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**HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

**THURSDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B.VIJAYSEN REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 1218 OF 2026

Between:

Dr. D. Mani Charles, S/o. Jyothi Raj.

Petitioner

AND

1. The Church of South India Synod, rep. by its General Secretary, No.5, Whites Road, Synod Secretariat, Chennai.
2. Bishop Ruben Mark, Moderator, Church of South India Synod Diocesan Office, 10-3-165, Old Lancer Lane, Secunderabad.

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through their Advocate M/S BHARADWAJ ASSOCIATES presented this Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ declaring that the elected body of Church of South India Synod, elected in the 37th Ordinary Session of Church of South India Synod in January, 2023 is entitled to continue in office on account of the judgment of the Supreme Court in Civil Appeal/SLP (C) No.9079-9081 of 2024, dated 02.05.2025 i.e., till completion of three years full term and consequentially direct that the said elected body shall not be disturbed in any respect whatsoever by either conducting or convening an election on or before February, 2027 in as much as the period of 13 months of the tenure of three years was lost on account of court orders passed by the Division Bench of the Madras High Court in OSA.No.198 of 2023 and batch dated 12.04.2024 which came to be set aside by the Supreme Court in Civil Appeal/SLP (C) No.9079-9081 of 2024, dated 02.05.2025.

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of M/S. BHARADWAJ ASSOCIATES Advocate for the Petitioner, directed issue of notice to the Respondent No.2 herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

Bishop Ruben Mark, Moderator, Church of South India Synod Diocesan Office, 10-3-165, Old Lancer Lane, Secunderabad.

are directed to show cause on or before 29.01.2026 to which date the case stands posted as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the affidavit filed therewith (copy enclosed) this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents or other persons connected with Church of South India to forbear from convening or conducting election of delegates of Church of South India till the expiry of February, 2027 so as to enable the elected body of January, 2023, elected in the 37th Ordinary Session of Church of South India Synod so that the said elected body completes its full tenure of three years, pending disposal of WP No. 1218 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following

ORDER:

Office objections over-ruled.

Registry is directed to number this writ petition, if it is otherwise in order.

Issue notice to respondent No.2.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner is permitted to take out personal notice to respondent No.2 and file proof of service by the next date of hearing.

***Status quo* obtaining as on today with respect of the elected body of the Church of South India, Synod elected in the 37th Ordinary Session of Church of South India, Synod shall be maintained till the next date of hearing.**

Post on 29.01.2026.

**SD/-M.NAGAMANI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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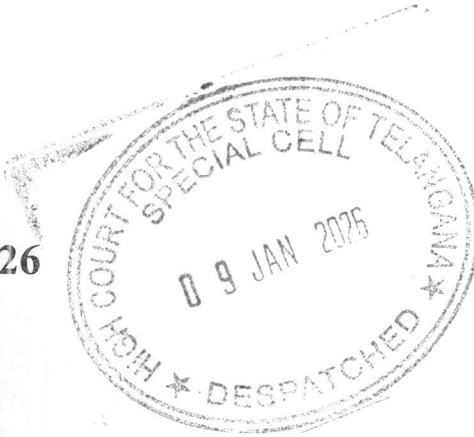
1. The General Secretary, Church of South India Synod, No.5 Whites Road, Synod Secretariat, Chennai. **(BY SPAD)**
2. Bishop Ruben Mark, Moderator, Church of South India Synod Diocesan Office, 10-3-165, Old Lancer Lane, Secunderabad.
(BY SPAD along with a copy of petition and affidavit)
3. One CC to M/S BHARADWAJ ASSOCIATES Advocate [OPUC]
4. **One spare copy**

HIGH COURT

BVR, J

DATED: 08/01/2026

POST ON 29.01.2026



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