

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

MONDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF MAY
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.
3. Malem Benjamin, S/o. Bheemaiah, Occ Pvt. Employment, R/o. 6-6/2, Amarawadi, Mandamarri Mandal, Ramakrishnapur PO, Mancherial Dist., Telangana-504 301.
4. Gandra Krupa Danam, S/o. Gandra Michael, Occ Pvt. Employment, R/o. 2-10-2071, Bhagya Nagar, Karimnagar Post and Dist., Telangana 505 001.
5. Billa Joseph Samuel Vedanayakam,, S/o. Billa Jonah Kanaka Raj, Occ Pvt. Employment, R/o. H. No. 87/775, Lecturers Colony, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh-518 002.
6. Sirla Srinivas, S/o. Venkata Swamy, Occ Pvt. Employment, R/o. Q. No. T-11-584, Mallaram, Manuguru, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Telangana-507 125.
7. G. David Ajay Kumar, S/o. G. Amruth Rao, Occ Pvt. Employment, R/o. Plot No. 77, Ganesh Residency, Street No. 08, Sneha Nagar Colony, Opp. Municipal Children Park, Habsiguda, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500 007.
(Respondent no. 3 to 7 are impleaded as per C.O.dt.04.05.2026 in I.A. No.2/2026)
8. Karlapudi Vijaya Kennady,, C/o. Karlapudi Premayya, H.No.2-10-886, SBH Colony, Opposite to Forest Office, Waddepally, Hanumakonda, Waddepalle (Rural), Warangal, Telangana - 506 370
(Respondent no. 8 is impleaded as per C.O.dt.04.05.2026 in I.A. No.3/2026)
9. D. Mohanraj Arumainayagam,, S/o M. Diraviam, Christian, (Synod Council Member, Church of South India) 160 D/36, Kurinjinagar 5th Street, Polepettai West, Tuticorin - 628002.
(Respondent no. 9 is impleaded as per C.O.dt.04.05.2026 in I.A. No.4/2026)

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 and grant

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the 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 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 this Court dt. 08-01-2026, 29-01-2026, 03-03-2026 and 01-04-2028 and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Vedula Venkataramana, Senior Counsel for M/S BHARADWAJ ASSOCIATES for the Petitioner, KANUMURI KALYANI for the Respondents and the Court made the following.

ORDER:

Heard Mr. Vedula Venkataramana, learned senior counsel for the petitioners and learned counsel for the unofficial respondents.

Learned counsel for the unofficial respondents (impleaded as above) submitted that the order dated 01.04.2026 is beyond the relief sought in the writ petition and the said order needs to be recalled. Further, status quo order dated 08.01.2026 passed by this Court is required to be recalled as implead parties are necessary parties to the writ petition and this Court does not have jurisdiction to entertain the writ petition as the main litigation is before the Madras High Court.

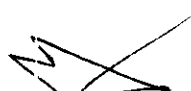
Since serious disputed questions of law and fact are involved in the writ petition, the matter requires to be heard.

Hence, the orders dated 08.01.2026 and 01.04.2026 are recalled.

List on 15.06.2026.

Sd/- M.OSMAN ALI BAIG
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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HIGH COURT

BVR,J

DATED:04/05/2026

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ORDER

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DIRECTION

