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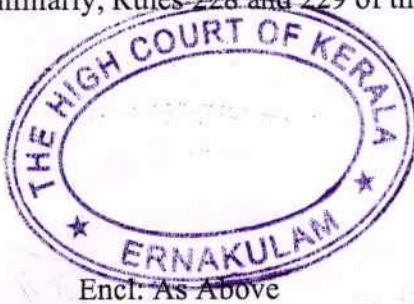
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Sub: Rules of the High Court of Kerala (First amendment), 2026- regarding Transfer petition- circulation-reg

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A copy of the amendment to the Rules of the High Court of Kerala, 1971, is circulated herewith for information and necessary action . The said amendment introduces Rules for filing Transfer Petitions in the Rules of the High Court of Kerala, 1971. The new Rule 45 B is inserted after Section 45 A in the Rules of the High Court of Kerala, 1971 in order to facilitate filing of the Transfer petitions.

Similarly, Rules 228 and 229 of the High Court Rules also have been amended.



(By Order)

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The Additional Solicitor General for India, High Court of Kerala
The Director of the Kerala Judicial Academy, Athani
The Member Secretary, Kerala State Legal Services Authority,
Ernakulam.
The Director, Kerala State Mediation and Conciliation Centre,
Ernakulam.
The President, Kerala High Court Advocates' Association, Ernakulam
The Secretary, Kerala High Court Advocates' Association, Ernakulam.
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THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA**NOTIFICATION**

No. DI-1/41814/2019 & DI-1/132117/2024.

28th July 2026.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 225 of the Constitution of India and Section 122 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Central Act 5 of 1908), and of all other powers hereunto enabling it in this behalf, the High Court of Kerala after previous publication of the draft Rules in the Kerala Gazette Vol. XV, No. 12, dated 24th March, 2026 as Notification No. DI-1/41814/2019&DI-1/132117/2024 dated 16th March 2026, and having considered the suggestions received and with the previous approval of the Government of Kerala conveyed in, G.O.(Rt.)No. 2251/2026/HOME dated 4-7-2026 hereby makes the following Rules further to amend the Rules of the High Court of Kerala, 1971, namely:-

RULES

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) These rules may be called the Rules of the High Court of Kerala (First amendment), 2026.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of the Rules.—

(I) After Rule 45 A, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

1. “45 B. Petition filed for transfer of proceedings.

(1) An application for transfer of a proceeding from one court to another, in respect of any civil/criminal matter, shall be made by original petition as in Form No. 39.

(2) The application shall be supported by an affidavit stating the respective residences of the several parties to the suit, appeal or other proceeding, the places in which several portions of the subject-matter of the suit etc. are respectively situated and the several jurisdictions within which the said residences and the places are respectively situated or the place where the crime is alleged to have been committed and any other facts on which the application is based.

(3) Separate original petitions shall be presented in respect of each suit, appeal or other proceedings of which transfer is sought. Such petitions shall be numbered under the nomenclature prescribed from time to time.

(4) Notice of the application as in Form No. 40 shall be issued and served on the other parties to the proceeding sought to be transferred.

(II) For Rule 228, the following rule shall be substituted namely:-

“228. Procedure for Translation : As soon as the notice of the petition of appeal is received from the Supreme Court, the Registrar shall give notice to the appellant to



remit within 10 days the estimated charges of translation. Such charges shall be calculated at the rates sanctioned by the Chief Justice from time to time.”

(III) For Rule 229, the following rule shall be substituted namely:-

“229. Failure to deposit the charges: If the appellant fails to make the deposit as aforesaid, the procedures prescribed in relevant sections of the Kerala Revenue Recovery Act, 1968 and Rules thereunder shall be followed to recover the same as public revenue due on land.

(IV) In the Forms, after Form No. 38, the following forms shall be inserted namely:-

FORM No. 39

(Rule 45 B)

**APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF SUIT/APPEAL/REVISION/OTHER
PROCEEDINGS**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA, ERNAKULAM

Transfer Petition (Civil /Criminal) No.: _____ of _____

Between

1. (Name and Full Address)

2. _____ ”

Petitioners

And

1. (Name and Full Address)

2. _____ ”

Respondents

In the matter of(Case no. sought to be transferred).....ofon the file of
the Court of the.....

Between

1. (Name and Full Address)

2. _____ ”

Plaintiff/Appellant/Petitioner/Applicant/Accused/others

And

1. (Name and Full Address)

2. _____ ”

Defendant/ Respondent/others

Petition under Section 24 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908/Section 447 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023

The above named petitioners state as follows:-

1. Case no. which is sought to be transferred :
2. Court from which the case is sought to be transferred :
3. Court to which the case is sought to be transferred :



4. State shortly the reasons for the application :

5. it is therefore prayed :-

- (a) That notice of the application may be issued to the aforementioned respondents.
- (b) That the above mentioned suit/ appeal/ revision/ criminal case/other proceedings pending before the (Court name) may be transferred to the (Court name).
- (c) That the respondents may be ordered to pay the costs of this petitioner.
- (d) For such other reliefs as the court may deem fit.

(Signed)
Petitioners.

What is stated above in paragraphs () is true to my/our knowledge and that what is stated in paragraphs () is stated on information and belief derived from records and/or obtained from.....and which I/we believe to be true.

(Signed)
Petitioners.



FORM No. 40

(Rule 45 B)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO TRANSFER SUIT

(Short Cause-title)

To

Take notice that on the.....day ofan application was presented to this Court by the above named (petitioners) for the transfer of the above mentioned suit/case/appeal/proceeding to the Court of the.....and, that this Court has appointed the.....day of.....for the hearing thereof, when you are at liberty to appear and oppose the same; and also take notice that the said application is supported by the affidavit of.....and.....and that you are at liberty to file affidavits in reply thereto.

Dated this theday of

By Order
(Signed)

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By Order,
GOPAKUMAR, G.,
*Registrar General.***Explanatory Note**

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport)

There is an absence of specific provision for filing Transfer Petitions in the Rules of the High Court of Kerala, 1971. The new Rule 45 B is proposed to be inserted after Section 45 A in the Rules of the High Court of Kerala, 1971 in order to facilitate filing of the Transfer petition.

Similarly, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has directed that the entire original records pertaining to civil cases be transmitted whenever the same are requisitioned. Hence, Rules 228 and 229 of the High Court Rules require to be amended to ensure compliance with the said direction.

The notification is intended to achieve the above objectives

