held on 25.01.2024. Respondent did not violate any valid direction issued by INC in the said no confidence motion. INC has never taken a decision to field Smt. Shyamala Madhusoodhanan as the Presidential candidate in the election held on 08.02.2024. It is incorrect that District President of the INC issued whip dated 03.02.2024 to all the elected members belonging to INC directing them to vote for Smt. Shyamala Madhusoodhanan. No whip has been served to the respondent either directly or through registered post with acknowledgment due. Similarly, no valid whip was affixed at the residence of the respondent. The copy of the alleged whip was not served on the Secretary of the Karunapuram grama panchayat in the manner prescribed by law.
9. No decision taken by the INC to field Smt. Shyamala Madhusoodhanan as its Presidential candidate. Respondent was



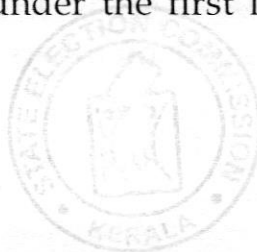
contested for the post of President in the election held on 08.02.2024 as instructed by INC leadership. However, the name of Smt. Shyamala Madhusoodhanan was nominated by a member of INC. Taking advantage of the confronted and confusing situation, the name of respondent was nominated by a LDF member. It is true that on the election held on 08.02.2024, respondent was elected as President. Respondent was not aware of the whip issued by her political party. Respondent never disobeyed any valid direction issued by her political party. Respondent has not voluntarily abandoned the membership INC as alleged. Respondent is not liable to be disqualified as a elected member under the provisions of the Kerala Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act. Therefore, the petition may be dismissed.

The evidence in this case consists of oral testimonies of PW1 to PW7, RW1 and documents Ext.A1 to A8, Ext.X1 to X6.

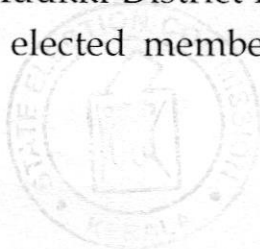
10. Both sides were heard.

The following points arise for consideration, namely; -

- (i) Whether the whip issued by the INC has been served to the respondent?
- (ii) Whether the whip issued by the INC has been served to the Secretary of the Karunapuram grama panchayat?
- (iii) Whether respondent had disobeyed the decision and direction of INC political party in the Presidential election held on 08.02.2024 as alleged?
- (iv) Whether respondent contested for the post of President against the official candidate of INC political party after having sponsored by opposite LDF?
- (v) Whether respondent had voluntarily abandoned membership of INC as alleged?
- (vi) Whether respondent had committed defection as contemplated under the first limb of section 3(1) (a) of the Act?



11. Point No. (i) to (vi);- As common questions of law and facts arise for consideration in these points, they are considered together for convenience and to avoid repetition. Admittedly, petitioner and respondent are elected members representing ward 13 and 12 of the Karunapuram grama panchayat. There is no dispute regarding the *locus standi* of the petitioner to file the original petition under section 3 (1) (a) of the Act. There is also no dispute that respondent was contested and elected as a candidate of INC. The said party affiliation of the respondent is further proved by Ext.A2 and Ext. X 3 Party affiliation register.
12. There is no dispute regarding the party position in the Karunapuram grama panchayat. Altogether 17 elected members in the Karunapuram grama panchayat. Out of which both LDF and UDF secured 8 seats each and one independent supported by BDJS was also elected. Since both UDF and LDF having equal strength, the result of President election was declared by draw of lots and the lot drawn in favour of Smt. Vincy Vavachan. Thereafter Smt.Vincy Vavachan was removed from the post of President through no confidence motion. Whereupon petitioner, who belongs to INC was elected as President.
13. While so, LDF member of the panchayat moved a no confidence motion against the petitioner, which is scheduled to be held on 25.01.2024. The Idukki District President of the INC issued Ext.A3 whip dated 17.01.2024 to the respondent directing her to abstain from the meeting of no confidence motion. However, respondent participated the meeting of no confidence motion held on 25.01.2024 voted in favour of the no confidence motion in defiance of the whip issued her political party INC. LDF managed to secure the majority of 9 votes to oust petitioner from the Presidentship of the panchayat with the support of the respondent.
14. Fresh election to the casual vacancy of President scheduled to be held on 08.02.2024. The Idukki District President of the INC issued Ext.A5 series whip to the elected members belonging to INC. The District



President of the INC, who was examined in this case as PW3, identified the Ext.A5 series whip issued by him to elected members of INC. Ext.A5(a) is the whip issued to the respondent. It is evident from Ext.A5(a) that PW3 issued whip to the respondent directing her to vote for Smt. Shyamala Madhusoodhanan in the President election to be held on 08.02.2024. PW3 further deposed that the whip was served to the respondent by post as well as through Karunapuram Mandalam President of the INC Sri. K K Kunjumon. Sri. K K Kunjumon was examined in this case as PW4, who identified Ext.A6 duplicate copy of the whip affixed at the residence of the respondent in the presence of the witnesses. Petitioner has also examined attesting witnesses Smt. Ancy Thomas, who is an elected member of the Karunapuram grama panchayat as PW5 and Sri. Sabu Abraham as PW6. Both supported the case of the petitioner. Petitioner has also produced the photograph of service of whip through affixture, as Ext.A7.

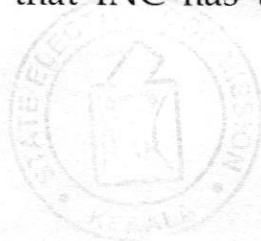
15. However, during the cross examination of PW4, respondent has taken a case that no whip had been served to the respondent prior to the Presidential election held on 08.02.2024. PW4 who served the whip to the respondent categorically denied the suggestion. Respondent has not taken such a case in the objection filed by her, though Ext.A4 to A7 documents were produced by the petitioner along with original petition itself. In the Chief affidavit filed by respondent as RW1 also respondent has not taken such a case. Moreover, during the cross examination of PW3 District President of the INC, respondent has not put even such a suggestion to him. Therefore, on appreciation of evidence of PW3 to PW6 and documents Ext.A4 to A7, it appears that whip had been served to the respondent prior to the Presidential election held on 02.08.2024.

16. It is the specific case of the petitioner that whip had been served to the Secretary of the Karunapuram grama panchayat as mandated under section 3(2) of the Act and rule 4(2) of the Rules framed thereunder. In order to prove the same petitioner produced Ext.A5 series



acknowledgment of receipts issued by the Secretary of the panchayat. During the examination of PW3, the District President of the INC, he identified the Ext.A5 series copy of whip issued by him to the Secretary of the panchayat and acknowledgment thereof issued by the Secretary. PW7 panchayat secretary produced Ext.X5 series, which is the office copy of Ext.A5 series and categorically stated that copy of the whip was duly accepted by him. As a matter of fact, Ext.A5 receipt issued by PW7 does not bear any date. It must be an omission on the part of PW7 while issuing receipt. However, Ext.A5 (a) to A5 (h) bears date 03.02.2024. There is no mention in the Ext.A5 receipt by PW7 that copy of whip was received after the expiry of the time limit. It is pertinent to note that in Ext.X4 and Ext.X6 copy of whips issued in the connection with no confidence motion against the President and Vice President produced in OP No.18/2024, there is specific mention by PW7 that copy of the whip was received after the expiry of the time limit. In the absence of such an explicit statement in Ext.A5 series by PW7, it is inferred that copy of the whip had been served to the Secretary of the panchayat prior to the Presidential election held on 08.02.2024 and PW7 had no intention to reject it on that ground. Moreover, during the cross examination of PW7 respondent did not put any questions to him challenging the authenticity of Ext.A5 receipts or Ext.X5. Therefore, the contention of the respondent in this regard is not tenable. Therefore, there is enough evidence on the record that the whip was properly served to the respondent and Secretary of the panchayat as mandated under rule 4 (2) and respondent was aware of the stand of her political party well before the presidential election held on 08.02.2024.

- 17.As already discussed, there are 17 wards in Karunapuram grama panchayat. Out of which 8 seats each secured by both LDF and INC and one independent member supported by BDJS was also elected. Thus, none got majority of in the panchayat. In the preceding paras it is also found that INC has taken a decision to field Smt.



Shyamala Madhusoodhanan, an elected member belongs INC as candidate for the post of President and Idukki District President of INC issued whip in this regard to the respondent. Ext.X1 minutes of the election meeting held on 08.02.2024 would goes to show that all the 17 elected members in the panchayat were present in the election meeting held and the name of Smt. Shyamala Madhusoodhanan for the post of President was proposed by Smt. Ancy Thomas and it was seconded by Sri. Sunil Poothakuzhiyil, both INC members. Admittedly, respondent who belongs to INC stood as a rival candidate against candidate fielded by her political party for the post of President. The name of respondent for the post of President was proposed by Sri. C M Balakrishnan, who belongs to CPI (M) and seconded by Sri. Mathukutty Mattappally, who belongs to Kerala Congress (M), both LDF members. In the subsequent polling all the elected members belonged to INC, except respondent voted in favour of INC candidate Smt. Shyamala Madhusoodhanan. The independent elected member Sri. P R Binu also supported Smt. Shyamala Madhusoodhanan. Therefore, INC candidate Smt. Shyamala Madhusoodhanan got 8 votes. None from LDF contested the election. However, all the 8 LDF members in the panchayat voted in favour of respondent Smt. Sobhanamma Gopinathan in obedience to Ext.X5(p) and Ext.X5 (j) whips issued by LDF. Respondent who was directed to vote in favour of Smt. Shyamala Madhusoodhanan, cast vote in favour of her, in violation of whip. Thus, respondent managed secure 9 votes in her favour as against 8 votes secured by official candidate of INC. On the support of opposite LDF coalition and without getting a single vote from her coalition respondent secured 9 votes and was elected as President of Karunapuram Grama Panchayat.

18. Another case put forward by the respondent is that she was fielded by INC as the Presidential candidate of INC in the election held on 08.02.2024. But surprisingly the name of Smt. Sobhanamma



Gopinathan was nominated by an elected member of INC and taking advantage of the confusing situation LDF nominated her name for the post of President. However, the District President of the INC during the examination as PW3 made clear that he had issued Ext.A4 whip to all the elected members of INC including the respondent directing them to vote for Smt. Sobhanamma Gopinathan the candidate fielded by INC for the post of President in the election held on 08.02.2024. During the cross examination of PW3 respondent did not put any question discrediting the said testimony of PW3. Further, CPI (M) and CPI, the constituents of LDF have already issued Ext.X5(p) and Ext.X5(j) whips to the elected members belonging to them to vote for respondent in the Presidential election to be held on 08.02.2024. It shows that there is pre planning and collusion between the respondent and LDF in fielding respondent as the candidate of LDF in the election held on 08.02.2024. It was not on the spur of the moment LDF supported the candidature of respondent as alleged by the respondent. Therefore, the contentions of the respondent in this regard are untenable.

19. During the cross examination of respondent as RW1, she deposed that

"Ext. A 4 shown to me. ഇത് ഡി.സി.സി. പ്രസിഡന്റിന്റെ ലെറ്റർ ഹെഡാണ്, ഒപ്പും സീലും ഉണ്ട്. ഇത് ഡി.സി.സി. പ്രസിഡന്റിന്റെ നിർദ്ദേശമടങ്ങിയ കത്താണ്. എന്നോടൊപ്പമുള്ള 8 ഐ.എൻ.സി.കാർക്കുള്ള കത്താണ്. ശ്യാമള മധുസൂധനന് പ്രസിഡന്റായി തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കാൻ വോട്ട് നൽകണമെന്നാണ് കാണിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്."

"(Q) താങ്കൾ ജയിച്ചത് താങ്കളുടെ വോട്ടും എൽ.ഡി.എഫ് -ന്റെ വോട്ടും കൊണ്ടല്ലേ (Ans) അതെ. ശ്യാമള മധുസൂധനന് ഐ.എൻ.സി. -യുടെ 7 വോട്ടും ഒരു സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യന്റെ വോട്ടും കിട്ടി. (Q) ശ്യാമള മധുസൂധനന് താങ്കളുടെ വോട്ട് കൂടി കിട്ടിയിരുന്നെങ്കിൽ അവർ പ്രസിഡന്റായി തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെടുമായിരുന്നില്ലേ (Ans) ഉവ്വ്. മിനി പ്രിൻസിന് എതിരെ അവിശ്വാസം കൊണ്ടുവന്ന എൽ.ഡി.എഫ്. അംഗം സി. എം. ബാലകൃഷ്ണനാണ് എന്നെ ശ്യാമള മധുസൂധനന് എതിരായി മത്സരിക്കാൻ നാമനിർദ്ദേശം നൽകിയത്. എൽ.ഡി.എഫ്. 10-ാം വാർഡ് മെമ്പർ വട്ടപ്പള്ളി മാത്യു ആണ് പിന്താങ്ങിയത്. ശ്യാമള മധുസൂധനനെ നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചത് കോൺഗ്രസിലെ ആൻസി തോമസും പിങ്ങിയത് സുനിൽ പൃതക്കുഴിയുമാണ്. പ്രസിഡന്റ് സ്ഥാനത്തേയ്ക്ക് എന്റെ എതിർകക്ഷി കോൺഗ്രസിലെ തന്നെ ശ്യാമള മധുസൂധനൻ ആണെന്ന പൂർണ്ണബോധത്തോടെയാണ്. ശ്യാമള മധുസൂധനന് എന്റെ വോട്ട് കൂടി ലഭിച്ചിരുന്നെങ്കിൽ അവർ പ്രസിഡന്റാകുമായിരുന്നു. 2020-ലെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പിനു



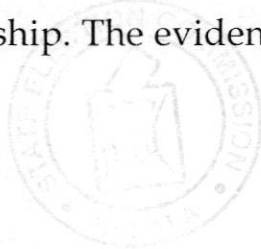
ശേഷം എന്റെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പ് വരെ കരുണാപുരം ഗ്രാമപഞ്ചായത്ത് ഭരിച്ചതു കോൺഗ്രസ് ആണ്. എന്നെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തത് എൽഡിഎഫ് ആണ്. അതുകൊണ്ടു തന്നെ കരുണാപുരം ഗ്രാമ പഞ്ചായത്തിൽ കോൺഗ്രസ്സിന് ഭരണം നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടു."

While examining as RW1, respondent has no case that whip has not been served to her prior to the election or that she was the official candidate of INC in the Presidential election held on 08.02.2024.

20. When the Presidential election held on 08.02.2024, the candidate nominated by INC could have won the election, if all INC members voted for their candidate. The respondent who was directed to vote in favour of the official candidate of the INC, stood as against INC, with the active support of opposite LDF. The respondent defeated the official candidate of INC, who secured only 8 votes inclusive of 1 independent. The said act is nothing but a disloyalty, attracting disqualification under the Act. That conduct itself is sufficient to prove that she had voluntarily given up her membership in INC. There is also evidence on record that respondent acted contrary to the directions issued by her political party INC. It is also pertinent to note that the LDF did not nominate any of its members as candidate for the post of President, but supported the candidature of the respondent by issuing whip directing its members to vote for respondent and also by voting in favour of her. There is clear element of *quid pro que* in the transaction between LDF and respondent. By the conduct of respondent, INC lost governance of the panchayat, though majority in the panchayat. By supporting respondent LDF could effectively prevent the continuance of UDF rule in the panchayat. There is shifting of political loyalty to LDF by the conduct of the respondent.

21. The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in *M Liju V Kerala State Election Commission and others* (Judgment in WP (C) No.33740/2022), wherein comparable factual situations were involved, held that

"16. If the conduct of a particular member indicates that he had, after being elected under the banner of one party, supported the opposite party, the same is sufficient to attract the disqualification of voluntarily giving up membership. The evidence in the present case brings to the



fore the circumstances that the second respondent had supported the no confidence motion against the President of the panchayat who was a member of his own party. After the President of the Panchayat was voted out, the second respondent himself stood for the Presidentship of the panchayat with the support of the opposite party members. This conduct by itself indicates, with certainty, that the second respondent became disloyal to his party. The said conduct can only be at the risk of inviting disqualification for voluntarily giving up membership of the party under whose banner he was elected."

22. In *Lissy Valsalan V Suja Salim and Another* (2015 (3) KHC 968) the Hon'ble Division Bench of High Court held that where a member of a political party is aware of the decision taken by the political party but failed to act in accordance with the political directive, it would amount to voluntarily abandoning the membership of the political party and he would be disqualified under section 3 (1) of the Kerala Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act.

23. In reaching the above conclusion, the Hon'ble High Court had referred to the decision in *Kihoto Hlohan V Zachillhu* ((1992) Supp 2 SCC 651, where the Supreme Court had explained the objectives of the 10th Schedule to the Constitution in the following passage: -

" 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. "Referring to the object behind the 10th Schedule to the Constitution of India dealing with disqualification on the ground of defection, it was held therein that," provision is to curb the evil of political defection motivated by lure of office or other similar considerations which endanger the foundations of our democracy. The only remedy would be to disqualify the member." The Father of our Nation had foreseen the possibility of such cancerous and endangering tendencies in the practice of democracy and hence only the Mahatma



said that politics without principle is a vice. No doubt politics is an art. But the beauty of the art is lost when no value is attached to the art. It is to check erosion of the values in democracy the 10th Schedule to the Constitution of India and the Kerala Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act, 1999 were brought into force"

24. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the ratio laid down by the Hon'ble High Court in various judgments, I am of the considered opinion that the respondent has failed to obey the direction of her political party in the election held on 08.02.2024 and also by her conduct voluntarily given up her membership of INC and therefore cannot be continued as a member of Karunapuram grama panchayat. It is clarified that this order will prevail over the order in OP No.18/2024 issued by this Commission and respondent will suffer the disqualification provided hereunder from the date of this order.
25. In the result, OP is allowed and the respondent is declared as disqualified for being member of Karunapuram Grama Panchayat as provided under the first limb of section 3 (1) (a) of the Kerala Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act, 1999. The respondent is further declared as disqualified from contesting as a candidate in an election to any local authorities for a period of 6 years from this date, as provided under section 4 (3) of the Act.

Sd/-

A. SHAJAHAN

STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER



APPENDIX

Witness examined on the side of the Petitioner

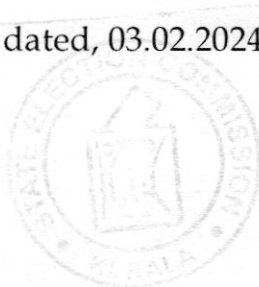
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PW2 - Sri. Roy Thomas
PW3 - Sri. C. P. Mathew
PW4 - Sri. K. K. Kunjumon
PW5 - Smt. Ancy Thomas
PW6 - Sri. Sabu Abraham
PW7 - Sri. Santhosh S. R.

Witness examined on the side of the Respondent

- RW1 - Smt. Shobhanamma M. S.

Documents produced on the side of the Petitioner

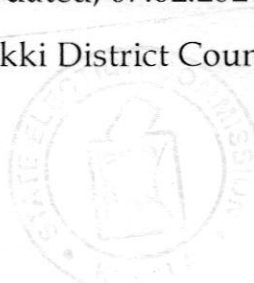
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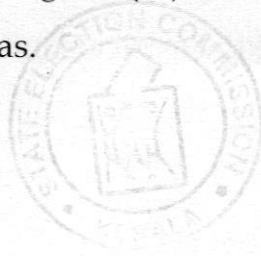
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- A8 - Copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 08.02.2024 in connection with the President election of Karunapuram Grama Panchayat.

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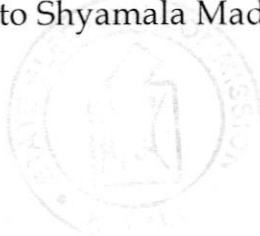
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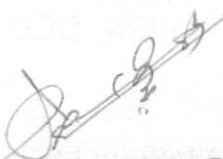
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Sd/-

A. SHAJAHAN

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