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Ans. The Court said that the difficulty that Hakim Sheik had to face could have cost him his life. If a hospital cannot provide timely medical treatment to a person, it means that this protection of life is not being given. The Court also said that it was the duty of the government to provide the necessary health services, including treatment in emergency situations. Hospitals and medical staff must fulfil their duty of providing the necessary treatment. Hakim Sheik was denied treatment at various government hospitals. Therefore, the Court asked the State Government to give him the money that he had spent on his treatment.

Q2. What were the major changes made by Kerala government in 1996?

Ans. Major changes made by Kerala government in 1996 were:

- i. Forty per cent of the entire state budget was given to panchayats. They could plan and provide for their requirements.
- ii. This made it possible for a village to make sure that proper planning was done for water, food, women's development and education.
- iii. This meant that water supply schemes were checked, the working of schools and anganwadis was ensured and specific problems of the village were taken up.
- iv. Health centres were also improved.