



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

WP No.24496 of 2026

and

**WMP No.26704 of 2026 and WMP Nos.28958, 29186, 29187, 29265, 30139,
30141, 30436 and 32094 of 2026**

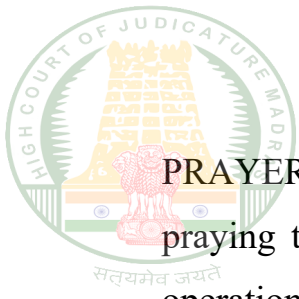
K.T.R.Raja Karuppan Chetty
No.3-A, Damodharapuram Main Road,
Adyar, Chennai- 600 020.

..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, praying to issue 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.

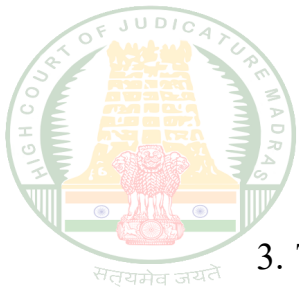
For Petitioner(s): Mr.Krishna Srinivasan
Senior Counsel
for Mr.Vadiraj Anirudh S.G

For Respondent(s): Mr.T.Sundar Rajan
for R1

ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed for a direction to 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.

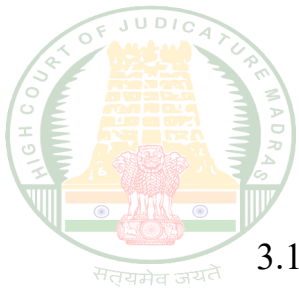
2. This order shall be read in continuation/conjunction to the order dated 24.06.2026.



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3. Today, when the matter was taken up for hearing, it was submitted by learned Senior Counsel, Mr.Krishana Srinivasan, appearing on behalf of petitioner that Mr.Vijaykumar Reddy, who has filed a impleading petition today in WMP No.32094 of 2026, has written to Hon'ble Mr.Justice N Paul Vasantakumar regarding staff appointment, salaries, vehicle details and fee collection, that is an enquiry, which according to him may be outside the remit of the orders of this Court dated 24.06.2026. He would then submit that petitioners in some of the impleading petitions filed today had filed following applications before this Court in CS No.54 of 2024:

- a) OA Nos.455 filed seeking injunction against respondents 9 to 43 therein from conducting Managing Committee Meeting schedule on 15.05.2026 pending disposal of the suit.
- b) OA No. 456 of 2026 filed seeking interim injunction against respondents 9 to 21 therein from interfering into day to day affairs, control management and financial transactions of first respondent society therein pending disposal of the suit;
- c) A.No.2130 of 2026 filed seeking interim direction to 44th respondent therein to take interim control o the management and affairs of first respondent society therein and oversee the affairs and management by appointing a Special Officer as contemplated under the relevant act till the disposal of that application.



3.1. This Court vide order of the learned Single Judge dated 14.05.2026

had passed the following order:

“46. Though several issues have been raised by the respective learned counsels, at this preliminary stage the Court is concerned only with the notice issued by Respondents 9 and 21. Clause 22 of the Bye laws specifically stipulates that there must be a requisition in writing by two members of the Managing Committee. In the present case, admittedly, no such independent requisition letter has been issued by two members. Instead, the document in question is merely a letter signed by two individuals, one claiming to be the Vice-President and the other claiming to be a member of the Managing Committee.

47. Further, Clause 22 specifically requires “seven clear days’ notice.” Such a requirement cannot be construed merely from the date mentioned in the notice, rather, it must be reckoned from the date on which the notice is actually received by the concerned members. It is the responsibility of the respondents to ensure that the notice is served upon the concerned persons at least seven clear days prior to the proposed meeting. The period of seven days must fully expire before the meeting can validly be convened.

48. In the absence of any material produced by the respondents to establish the actual receipt of notice by the committee members, it cannot be presumed that the requirement of seven clear days has been complied with merely on the basis of the date borne on the notice.

49. Insofar as the submissions made by the learned Senior Counsel appearing for the 36th respondent with regard to the doctrine of impossibility are concerned, such a situation has not arisen at this stage in the present case

50. A scrutiny of the document titled “Requisition-cum-Notice of Managing Committee



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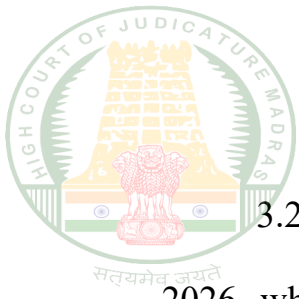


Meeting” reveals that the Bye laws specifically require a written requisition letter to be placed before the Secretary. Since the Secretary is no more due to her sudden demise, the proper course available under the circumstances would be to convene a General Body meeting by issuing due notice to all concerned parties. In view of the extraordinary situation created by the death of the Secretary and the resignation of the Treasurer, the only permissible method to convene a meeting would be through the General Body, which alone is competent to decide upon filling up the vacancies in the posts of Secretary and Treasurer. It is also the General Body which is empowered to elect or select the members of the Managing Committee.

51. In the present case, there was no such flaming hurry warranting deviation from the procedure prescribed under the Bye laws. The impugned letter signed by Respondents 9 and 21, in the opinion of this Court, is not in consonance with the Bye laws of the Society.

52. Accordingly, there shall be an order of interim injunction in O.A.No.455 of 2026, restraining the respondents 9 to 43 from conducting the Managing Committee Meeting scheduled to be held on 15/05/2026, pending disposal of the suit. In O.A.No.456 of 2026, there shall be an order of interim injunction restraining the respondents 9 and 21 from interfering with the day to day affairs, control, management and financial transactions of the 1st Respondent Society and of the Chettinad Vidhyasharam School, pending disposal of the suit.

53. Insofar as A.No.2130 of 2026 is concerned, in view of the facts and circumstances, as this being an educational institution which needs day-to-day monitoring and administration, as the President of the Society having sufficient experience and knowledge in running the institution, will be a competent person to administer the Society. Therefore, the President viz., Mr.P.Vijaykumar Reddy, is hereby appointed as interim Administrator of the Society, until further orders.”



3.2. The above order was carried in appeal in OSA No.93, 95 and 96 of 2026, wherein Division Bench of this Court vide order dated 08.06.2026 has passed the following order:

“9. On a perusal of the records and on considering the submissions advanced by the learned Senior Counsel for the appellants, this Court finds that the learned Single Judge passed the impugned common order in the interlocutory applications without affording adequate opportunity to the parties to file their counter~affidavits and place the relevant records before the Court. The issues raised in the applications involve disputed questions relating to the administration of the Society, the validity of the impugned notice, the status and authority of the persons concerned, and the interpretation of the Bye~laws, all of which require consideration on the basis of complete pleadings and relevant materials. This Court is of the prima facie view that, in the absence of such opportunity, the learned Single Judge proceeded to grant impugned reliefs which have the effect of substantially determining the rights of the parties at the interlocutory stage. Hence, the impugned common order dated 14.05.2026 cannot be sustained and is liable to be set aside.

10. Since the principal object of the interlocutory applications was to challenge the Managing Committee meeting proposed to be held on 15.05.2026, and the said date has already elapsed, the challenge relating thereto has become infructuous. However, having regard to the paramount interest and smooth administration of the educational institution, this Court is of the view that the convening of the said meeting alone shall remain deferred pending disposal of the interlocutory applications. Consequently, all other observations and directions contained in the impugned order dated 14.05.2025 passed by the learned Single Judge are hereby set aside, and the interlocutory applications are remitted back to the learned Single



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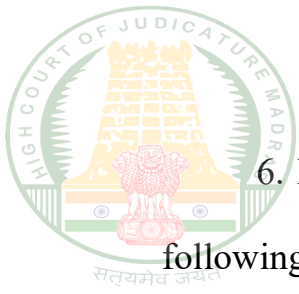


Judge for fresh consideration. The learned Single Judge is requested to afford adequate opportunity to all parties to file their respective counter-affidavits and produce the relevant records, and thereafter dispose of the applications expeditiously on merits and in accordance with law”

3.3. He would thus submit that pursuant to the orders of the Division Bench, petitioner gets reinstated as Administrator, which was disagreed to by learned counsel for impleading petitioners.

4. This Court do not propose to go into the correctness, legally or otherwise of the above submissions, this Court entertained the writ petition only in view of the urgency expressed on 24.06.2026, as a result of which, lunch motion was permitted to be moved and this Court was inclined to appoint Hon'ble Mr.Justice N Paul Vasantakumar to operate the bank account's set out in the order dated 24.06.2026.

5. It may be necessary to reiterate that this Court had entertained the writ petition only in view of the urgency expressed and also keeping in view the interest of the students. The interim arrangement whereby the Hon'ble Mr.Justice N Paul Vasantakumar was appointed to operate the bank accounts was only to take care of the emergent situation. This Court does not find the need to continue with this writ petition any further.



6. In view thereof, this Court is inclined to dispose of writ petition with following directions:

a) The interim arrangement shall continue, whereby the Hon'ble Mr.Justice N Paul Vasantakumar, shall operate the bank account set out in the order dated 24.06.2026.

b) The interim arrangement is subject to any orders that may be passed in the civil suit No.54 of 2024.

c) It is needless to state that it is open to parties before this Court to approach the civil court, to redress their grievance, if any.

d) It is made clear that it is open to the Hon'ble Mr.Justice N Paul Vasantakumar to make any enquiry before he signs any cheque. Hon'ble Mr.Justice N Paul Vasantakumar would be paid a remuneration of Rs.5 Lakhs per month. Except the above modification the clause in earlier order remains intact.

e) Though impleading petitions have been filed, since the parties have also been heard and writ petition is disposed of, nothing survives in the impleading petitions. Therefore, the impleading petitions are closed without passing any order.



7. Accordingly, writ petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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