

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE GOPINATH P.

Wednesday, the 12th day of November 2025 / 21st Karthika, 1947

WP(C) NO. 42236 OF 2025

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PETITIONER(S):

1. JINU G., AGED 47 YEARS, KRISHNA BHAVAN, KURICHI, KOTTAYAM, PIN-686532
2. VIPIN M.G., AGED 47 YEARS, FLAT NO.3A, GOLDEN HEIGHTS APARTMENTS, EXECEL LANE, ELAMKULAM, KADAVANTHRA, ERNAKULAM, PIN-682020

RESPONDENT(S):

1. THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS, OFFICE OF THE LABOUR COMMISSIONER, SOUTH WEST, DELHI, PIN-110064
2. ASOK KUMAR DE, THE RETURNING OFFICER, AIPNBOA ELECTIONS 2025-2028 CAMP OFFICE, GOPAL VILLA, CENTRAL PARK, G.T. ROAD (EAST), SRIPALLY, BURDWAN, WEST BENGAL, PIN-713103
3. DILIP K. SAHA, GENERAL SECRETARY, AIPNBOA, C/O. PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, SHIVAJI PARK, GOPI TANK ROAD, MAHIM (W), MUMBAI, PIN-400016
4. K. SREEKUMAR PRESIDENT, AIPNBOA, C/O. PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, AATTD BUILDING, OPP: PVT. BUS STAND, KOZHENCHERY, PATHANAMTHITTA, PIN-689641
5. THE ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY (KERALA CIRCLE), ALL INDIA PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, C/O. PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, AATTD BUILDING, OPP: PVT. BUS STAND, KOZHENCHERY, PATHANAMTHITTA REP. BY MR. SELVAKUMAR A., PIN-689641
6. ALL INDIA PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (AIPNBOA), REG. OFFICE AT 306, KRITI MAHAL, 19, RAJENDRA PLACE, NEW DELHI REPRESENTED BY ITS GENERAL SECRETARY, PIN-110008

Writ Petition (Civil) praying inter alia that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed along with the WP(C) the High Court be pleased to appoint an observer, preferably an advocate of this Hon'ble Court, any other person deemed fit and proper by this Hon'ble Court, who is not affiliated with any of the contesting groups, to oversee and supervise the election process to ensure transparency, fairness, and impartiality in the conduct of the said election, pending final disposal of the above Writ Petition (Civil).

This petition coming on for orders upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(C) and upon hearing the arguments of M/S. V.K. PRASAD, JOSNA C.F. & AKHIL R. MENON, Advocates for the petitioners, the court passed the following:

GOPINATH P., J.

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Dated this the 12th day of November, 2025

ORDER

Admit.

Issue notice by speed post to the respondents.

There will be an interim order directing the 1st respondent to ensure that elections to the All India PNB Officers Association is conducted in a fair and transparent manner. Since the elections are proposed to be held on 23.11.2025, I also make it clear that at the option of the 1st respondent, he may depute an independent observer to oversee the elections proposed to be held on 23.11.2025.

The petitioners shall bring this order to the notice of the 1st respondent for compliance.

Hand over a copy of this order today itself.

Sd/-
GOPINATH P.
JUDGE

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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 42236/2025

Exhibit P1	A TRUE COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF AIPNBOA AS AMENDED UP TO 25.07.2023
Exhibit P2	A TRUE COPY OF THE LETTER DATED 29.09.2025 SUBMITTED TO THE 3RD RESPONDENT GENERAL SECRETARY
Exhibit P2(a)	A TRUE COPY OF THE LETTER DATED 29.09.2025 SUBMITTED TO THE 4TH RESPONDENT, PRESIDENT
Exhibit P3	A TRUE COPY OF THE NOTICE DATED 01.10.2025
Exhibit P4	A TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION DATED 06.10.2025
Exhibit P5	A TRUE COPY OF THE LETTER DATED 07.10.2025 SENT BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY
Exhibit P6	A COPY OF THE LETTER DATED 15.10.2025
Exhibit P7	A TRUE COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION SUBMITTED BEFORE THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS, DATED 14.10.2025
Exhibit P8	A TRUE COPY OF CIRCULAR NO. 52/2025 DATED 20.10.2025 ISSUED BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY
Exhibit P9	A COPY OF THE NOTIFICATION NO. 1/2025 DATED 21.10.2025 ISSUED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT, RETURNING OFFICER
Exhibit P10	A TRUE COPY OF THE LETTER SENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF AIPNBOA DATED 21.10.2025
Exhibit P11	A TRUE COPY OF THE ELECTION CIRCULAR NO.4/2025 DATED 05.11.2025 ISSUED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT, RETURNING OFFICER, ANNOUNCING THE LIST OF VALID NOMINATIONS
Exhibit P12	A TRUE COPY OF THE EMAIL COMMUNICATION DATED 06.11.2025 SENT BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE RETURNING OFFICER