PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, THALASSER

Present: Sri. Karunakaran B, Chief Judicial Magistrate

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Sub: Establishment – Clerk – Appointed by transfer – Non-passing of Manual of Office Procedure Test – Probation not declared – Reversion to the category of Office Attendant – Candidate surrendered to PSC - Orders issued.

Read:
1. G.O(P)No. 12/2025/P&ARD dated 07.08.2025.
2. Official Memorandum No. HCKL/3808/2025-C2-HC KERALA dated 15.12.2025 of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.
3. Official Memorandum No. HCKL/8579/2025-C3-HC KERALA dated 17.10.2025 of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.
4. Official Memorandum No. C1-59584/2018(2) dated 05.11.2019 of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.
5. Advice No. C 5-3/1/2024-KPSC-DOKNR(2) dated 15/09/2025 of the District Officer, Kerala Public Service Commission, Kannur.
6. Order No. A1-4-8315/2025 dated 28.10.2025 of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Thalassery.
7. Letter No.A1-3881/2025 dated 19.08.2025 of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Thalassery.
8. Letter dated 10.03.2026 of Judicial First Class Magistrate-I, Taliparamba.
9. Representation dated 09.03.2026 put in by Sri. Vinod P.

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ORDER No. A1-1-9719/2025 DATED 16.03.2026

The incumbent, Sri. Vinod P, PEN 620571, Clerk, Judicial First Class Magistrate Court-I, Taliparamba, was appointed as Clerk by transfer from the category of Office Attendant Gr.I as per Order No. A1-1/2019(1) dated 12.04.2019 of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Thalassery. He joined duty as Clerk on the afternoon of 16.04.2019. The incumbent was on probation for a period of two years on duty within a continuous period of three years from the date of joining. Sri. Vinod P has not yet qualified the Manual of Office Procedure Test, which is obligatory for declaration of

satisfactory completion of probation in the category of Clerk. He has attained the age of 50 years on 30.01.2023.

As per the letter read 7th above, this court has requested clarification from the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala as to whether the probation of Sri. Vinod P can be declared upon his attaining the age of 50 years. The Hon'ble High Court, vide Official Memorandum read 2nd above directed this Court to examine the matter in accordance with the Official Memorandum read 3rd above.

In the Official Memorandum read 3rd above, the Hon'ble High Court clarified the requirement of passing the Manual of Office Procedure test for the declaration of probation. In terms of Rule 13 B of Kerala State & Subordinate Service Rules 1958, passing the Manual of Office Procedure test is essential and cannot be waived for employees who have attained the age of 50 years. Consequently, if an employee fails to pass the Manual of Office Procedure test within the prescribed time, he/she will be reverted to the immediate previous category with effect from 15.03.2026, unless awaiting publication of result as on 14.03.2026.

A representation read 9th above submitted by Sri. Vinod P received from the Judicial First Class Magistrate-I, Taliparamba, states that he has not yet passed the Manual of Office Procedure Test, has not applied for the said test, and has no pending applications to appear for it.

In these circumstances, and in accordance with the government order G.O(P)No. 12/2025/P&ARD dated 17.08.2025 and Official Memorandum No. HCKL/8579/2025-C3-HC KERALA dated 17.10.2025 of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, the following orders are issued:

Sri. Vinod P, PEN 620571, presently working as Clerk, at the Judicial First Class Magistrate's Court-I, Taliparamba, is hereby reverted to the category of Office Attendant Gr.I in the scale of pay ₹ 17,500 – 39,500/- (pre revised scale) and is appointed as Office Attendant Gr.I at the Judicial First Class Magistrate's Court-II, Kannur, with effect from 15.03.2026. His seniority in the category of Office Attendant Gr.I shall be fixed below Smt. Sheeba Helen Felix, PEN 620574 and above Sri. Shaji P, PEN 620563.

Accordingly, Sri. Ajith K, PEN 1018492, the junior most Office Attendant Gr.II, who has been appointed as per the advice letter read 5th and order read 6th above, currently working at the Judicial First Class Magistrate's Court-II, Kannur, since 30.10.2025, is surrendered to Kerala Public Service Commission, District Office, Kannur w.e.f the forenoon of 15.03.2026, for want of vacancy.

The Presiding Officers concerned are directed to relieve the incumbents w.e.f 15.03.2026. The Judicial First Class Magistrate-I, Taliparamba shall direct Sri. Vinod P to report before the Judicial First Class Magistrate-II, Kannur forthwith.

Necessary entries shall be made in the service register/e-service register of the incumbents and steps shall be taken to give effect to this order and recover excess pay drawn, if any, and remit to the Government.

The joining and relieving of the incumbents shall be reported to this office in due course.

Sri. Ajith K, is directed to report before the District Officer, Kerala Public Service Commission, Kannur on 16.03.2026.

COURT OF THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE THALASSERY

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To

1. The Individuals (Through the Presiding Officers Concerned)
2. The Judicial First Class Magistrate-I, Taliparamba
3. The Judicial First Class Magistrate-II, Kannur

Copy To

The District Officer, Kerala Public Service Commission, Kannur (with covering letter)