

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Miscellaneous Application No(s). 2554-2555/2019

IN

CIVIL APPEAL Nos. 7115-7116/2019

FR. ISSAC MATTAMMEL COR EPISCOPA Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

ST. MARYS ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHURCH & ORS. Respondent(s)

O R D E R

By judgment dated 06.09.2019, Civil Appeals Nos. 7115-7116 of 2019 were allowed by this Court.

In the miscellaneous applications, a report was called from the Registrar of the Kerala High Court. This Court on 14.02.2020 passed the following order:

"It was stated at the Bar that 304 civil suits filed by the parties are pending. We direct the trial court concerned, where the cases are pending, to examine each and every case within three months, whether the case is covered by the decision of this Court in *K.S. Varghese & Ors. v. St. Peter's & Paul's Syrian Orth. & Ors.* (2017) 15 SCC 333. In case they are covered, let the Court decide the cases forthwith in the light of the decision of this Court.

The Trial Court shall send a report to this Court whether they have complied with the directions issued by this Court or not.

It is also stated at the Bar that some matters are pending in the High Court. We request the High Court also to examine the matters similarly and send a report to this Court.

Let the Registrar of the High Court inform the courts of this order and send compliance report.

List after three months.

Pursuant to the order, reports have been submitted by the

Registrar General of the High Court of Kerala where details of various suits pending in different courts and nature of the suits have been given.

This Court has already directed the Courts to examine each and every case and decide the same finally in the light of the decision of this Court in *K.S. Varghese & Ors. v. St. Peter's & Paul's Syrian Orth. & Ors.* [(2017) 15 SCC 333].

We are of the view that suits being pending in the different subordinate courts, the High Court of Kerala ought to monitor the suits and ensure that suits are disposed of at an early date. It goes without saying that the matters pending in the High Court shall also be decided at an early date.

With these observations, we, after taking into consideration the reports submitted by the High Court of Kerala, close these proceedings and request the High Court to monitor the suits and ensure early disposal of the suits and other proceedings.

The miscellaneous applications are disposed of.

.....J.  
[ASHOK BHUSHAN]

.....J.  
[R. SUBHASH REDDY]

.....J.  
[M.R. SHAH]

NEW DELHI;  
October 27, 2020.

