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## HC upholds Lok Ayukta order against former Kerala Minister

It dismisses K.T. Jaleel's petition as one 'without any merit'

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A Division Bench of the Kerala High Court on Tuesday dismissed a writ petition filed by K.T. Jaleel, former Minister for Higher Education and Minority Welfare, challenging the Lok Ayukta's order finding him guilty of abuse of power and nepotism in appointing his relative K.T. Adeb to the post of General Manager, Kerala State Minorities Finance Development Corporation, on deputation from a private bank.

Dismissing the petition, the Bench, comprising Justice P.B. Suresh Kumar and Justice K. Babu, observed that the Lok Ayukta had acted within the scope of its powers. The petitioner had not made out any ground for



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interference in the final opinion formulated by the Lok Ayukta. The writ petition, in the circumstances, was "without any merit and the same is accordingly dismissed *in limine*".

### Vigilant media

The court observed that in spite of a vigilant media, abuse of public resources

and position in public life for private gain was rampant in the State.

The Bench pointed out that the contention of the petitioner that there was no investigation into the complaint by the Lok Ayukta was liable to be rejected.

The court noted that investigation contemplated under the Kerala Lok Ayukta Act, 1999, was only a formal inquiry to find the truth. The procedure for conducting the investigation was a matter for the Lok Ayukta or Upa Lok Ayukta, as the case may be, to decide having regard to the circumstances of the case. In fact, the materials indicated that the Lok Ayukta had afforded all the parties, including the petitioner, an opportunity to make oral submissions in the case.