

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.G.ARUN

MONDAY, THE 06TH DAY OF JULY 2020 / 15TH ASHADHA, 1942

WP(C).No.12669 OF 2020(G)

PETITIONER/S:

AKBAR. A.H
AGED 64 YEARS
S/O.HYDROSE HAJI, RESIDING AT AAMBAKUDI HOUSE,
WEST KADUNGALLOOR.P.O, ALUVA-683110

BY ADVS.
SRI.T.C.SURESH MENON
SRI.P.S.APPU

RESPONDENT/S:

- 1 STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION, SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-695001
- 2 THE DISTRICT REGISTRAR
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT REGISTRAR, 2ND FLOOR,
PERIMBILLY BUILDING, M.G. ROAD, SHENOYS, KOCHI,
KERALA-682011
- 3 THE SUB REGISTRAR ALANGAD
KONGORPILLY.P.O, ALANGAD, ALUVA-683518

OTHER PRESENT:

SR.GP.K.P.HARISH

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR
ADMISSION ON 06.07.2020, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY
DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

JUDGMENT

Dated this the 6th day of July, 2020.

The petitioner had entered into an agreement for sale of his property admeasuring 70 cents comprised in Sy.No.376/9, 10 of Alangad Village in Parur Taluk. While the agreement was in currency, the Government revised the fair value of landed properties in the State, which resulted in substantial increase in stamp duty. The revised rates were however not imposed till 15.05.2020 in view of the COVID pandemic and the resultant lockdown. According to the petitioner, the benefit of such extension of time did not actually inure to persons like him, since the Sub Registrar Offices were not functioning and stamp papers were not available during the extended period. Therefore, the petitioner has preferred

Ext.P3 representation before the Government seeking further extension of time for imposing the revised fair value. The limited prayer in the writ petition is for an expeditious consideration of Ext.P3.

2. I heard the learned Government Pleader also.

In view of the limited relief sought, the writ petition is disposed of directing the first respondent to consider Ext.P3, with notice to the petitioner and pass orders thereon as expeditiously as possible, particularly so, in view of the fact that the request of the petitioner is for extension of the time limit till 31.07.2020.

sd/-
V.G.ARUN
JUDGE

APPENDIX

PETITIONER'S/S EXHIBITS:

EXHIBIT P1 **TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT PUBLISHED
IN THE MALAYALA MANORAMA DAILY DATED
16.5.2020**

EXHIBIT P2 **TRUE COPY OF THE NEWS REPORT PUBLISHED
IN THE MADHYAMAM DAILY DATED 17.5.2020**

EXHIBIT P3 **TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION
SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER BEFORE THE
1ST RESPONDENT DATED 27.5.2020**