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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE EASWARAN S.

MONDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026 / 16TH BHADRA, 1948

OP(C) NO. 2521 OF 2026

IN UNNUMBERED O.S NO.947 OF 2026 OF PRINCIPAL MUNSIFF COURT, ERNAKULAM

PETITIONER(S)/PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF:

ANEESH
AGED 39 YEARS
S/O GOPALAKRISHNAN, KRISHNALAYAM, PATTIYIL HOUSE,
PARAKKAD, THRISSUR, KERALA, PIN - 680620

BY ADVS.
SRI.HAMZATH ALI V.K.
SMT.AYISHA AFRIN A.V.K.
SRI.MUHAMMAD SHAMEEL K.
SRI.ABDULLA FUHAD K.
SMT.MEGHA CYRIAC
SMT.HELAN PAUL
SMT.AYISHA THASLEEMA N.P.

RESPONDENT(S)/RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT:

AKHIL DAS
RESIDING AT THYPARAMBIL HOUSE, NADAKKAVU, UDAYAMPEROOR,
TRIPPUNITHURA, ERNAKULAM, KERALA, PIN - 682307

THIS OP (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 07.09.2026, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

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EASWARAN S., J

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Dated this the 07th day of September, 2026

J U D G M E N T

This original petition is filed raising a grievance that the Principal Munsiff Court, Ernakulam is not numbering the suit, since the Vakalath executed by the plaintiff and also the plaint are accompanied by electronic signature. The reason stated by the petitioner is that the office of the Principal Munsiff Court, Ernakulam, had informed the petitioner that it doesn't have any resource to verify the electronic signature of the parties.

2. Heard, Sri. Hamzath Ali V.K., learned Counsel for the petitioner.

3. Learned Counsel for the petitioner placed reliance on the Electronic Filing Rules for Courts (Kerala), 2021. The Rule 8(2) of the said Rules reads as under;

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"8. Production of Documents:-
(2) Vakalaths, Affidavits or any such document required to be signed, executed, attested and/or authenticated by one or more parties shall be filed in electronic form signed and authenticated as per the provisions under the Information Technology Act, 2000 (Central Act 21 of 2000)."

According to the learned Counsel, when the Rules envisage that filing of Vakalath, affidavits or any such document required to be signed and/or authenticated by one or more parties, in the electronic form, shall be signed and authenticated as per the provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000, that by itself is a sufficient compliance and refusal on the part of the court to number the suit cannot be hence accepted. He further pointed out that audit trail produced before the court shows the chronological record of the execution process, including OTP generation, OTP verification, electronic signing, device/browser particulars, IP particulars and completion of the document. Thus, it is prayed that, a direction be issued to the office of the Principal Munsiff Court, Ernakulam, to

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receive the plaint with filing No.947/2026, along with the Vakalath and affidavit.

4. On consideration of the submissions raised across the Bar by the learned Counsel for the petitioner, this Court finds that this is a fit case, where a direction is required to be issued to the Principal Munsiff Court, Ernakulam, to receive the plaint with filing No.947/2026 and proceed to number the same, since the requirements of Rule 8(2) of the Electronic Filing Rules for Courts (Kerala), 2021, stands complied with. This shall be done within a period of three days from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

The original petition is disposed of as above.

Sd/-

EASWARAN S.

JUDGE

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APPENDIX OF OP(C) NO. 2521 OF 2026

PETITIONER EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT P1	**A TRUE COPY OF THE PROPOSED PLAINT PREFERRED BY THE PETITIONER AGAINST THE RESPONDENT**
EXHIBIT P2	**A TRUE COPY OF VAKALATH EXECUTED WITH ELECTRONIC SIGN BY THE PETITIONER DATED 13.08.2026**
EXHIBIT P3	**A TRUE COPY OF THE AUDIT TRAIL ISSUED BY THE LEEGALITY PLATFORM SHOWING ALL PARTICULARS REGARDING THE ELECTRONIC SIGN**

TRUE COPY

P.A. TO JUDGE