



# THE KERALA HIGH COURT ADVOCATES' ASSOCIATION

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To

Justice A. K. Jayasankaran Nambiar,  
High Court of Kerala,  
Ernakulam – 682031.

Sir,

**SUB:** Your request for meeting on 11 April 2025 to mediate in the action initiated by the KHCAA on Adv. George Poonthottam.

1. We are constrained to inform you that we will not be present in your chambers tomorrow as requested by you discuss the way forward on the disciplinary notice issued to Sr. Adv. George Poonthottam. We have informed Sr. Adv. Sugunapalan, who was also contacted by you, to not attend the meeting.
2. The Disciplinary action against Sr. Adv. George Poonthottam was initiated on the resolution passed by the General Body of the KHCAA. The Disciplinary Committee is proceeding with the matter in accordance with the procedure required by the Bye Laws of the KHCAA.
3. In fact, as regards Sr. Adv. George Poonthottam, the Association has restrained itself from addressing a letter to the Hon'ble Chief Justice to reconsider the conferment of the Senior Gown on Sr. Adv. George Poonthottam especially when he referred to the religion and religious practice of the Judge concerned. The KHCAA sets higher standards as

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regards the conduct of designated seniors and if the General Body resolves to challenge the designation conferred, we will initiate appropriate steps.

4. When we first heard from you, we were under the impression that you wanted to speak for your brother Judge, Justice A Badharudeen. We were surprised when you informed us that you wanted to mediate as regards Sr. Adv. George Poonthottam. Justice A Badharudeen is one of the best we have in this Hon'ble Court and it is only because of the acts of Sr. Adv. George Poonthottam that we were constrained to write to the Chief Justice of India. Personally, we place a higher value on integrity than courteous conduct and we will always carry that pain of having to write to the Chief Justice of India as a part of our duty as the office bearers of the Association.
5. You have claimed that you are still an 'advocate' and that was the reason why you wanted to mediate on the issue. We cannot take it on its face value particularly in the light of the order passed by you on 9 April 2025 which was directed at the Bar. We have reason to believe that the order was passed by you to pressurise us to come to a 'settlement' as regards the action initiated against Sr. Adv. George Poonthottam. Since, the order passed on 9 April 2025 is on the Judicial side, we will not deal with the merits of the same in this letter but we will address a specific complaint as regards that to the Hon'ble Chief Justice so as to initiate appropriate inquiry on the same in accordance with procedure.
6. We would like to set the record straight and clearly communicate that the interference of Judges in the affairs of the KHCAA is not appreciated and












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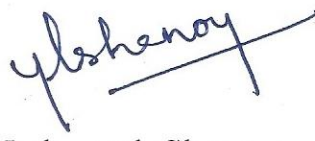
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the Judges are requested not to meddle with the affairs of the Association. Already with the blessings of the Judges, we have two other associations that are not recognised by the Bar Council of Kerala being referred to in all official communications of the High Court of Kerala.

7. Lastly, we are not sure what taste you find this letter in, but whenever the KHCAA writes a letter, it will be on facts and on Judicial decisions and has to be taken in its literal meaning with no innuendos. We have no idea of the gratuitous sermons and veiled threats that you have referred to and if you consider the judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court to be sermons, the remedy lies elsewhere. We are still grappling to find out what the 'veiled threats' are, but as the adage goes, the beauty always lies in the hands of the beholder and we are yet to see what you have seen in the letter as the 'veiled threats'.
8. Please direct your staff to not make any further calls to us or Sr. Adv. Sugunapalan as regards the meeting as the KHCAA has no intent to bend its procedures while dealing with 'persons of interest' of any Judge.

  
M. R. Nandakumar  
Secretary



  
Yeshwanth Shenoy  
President