

ITEM NO.5 (PH)

COURT NO.7

SECTION XI-B

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 20680-20681/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 14-07-2025 in WA No. 1160/2025 & WA No. 1165/2025 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

THE CHANCELLOR, APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 298849/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 306918/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 217570/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION, IA No. 178486/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 245961/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 249066/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT, IA No. 233197/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT, IA No. 217572/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT, IA No. 200236/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE APPLICATION FOR DIRECTION & IA No. 193194/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE APPLICATION FOR DIRECTION)

WITH

SLP(C) No. 24330/2025 (XI-B)

Date : 11-12-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
 HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN**

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

1. We heard Mr. N. Venkataramani, the learned Attorney General for India appearing for the Chancellor and Mr. Jaideep Gupta, the learned Senior counsel appearing for the State of Kerala.
2. Despite best of our efforts, the deadlock continues till this date.
3. The Vice-Chancellor and the Chief Minister have not been able to reach to any consensus as regards appointment of particular person as Vice Chancellor in the two Universities. The entire exercise has been very well undertaken by the Committee constituted by us headed by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia. It was expected that the Vice Chancellor and the Chief Minister would reach to some consensus and finalize the names.
4. However, nothing has been done so far except some exchange of letters between the two.
5. Today, when we started hearing the matter, the learned

Attorney General for India handed-over a sealed envelope containing the reply of the Vice-Chancellor to the Chief Minister. We declined to look into the same.

6. We are of the view that in such situation, we should once again request the Committee headed by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia to look into the letter of the Chief Minister and the reply of the Vice-Chancellor and give us one composite Report.

7. We request the Committee to give us the names in order of preference for each of the Universities in a sealed cover.

8. We request the Committee to undertake this exercise and forward its report by Wednesday, 17th December, 2025 so that we can take up the matter on Thursday, 18th December, 2025 as first item on top of the Board. To be treated as Part-Heard.

9. The Registry shall inform about this order at the earliest to Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia.

(VISHAL ANAND)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)