

W.P.(C) No. 34006 of 2010

Suzlon Infrastructure Services Ltd. v. State of Kerala

2010 SCC OnLine Ker 4028

(BEFORE P.N. RAVINDRAN, J.)

1. M/s. Suzlon Infrastructure Services Ltd. .... Petitioner  
v.

1. State of Kerala

2. Chief Secretary to Government .... Respondents

For Petitioner : Sri. E.K. Nandakumar

For Respondent : No Appearance

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Decided on November 18, 2010

#### JUDGMENT

The main relief sought in this writ petition is for a direction to the respondents to furnish a copy of the report of the High Level Committee headed by the Chief Secretary, which is referred to in Ext.P7, to the petitioner. The petitioner has also prayed for an order restraining the respondents from taking any action on the basis of the said report till the disposal of the writ petition.

2. When the writ petition came up for hearing on 15.10.2010, Sri. A.M. Shaffique, the learned Senior Advocate appearing for the petitioner submitted that the Government may state whether they are willing to furnish a copy of the report of the High Level Committee headed by the Chief Secretary, which is referred to in Ext.P7, to the petitioner. The learned Additional Advocate General was thereupon requested to get instructions and the case was adjourned to this day. When the writ petition came up for further hearing today, Sri. Renjit Thampan, the learned Additional Advocate General, very fairly submitted that if the petitioner makes an application under the Right to Information Act to the Public Information Officer of the Government of Kerala for a copy of the report of the High Level Committee headed by the Chief Secretary, which is referred to in Ext.P7 and pays the requisite charges in accordance with the Right to Information Act, 2005, the Public Information Officer will furnish a full text of the report to the petitioner. In the light of the said submission I dispose of the writ petition with a direction that in the event of the petitioner applying for a copy of the report of the High Level Committee headed by the Chief Secretary, which is referred to in Ext.P7, to the Public Information Officer, Office of the Chief Secretary to Government, Government Secretariat, Trivandrum, the said authority shall, within two weeks from the date of receipt of the application, furnish a full text of the said report to the petitioner. The petitioner shall also pay the requisite charges at the rates stipulated under the Right to Information Act. I make it clear that I have not expressed any opinion on the various contentions raised in the writ petition.