

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

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY NINTH 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

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.

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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 petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the order of the High Court dated 08.01.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of M/S BHARADWAJ ASSOCIATES Advocate for the Petitioner(s), SRI. KANUMURI KALYANI Advocate for the Respondent No. 1, and the Court made the following.

ORDER:

Mrs. K. Kalyani, learned counsel, seeks to file vakalat on behalf of respondent No.1.

Mr. A. Srinivas, learned counsel, seeks to file vakalat on behalf of respondent No.2.

Learned counsel for the petitioner requests time to file counter to the implead application in I.A. No.2 of 2026.

List the matter on 26.02.2026.

Interim order, granted earlier shall stand extended till then.

**SD/- HUSSAIN ALI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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HIGH COURT

BVRJ

DATED:29/01/2026

LIST ON: 26.02.2026

ORDER

WP.No.1218 of 2026

EXTENSION OF INTERIM ORDER

