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

I.A. 31118/2025 & I.A. 31119/2025

IN

+ CS(OS) 148/2018

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

.....Plaintiffs

Through: Ms. Akanksha Kaul & Mr. Jugal Bagga, Advocates for P-1.
Mr. Kuriakose Varghese & Ms. Isha Ghai, Advocates for P-2.
Mr. Jai Sahai Endlaw & Ms. Sagarika Kaul, Advocates for P-6.
Mr. Vivek Chib, Senior Advocate with Mr. Akshat Gogna & Ms. Cathy Ruby Thomas, Advocates for P-8.

versus

**NATIONAL COUNCIL YMCAS OF INDIA &
ORS.**

.....Defendants

Through: Mr. Manish Sharma, Senior Advocate with Mr. Puneet Jaiswal, Advocate for D-1.
Mr. Ashish Dholakia, Senior Advocate, Mr. Nakul Chaudhary for applicants in I.A.31118/2025
Mr. Pragyan Pradeep Sharma, Mr. Shubham Srivastava & Mr. Hardik Jain, Advocates for applicant in I.A. 31119/2025.

**CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL**

ORDER
11.12.2025

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I.A. 31118/2025 (seeking directions)

1. This application has been filed on behalf of applicant/defendant no.13



seeking the following reliefs:-

“i. Clarify that the Observer appointed vide order dated 11.11.2025 is, in effect and substance, the Election Officer, vested with full and exclusive authority to conduct the elections of the National Council of YMCAs of India;

ii. Pass necessary orders and directions thereby setting aside the order dated 01.12.2025 of Ld. Observer or suitably modify by striking down the direction permitting the Nomination Committee to reconvene or take fresh decisions, for the reason mentioned above, in the interest of justice. AND

iii. Pass necessary orders and directions thereby declaring that the meeting and decision of the Nomination Committee dated 03.12.2025 as illegal, without any authority and contrary to the order dated 11.11.2025 of this Hon’ble Court. AND”

2. The grievance of the applicant is that the Observer in the meeting held on 1st December, 2025 expanded the role of Nomination Committee which has caused prejudice to the applicant. It is stated that the direction issued by the Observer on 1st December, 2025 directing Nomination Committee to reconvene and take an “appropriate decision” regarding the presidential vacancy is beyond the scope of the order passed by this Court on 11th November, 2025.

3. I have heard Mr. Ashish Dholakia, Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant.

4. This Court *vide* order dated 11th November, 2025, with the consent of the parties had appointed Justice Vikramajit Sen, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, as an Observer to oversee the forthcoming elections of the National Council of YMCAs of India. Needless to state, the Observer would have full discretion to take appropriate decisions for the said purpose.

5. The sole presidential nominee on Nomination Committee’s panel, Mr. R.S. Shettian, passed away on 21st November, 2025, after the order passed



by this Court on 11th November, 2025. In view of the sudden demise of the sole presidential nominee, the Observer convened the meeting of all stakeholders and litigating parties on 1st December, 2025 and directed that the Nomination Committee should reconvene and take appropriate decision on the way forward as per the Constitutional framework of the National Council of YMCAs.

6. The Observer has clearly stated that a further meeting will be held on 13th December, 2025 to deliberate on the course of action after reviewing the Nomination Committee's decision. Therefore, it is abundantly clear that the issue is still to be deliberated upon.

7. Accordingly, in my view, the application is wholly misconceived and is accordingly dismissed.

I.A. 31119/2025 (seeking directions)

8. After some hearing, counsel for the applicants seek to withdraw the present application, with liberty to raise the concerns expressed by them through the present application before the Observer.

9. The application is dismissed as withdrawn with the aforesaid liberty.

AMIT BANSAL, J

DECEMBER 11, 2025

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