



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

**WP No. 24496 of 2026
and WMP Nos.26704 of 2026**

K.T.R.Raja Karuppan Chetty
No.3-A, Damodharapuram Main Road,
Adyar, Chennai- 600 020.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Indian Bank
MRC Nagar Branch,
Rep by its Branch Manager,
M.R.C. Nagar, Raja Annamalai Puram,
Chennai- 600 028.
2. The City Union Bank
Mandaveli Branch,
Rep By its Branch Manager,
Keerthis, 67, Mandaveli Street,
Mandaveli, Chennai-028.
3. The Reserve Bank of India
Represented by its Chief General Manager,
Central Office Building,
Shahid Bhagat Singh Marg Fort,
Mumbai-400 001.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, pleaded to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing Respondents 1 and 2 to permit operation of the bank accounts of Chettinad Vidyashram and Chettinad Vidyalaya Schools in accordance with the account operating instructions, signing mandate and banking arrangement Prevailing immediately prior to 14.05.2026 and pursuant to the Managing Committee Resolution dated 04.08.2020 and to continue the same unless altered, modified or varied by any order of a competent court.



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For Petitioner(s):

Mr.Krishna Srinivasan, Senior Counsel
for M/s.Vadiraj Anirudh S.G

For Respondent(s):

Mr.T.Sundar Rajan,
Standing Counsel

ORDER

The matter was mentioned in the morning today at 10.30 a.m. by learned Senior Advocate, Mr.Krishnan Srinivasan, that there was imminent danger of electricity service connections of Chettinad Vidyashram and Chettinad Vidyalaya Schools being disconnected for non-payment of the electricity dues. The matter was taken up at 1.20 p.m.

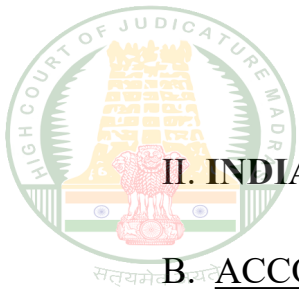
2. Mr.Krishna Srinivasan, learned Senior Advocate appearing for the petitioner would submit that pursuant to the Executive Committee Meeting dated 04.08.2020, the petitioner herein was authorised to operate the following Bank Accounts:

I. INDIAN BANK, ERAPURAM BRANCH

A. ACCOUNT IN FAVOUR OF: CHETTINAD VIDYASHRAM

Account Number

458721158
458721170
458721181
458721169

**II. INDIAN BANK, ERAPURAM BRANCH****B. ACCOUNT IN FAVOUR OF: CHETTINAD VIDYALAYA**

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III. INDIAN BANK, ERAPURAM BRANCH**C. ACCOUNT IN FAVOUR OF: KUMARARAJAH MUTHIAH SCHOOL OF ARTS & CRAFTS**

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IV. CITY UNION BANK LTD., MANDAVELI BRANCH

Account FVG. NAME	Account Number
CHETTINAD VIDYASHRAM	510 909 0100 29380
CHETTINAD VIDYALAYA	510 909 0100 29381

3. However, Mr. AR.L.Sundaresan, Senior Advocate, Mr.V.Raghavachari, Senior Advocate, Mr.Aravind Pandian, Senior Advocate appearing for the Members of the Trust/Society and Mr.J.Ravindran, learned Senior Advocate appearing on behalf of the President Mr.Vijay Reddy of the Trust/Society questioned the maintainability as well as the intent behind filing



this writ petition inasmuch as suits/OSA's in C.S.No.54 of 2024 and O.S.A.Nos.93, 95, 96, 94, 97, 98, 88, 89 and 90 of 2026, were pending in respect of subject Trust viz., Kumara Rajah Muthaiah School of Traditional Arts and Crafts and its management. It was submitted that President nor members of executive committee have been made a party to the present writ petition though they are necessary and proper party.

4. Learned Senior Advocates Mr.J.Ravindran and Mr.Arvind Pandian would submit that the notice and minutes of the Executive Committee meeting dated 04.08.2020, on the basis on which the petitioner claims he is authorised to operate the bank accounts was submitted as having no effect inasmuch as in terms of bye laws tenure of members of managing committee itself is only for 3 years from the date of election. The petitioner was merely authorised to act in the capacity as Vice President and was/is not even a member of Executive Committee. Thus the request by petitioner is illegal and if acceded to would adversely affect the interest of Trust viz., Kumara Rajah Muthaiah School of Traditional Arts and Crafts.

5. While this Court is conscious of pendency of Suits and Original Side Appeals mentioned above, this writ petition is being entertained and this interim arrangement is made at this stage keeping in view solely the interest of the



School children. This Court is inclined to appoint Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Paul Vasanthakumar, Former Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court, to operate the following Bank Accounts:

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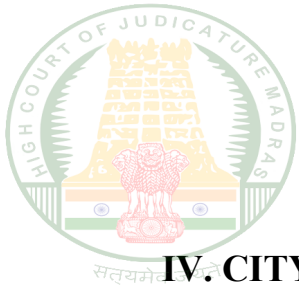
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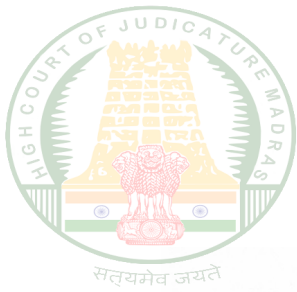
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6. Any cheque presented with the signature of Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Paul Vasanthakumar, will be accepted by the respondent Bank. Following is the list of payments which will have to be discharged periodically, stated to be essential for the school viz., Chettinad Vidyashram and Chettinad Vidyalaya School to be operational/functioning. All payments would be made by RTGS. A scanned copy of the List of Payments is provided hereunder:



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S.NO	LIST OF PAYMENTS
1	TEACHING & NON TEACHING - STAFF SALARY
2	PF
3	ESI
4	TDS
5	GST
6	PROFESSION TAX
7	ELECTRICITY CHARGES
8	METRO WATER CHARGES
9	TELEPHONE, INTERNET AND WEBSITE MAINTENANCE CHARGES
10	NEWSPAPER & MAGAZINE, ADVERTISEMENT AND LIBRARY BOOKS
11	GENERAL MAINTENANCE (BUILDING, MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT)
12	MEALS EXPENSES - DAY TODAY - LIKE PROVISION, VEGETABLES, MILK, EGGS, NON VEG & GAS CYLINDERS ETC.,,
13	PETROL & DIESEL - SCHOOL TRANSPORT AND GENERATOR
14	PRINTING & STATIONERY EXPENSES
15	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
16	TRANSPORT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES
17	LEGAL (JUDICIAL & COURT) AND PROFESSIONAL CHARGES
18	LAB REQUIREMENT, STUDY MATERIALS - SCIENCE AND COMPUTER LAB
19	POOJA EXPENSES
20	SCHOOL PROGRAMME EXPENSES - DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES
21	SPORTS DAY AND OTHER SPORTS TOURNAMENT ACTIVITIES
22	SPORTS UNIFORMS
23	CBSE REGISTRATION AND OTHERS
24	FURNITURE AND FITTINGS
25	STAFF WELFARE
26	ANNUAL HEALTH CHECKUP
27	STUDENTS CLINIC (DAY TODAY MEDICINES & MEDICAL ITEMS)
28	AMC- SANITARY, FIRE EXTINGUISHER, COMPUTERS, LIFT, BUILDING & OTHER LICENCES
29	LICENCES ,CERTIFICATES & TAXES - (LIKE BUILDING,TRANSPORT,ROAD ETC.,)
30	EMERGENCY AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES



7. It is open to Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Paul Vasanthakumar to appoint two additional persons to assist him. Learned counsels for the Members of Society

and its President would request leave of this Court to file implead petitions.

Needless to state that it is open to President and Members of Kumara Rajah Muthaiah School of Traditional Arts and Crafts Trust/Society to file implead petitions, if so advised. For the above services a sum of Rs. 3,00,000/- shall be paid to Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Paul Vasanthakumar from the accounts mentioned above of the Kumara Rajah Muthaiah School of Traditional Arts and Crafts Trust/Society. The fees for the additional persons appointed by Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Paul Vasanthakumar to assist would be decided by Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Paul Vasanthakumar and the same would be paid from the funds of the Trust.

8. Post on 09.07.2026.

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