



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-07-2026

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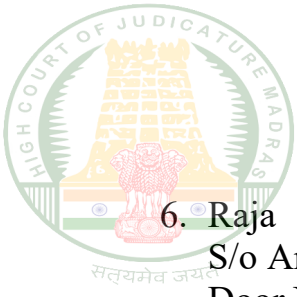
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY**ELP No. 46 of 2026**

Rajendran. R
S/o.Rayar Padayachi,
No.160/1, TVS Colony, Meenatchi Nagar,
Hasthampatty, Salem 636 007, Dravida Munnetra
Kazhagam

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. K.Sivakumar
S/o.Kaliyannan,
No.41-A3, Illayappa Nagar, Sooramangalam,
Salem, 636 005, Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam
2. S.Sadasivam
S/o.SubbaGounder,
No.6/1-192, Shakthi Nagar, Raman Nagar,
Mettur Taluk, Salem 636 403,
Pattali Makkal Katchi
3. M.Gunaseela
W/o.S.Mohanraj,
No.99/1, Shivaya Nagar, 2nd Cross,
Azhagapuram, Salem 636 004,
Naam Thamilar Katchi
4. S. Mohanraj
S/o. Selvam, Door No. 2/167,
Sarakkapillaiyur, Thumbipadi,
Omalur Taluk, Salem District
Tamizhaga Vaazhvurimai Katchi.
5. R.S. Jothilakshmi,
W/o. R. Varutharaj,
Door No. 5/132, Raja Veethi,
Vellalakundam, Salem - 636 111
Vishwa Tamil Kazhagam.



6. Raja

S/o Angusamy,
Door No. 574, Muniyappan Koil Backside
Nagammal Thottam, Chinnaputhur,
Hasthampatti, Salem - 636 007
Independent Candidate.

7. D. Sabareesan

S/o. K. Dhanapal,
No. 38, Desiya Punaramaippu Colony,
Ponnampettai, Salem - 636 003
Independent Candidate.

8. S. Rajasekar,

S/o. Siddiyan,
No. 64, Johnsonpet East Street,
No. 8, Hasthampatti, Salem - 636 007
Independent Candidate

9. Rajendiran, A

S/o. Annamalai,
No. 29, Chinna Mariyamman Kovil Street,
Kannakurichi, Salem - 636 008
Independent Candidate.

10. K. Mahabub John,

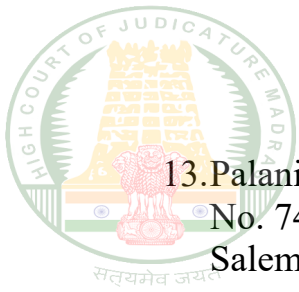
S/o. Muthavalli Mohamed Yakkoob Street,
Salem - 636 001
Independent Candidate

11. G. Pravina,

No. 27, Fifth Cross, Indra Nagar,
Salem - 630 008
Independent Candidate

12. S. Manivannan

S/o. A. Shanmugam,
No. 172 C, Puthu Colony, Singipuram,
Vazhappadi, Salem District - 636 115
Independent Candidate



13. Palanisamy,
No. 74, Johnsonpet East Street,
Salem Independent Candidate

14. The Returning Officer
89, Salem North Assembly Constituency,
Salem, Tamil Nadu

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER

Election Petition filed under Sec.80, 80A, 81, 83, 84, 100 (1)(b) r/w 123(2), 100(1)(d)(ii) r/w 123(2) and 100 (1)(d)(iv) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 praying to (i) declare the election of the 1st respondent Mr.K.Sivakumar (M/52years) S/o Kaliyannan residing at No. 41 - A3, Illayappa Nagar, Sooramangalam, Salem - 636 005 as Member of Legislative Assembly from Salem North Assembly Constituency in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly General Election, 2026 as null and void under Sections 100 (1)(b) r/w 123 (2), 100 (1) (d) (ii) r/w Section 123 (2) and 100 (1) (d) (iv) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. (ii) declare the Election Petitioner as successful candidate.

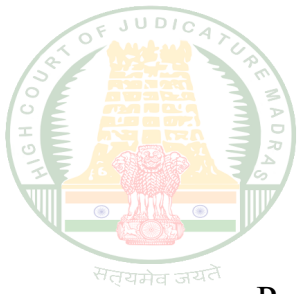
For Petitioner(s): Mr.A.S.Aswin Prasanna

For Respondent(s): Mr.Law Vision for
Mr.N.Vijaya Baskar for R1

Mr.S.Kousik for
M/s.M.Padmarajagopalan for R4

Mr.MA. Muthalakan for R9 and R10

Mr.Niranjan Rajagopalan for R14



ORDER

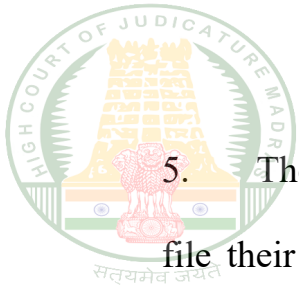
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Pursuant to the order dated 07.07.2026, it is seen that the petitioner had complied with the deficiencies pointed out and thereafter, the Election Petition was taken on file in ELP No.46 of 2026 and notices were issued.

2. It is seen that the service is completed on the first respondent and the learned counsel for 1st respondent Mr.N.Vijaya Baskar undertakes to file vakalat by today. As the learned counsel for 1st respondent submitted that he is in need of complete set of papers, the learned counsel for petitioner submitted that within two working days, he will furnish the entire set of papers to him.

3. Mr.S.Kausik for M/s.M.Padmarajagopalan, learned counsel undertakes to file vakalat for 4th respondent. Mr.MA.Muthalakan, learned counsel undertakes to file vakalat for respondents 9 and 10. Mr.Niranjan Rajagopalan, learned counsel takes notice for 14th respondent. Registry is directed to print their names in the cause list.

4. It is seen that for the respondents 8, 13 and 14, both private notice as well as court notice is awaited. Therefore, the respondents 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12 are set exparte.



5. The learned counsel appearing for the respondents 1, 4, 9, 10 and 14 shall file their written statement/counter statement, if any by 28.07.2026. Call this matter on 28.07.2026.

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To

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