

THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA**HCKL/2394/2025-A7-HC KERALA**Kochi : 682031
Date: 31-08-2026**OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM**

Sub:- Listing of cases based on 'Avoid list' of Honourable Judges -
Procedure - Instructions – reg.

Ref:- OM No. HCKL / 2394 / 2025 - A7 - HC KERALA dated 21/02/2025.

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□ The OM referred above was issued to regulate the procedure for listing cases when any of the counsel appearing for the parties is included in the 'Avoid List' of one of the Judges in the Division Bench or the Judge presides over a Single Bench. As per the same an ongoing case shall not be listed as per standing order for avoid matters, unless the Bench concerned passes a judicial order to that effect. However allocation of fresh cases was exempted from the above procedure.

□ □ In modification of the above instruction, it is made clear that Review Petitions (R.Ps.) being continuation of the original proceedings from which they arose, shall be placed before the same Bench (DB / SB), which passed the impugned order sought to be reviewed, even if there is advocate / party avoid for the Judge/s in the Bench subsequent to disposal of the main matter.

□ □ It is further clarified that in matters other than Review Petitions, advocate / party avoid for the junior partner Judge in a DB shall not be a bar to list the said case, either fresh or pending, before the same Bench except when the order impugned, if any, in such case is passed by the junior partner Judge. In case the Bench is of the view that the matter need not be retained there, Registry shall list the same either as per standing instruction for avoid cases or as per fresh administrative orders of the Honourable the Chief Justice.

☐ ☐ The OM cited stands modified to the above extent

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