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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

I.A. 20414/2025 & I.A. 25123/2025

IN

+ CS(OS) 148/2018

**THE YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
OF ERNAKULAM & ORS**

.....Plaintiffs

Through: Mr. Krishnan Venugopal, Senior Advocate with Mr. Umang Motiyani, Mr. Labeeb Faaeq, Mr. Siddharth Venugopal, Ms. Nandini Kaushik, Mr. Akshat Gogna and Ms. Cathy Ruby Thomas, Advocates for plaintiff No.1

Mr. Kuriakose Varghese and Ms. Isha Ghai, Advocates for plaintiff No.2

Mr. Saurabh Kirpal, Senior Advocate with Mr. Jai Sahai Endlaw, Mr. Sagar Kaul and Mr. Rajat Choudhary, Advocates for plaintiff No.6

Mr. Vivek Chib, Senior Advocate with Mr. Akshat Gogna and Ms. Cathy Ruby Thomas, Advocates for plaintiff No.8

versus

NATIONAL COUNCIL YMCAS OF INDIA & ORS.Defendants

Through: Mr. Manish Sharma, Senior Advocate with Mr. Puneet Jaiswal, Mr. Ninad Dogra and Mr. Sandeep Sehrawat, Advocates for D-1

Mr. Purvesh Buttan and Ms. Prachi Bhutani, Advocates for D-12

Mr. Raj Shekhar Rao, Senior Advocate with Mr. Nakul Chaudhary and Ms. Malvika Raghavan, Advocates for D-13

Mr. Pragyan Sharma, Senior



Advocate with Mr. Shubham Srivastava, Mr. Hardik Jain and Mr. Rachit Sharma, Advocates for applicant

Mr. Udai Singh Rathore, Advocate for R. S. Shettian (Non-Party)

Mr. Kirtiman Singh, Senior Advocate with Ms. Aditi Todaria, Advocate for Eldho N. V. (Non-Party)

Mr. Abir Phukan and Ms. Riya Sara Renchen, Advocates for Justice J. B. Koshy (Retd.) (Non-Party)

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

ORDER
11.11.2025

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I.A. 25104/2025, I.A. 25123/2025, I.A. 27252/2025, 26191/2025, 16583/2025

1. After some hearing, a consensus has been arrived at between the counsel for the parties that an Observer be appointed to oversee the forthcoming elections of the Office bearers of National Council of YMCAs of India.
2. To be noted, for the earlier elections as well, Court Observers were appointed to oversee elections *vide* Orders dated 11th January, 2023 and 19th July, 2018 in the present suit.
3. The Court has been informed that the election process has already started and notification in this regard has been issued on 17th September, 2025.
4. The nomination committee which is headed by Justice J. B. Koshy, former Judge of the Patna High Court, has scrutinised the nominations and



the same have been finalised. It is stated that the last date for receiving counter nomination as per article VI (4-A) is 30 days before the date fixed for commencement of General Body Meeting. This would imply that in terms of the current election schedule, counter nomination can be filed on or before 25th January, 2026.

5. Counsel for the parties are in agreement that Justice Vikramajit Sen, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, be appointed as an Observer.

6. Accordingly, Justice Vikramajit Sen, former Judge of Supreme Court of India, is appointed as an Observer to oversee the forthcoming elections of office bearers of National Council of YMCAs of India, with the following directions:-

- a. Review the list of member organisations, who have been either suspended or not allowed to participate in the elections and afford them an opportunity to rectify the shortcomings and enable their participation in the elections, as per the Rules;
- b. Verify the lists of delegates being nominated by the various YMCAs organisations;
- c. Call for any information that may be required to establish their genuineness as members of the said local organisations;
- d. Draw up a final list of voters who would be entitled to vote on behalf of their various member organisations.
- e. Scrutinise the eligibility of the persons nominated by the Nomination Committee in terms of the constitution of National Council of YMCAs of India/defendant no.1;
- f. Scrutinise the counter nominations that may be filed in consultation with the Nomination Committee;



- g. Interact with the member organisations in respect of the venue for the elections and if required, change the venue;
- h. Conduct the elections in a free and fair manner and if required, by secret ballot;
- i. Announce the final results.
7. The fees of the Observer is fixed at a lumpsum amount of ₹10 Lakhs at this stage. The expenses for travelling, boarding and lodging and other ancillary expenses shall also be paid to the Observer. The said fees and expenses shall be borne by the applicants in I.A. 25104/2025, I.A. 25123/2025, I.A. 27252/2025, I.A.26191/2025 and I.A.16583/2025 in equal proportion.
8. Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the applicants in I.A. 26191/2025 and 27252/2025, on instructions, unconditionally withdraw allegations made in the said applications in respect of Justice J. B. Koshy.
9. In view of the above, all these applications stand disposed of.
10. No more application with regard to the aforesaid elections shall be entertained by this Court.
11. Registry shall send a copy of this Order to the Court Observer.
- I.A. 20414/2025 (for directions)**
12. List for consideration on 5th December, 2025, date already fixed.
- CS(OS) 148/2018**
13. The Court would be inclined to hear the counsel and dispose of the suit on the next date of hearing.
14. List on 24th March, 2026.
- AMIT BANSAL, J**
- NOVEMBER 11, 2025/ds**