



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 08.04.2022

CORAM :

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THE HON'BLE MR.MUNISHWAR NATH BHANDARI, CHIEF JUSTICE  
AND  
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

W.P.NOS.5598, 5602, 6182 & 5603 OF 2022  
AND

W.M.P.NOS.5687, 5691, 5692, 6253 & 6254 OF 2022

W.P.NO.5598 OF 2022

1. P.Sampath
2. T.Sundaram
3. Parameshwari
4. Panjalai
5. Suresh
6. Kavitha
7. Vanitha
8. Sangeetha

... Petitioners

.Vs.

1. The Chief Electoral Officer,  
Public (Elections) Department,  
Secretariat, Fort St. George,  
Chennai - 600 009.
2. The State Election Commissioner  
The Tamil Nadu State Election Commission,  
No.208/2, Jawaharlal Nehru Road,  
Opp. CMBT, Arumbakkam,  
Chennai - 600 106.
3. The District Collector,  
Fort main Road,  
Salem - 636 001.
4. Ramu
5. The Superintendent of Police,  
Sankari Main Road,  
Nethimedu, Salem - 636 002.

6. Muthusamy
7. Uma Shankar

... Respondents



W.P.NO.5602 OF 2022

1. K.Devi
2. M.Madhesh
3. C.Mannikam
4. P.Deivanai
5. S.Parameshwari
6. P.Shanmuga Priya
7. N.Sethupathi
8. M.Gowthaman

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Fort main Road,  
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4. Mohanakrishnan
5. The Superintendent of Police,  
Sankari Main Road,  
Nethimedu,  
Salem - 636 002.
6. Sangeetha
7. Murali

... Respondents

W.P.NO.6182 OF 2022

V.Rangaraj

... Petitioner

.Vs.

1. The Tamil Nadu State Election Commission,  
Rep. by its Secretary,  
Kamadhenu Supermarket Building,  
273, Scheme Rd, Subbarayan Nagar,  
Teynampet, Chennai - 600 018.



2. The District Collector,  
Coimbatore District - 641 018.

3. The District Election Officer,  
The District Election Office,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, District Collectorate Building,  
Coimbatore - 641 018.

4. The District Superintendent of Police,  
Office of the District  
Superintendent of Police,  
State Bank Road,  
Coimbatore District - 641 018.

5. The Returning Officer/Executive Officer,  
Annur Town Panchayat, Annur,  
Coimbatore District.

6. The Inspector of Police,  
Annur Police Station,  
Annur, Coimbatore District.

7. K.C.Vijaykumar

8. R.Parameswaran

... Respondents

W.P.NO.5603 OF 2022

1. S.Jyothi  
2. Y.Tamil selvi  
3. P.Shunmugasundaram  
4. K.Latha  
5. P.Sivasakthi  
6. G.Saradha  
7. S.Gnanasekaran  
8. P.Govindarajan

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Fort main Road,  
Salem - 636 001.

4. Shahataj Begum

5. The Superintendent of Police,  
Sankari Main Road,  
Nethimedu,  
Salem - 636 002.

6. Sangeetha

7. Murali

... Respondents

PRAYER IN W.P.NO.5598 OF 2022:-

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a writ of Mandamus directing the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent to take appropriate disciplinary action against the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> respondents and appoint an appropriate Election/Returning Officer not less than the rank of the Sub-collector to monitor the Indirect elections for the post of Town Panchayat President and Vice President, Belur Town Panchayat and conduct the said election on such date as fixed along with appropriate police protection and CCTV surveillance inside and outside the Election premises in the manner as prescribed by the court and consequently direct the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respondents to provide adequate police protection to the petitioners.

PRAYER IN WP.NO.5602 OF 2022:-

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a writ of Mandamus directing the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent to take appropriate disciplinary action against the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> respondents and appoint an appropriate Election/Returning Officer not less than the rank of the Sub-collector to monitor the Indirect elections for the post of Town Panchayat President and Vice President, Nangavalli Town Panchayat and conduct the said election on such date as fixed along with appropriate police protection and CCTV surveillance inside and outside the Election premises in the manner as prescribed by the court and consequently direct the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respondents to provide adequate police protection to the petitioners.



PRAYER IN W.P.NO.6182 OF 2022:-

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a writ of Mandamus directing the 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> respondents to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 10.03.2022 to conduct the re-election on 26.03.2022 for the post of Chairman of the Wards committee, Annur Town Panchayat, Coimbatore District with sufficient police protection, full CCTV coverage, webcast and telecast from casting vote will the declaration of the result and further take appropriate action under Law against the 7<sup>th</sup> respondent.

PRAYER IN W.P.NO.5603 OF 2022:-

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a writ of Mandamus directing the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent to take appropriate disciplinary action against the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> respondents and appoint an appropriate Election/Returning Officer not less than the rank of the Sub-collector to monitor the Indirect elections for the post of Town Panchayat President and Vice President, Vanavasi Town Panchayat and conduct the said election on such date as fixed along with appropriate police protection and CCTV surveillance inside and outside the Election premises in the manner as prescribed by the court and consequently direct the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respondents to provide adequate police protection to the petitioners.

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For Petitioner : Mr.Vijay Narayan  
For M/s.Nathan & Associates

For Respondents : Mr.R.Shanmugasundaram  
R1 & R3 Advocate General  
Assisted by  
Mr.P.Muthukumar  
State Government Pleader

For Respondent 2 : Mr.S.Sivashanmugam  
Standing Counsel

For Respondent 5 : Mr.Hasan Mohamed Jinnah  
State Public Prosecutor  
Assisted by  
Mr.A.Gopinath  
Government Advocate  
(Criminal Side)



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For Petitioner : Mr.Vijay Narayan  
Standing Counsel  
For Mr.Kaviyanathan  
(M/s.Nathan & Associates)

For Respondent 2 : Mr.S.Sivashanmugam  
Standing Counsel

For Respondents : Mr.R.Shanmugasundaram  
Nos.1 & 3 Advocate General  
Assisted by  
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State Government Pleader

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For Respondent 2 : Mr.S.Sivashanmugam  
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State Government Pleader  
and  
M/s.A.G.Shakeenaa

For Respondent 5 : Mr.Hasan Mohamed Jinnah  
State Public Prosecutor  
Assisted by  
Mr.A.Gopinath  
Government Advocate  
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IN W.P.NO.6182 OF 2022

For Petitioner : Mr.T.R.Rajagopalan  
Standing Counsel  
For Mr.M.Marudhachalam



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For Respondent 1 : Mr.S.Sivashanmugam  
Standing Counsel

For Respondents : Mr.R.Shanmugasundaram  
Nos.2, 3 & 5 Advocate General  
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State Government Pleader  
and  
M/s.A.G.Shakeenaa

For Respondents : Mr.Hasan Mohamed Jinnah  
Nos.4 & 6 State Public Prosecutor  
Assisted by  
Mr.A.Gopinath  
Government Advocate  
(Criminal Side)

#### ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by  
the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Learned counsel for the petitioners state that during the pendency of the writ petitions, the elections have been conducted.

2. In view of the above, the writ petitions are rendered infructuous because during the pendency of the writ petition, the elections were conducted under the surveillance of the police officers and in the manner required. However, if the petitioners remain aggrieved by the results of the elections, they are at liberty to file an election petition to challenge it.

3. The writ petitions are disposed of. There will be no order as to costs. Consequently, W.M.P.Nos.5692, 6253, 6254, 5691 and 5687 of 2022 are also closed.

Sd/-  
Assistant Registrar(CCC)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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+3ccs to M/s.Nathan & Associates, Advocate, S.R.Nos.25352  
to 25354

+1cc to Mr.M.Marudhachalam, Advocate, S.R.No.24637

+1cc to the Government Pleader, S.R.No.24597

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