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HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

WEDNESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

**:PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B.VIJAYSEN REDDY
WP NO: 16323 OF 2026**

Between

1. Thoka V. Praveen Kumar, S/o. Markaiah.
2. Chinnam Balaji Babu, S/o.Late Chinnam Kanakam.
3. Lakshimalla Jesse Kennedy Sudhakar, S/o. Late Paul Charles.

Petitioner

AND

1. The Church of South India Synod, rep. by its General Secretary, No.5, Whites Road, Synod Secretariat, Chennai - 600 014
2. Moderator, Church of South India, Rep. by the Moderator, Synod Office, No.5, Whites Road, Synod Secretariat, Chennai - 600 014.
3. Diocese of Dornakal, Rep. by the Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Office, Bishop's Compound, DORNAKAL - 506 381, Mahbubabad Dist., Telangana.
4. Norah Pridhviraj, Chairperson, Layman Committee (i.e. Diocesan Election Committee), Diocesan Office, Bishop's Compound, DORNAKAL - 506 381. Mahbubabad Dist., Telangana.

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioners above named through their Advocate Smt T SWETHA THAKUR 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 an appropriate Writ, more particularly, one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus by.

a) declaring the action of the Respondent No. 4 and 5 - in manipulating and tampering with the voter list consisting of the 39th Diocesan Council members - as illegal, fraudulent and arbitrary, in as much as the action of the Respondent No. 4 & 5 would vitiate the process of the proposed Bishopric elections and impact the outcome of the election results, and, therefore, by.

b) staying the conducting of the Bishopric Elections for the Diocese of Dornakal, scheduled on 20th May 2026, and by.

c) directing the Respondent No. 1 and 2 to re-notify the same by issuing a fresh mandate after rectifying the defects and manipulations committed by the Respondent No. 4 under the rules in force that govern the Respondent Organization and grant such other relief as it deems fit in the circumstances of the case.

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Ms T SWETHA THAKUR Advocate for the Petitioners, directed issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

1. The Diocesan Secretary, Diocese of Dornakal, Diocesan Office, Bishop's Compound, DORNAKAL - 506 381, Mahbubabad Dist., Telangana.
2. Norah Pridhviraj, Chairperson, Layman Committee (i.e. Diocesan Election Committee), Diocesan Office, Bishop's Compound, DORNAKAL - 506 381. Mahbubabad Dist., Telangana.

are directed to show cause on or before 10.06.2026 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.

The Court made the following:

ORDER

Issue notice to respondent Nos. 3 and 4.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to take out personal notice on respondent Nos. 3 and 4 through Speed Post and Acknowledgment Due and file proof of service by the next date of hearing.

Learned counsel for the petitioners seeks time to enter appearance on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 and 2.

Post along with W.P. Nos. 1218 and 15405, on 10.06.2026.

SD/- M OSMAN ALI BAIG

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Diocesan Secretary, Diocese of Dornakal, Diocesan Office, Bishop's Compound, DORNAKAL - 506 381, Mahbubabad Dist., Telangana.
2. Norah Fridhviraj, Chairperson, Layman Committee (i.e. Diocesan Election Committee), Diocesan Office, Bishop's Compound, DORNAKAL - 506 381. Mahbubabad Dist., Telangana.[by SPAD-along with a copy of petition and affidavit]
3. One CC to Smt T SWETHA THAKUR Advocate [OPUC]
4. The Section Officer, Writ (Non Service), High Court at Hyderabad.
5. One spare copy



HIGH COURT

BVR, J

DATED: 06-05-2026

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