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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 19285/2025**

R. JEGAN PRESIDENT TAMILAGA NEEDHI KATCHI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Ali Md. Maaz, Adv.
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versus

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Anjana Gosain, Ms. Akansha
Choudhary and Ms. Shreya Manjari
Advs.
Mob: 8171935839
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anjanagosainchambers@gmail.com

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MINI PUSHKARNA

ORDER

19.12.2025

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1. The present writ petition has been filed on behalf of the petitioner, seeking directions against the respondent-Election Commission of India ("ECI"), in relation to the approval of name and registration of petitioner's political party under Section 29A of the Representation of People Act, 1951 ("People's Act").

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner had initially submitted an application on 14th February, 2025 for registration of a political party in the name of 'Tamilaga Needhi Katchi'. The said application was complete in all aspects and in compliance with the



statutory requirements.

3. It is submitted that thereafter, on 13th October, 2025, the respondent issued a notice seeking clarifications on the shortcoming in the application. Subsequently, the petitioner duly furnished a reply on 12th November, 2025, clarifying all the issues raised by the ECI.

4. Since the petitioner's party intends to contest elections for the forthcoming Tamil Nadu State Legislative Assembly Elections, 2026, the present writ petition has been filed, on account of the urgency thereof.

5. Issue notice. Notice is accepted by learned counsel appearing for the respondent.

6. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent has handed over to this Court a letter dated 18th December, 2025 that has been issued by the respondent to the petitioner, which is reproduced as under:

By Speed post


भारत निर्वाचन आयोग सचिवालय
SECRETARIAT OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
निर्वाचन सदन, अशोक रोड, नई दिल्ली-110001-
NirvachanSadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

F. No. 56/26/2025/PPS-IV Dated: 18th December, 2025

To,

Sh. R.Jegan,
C/o- 'Tamilaga Needhi katchi'
No. 9/22, Maralmedu, Bus Stop North Side,
Thalapatti (PO), Manamangalam Taluk, Karur,
Tamilnadu- 639003.

Subject: -Application for registration of 'Tamilaga Needhi Katchi' as a political party under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 – Regarding.

Sir,



I am directed to refer to your letter dated 12.11.2025 for registration of "Tamilaga Needhi Katchi" as a political party under section 29(A) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and to state that on detailed examination of the application it has been found that the following particulars/documents have not been furnished or are not as per the guidelines issued by the Commission for registration of political party:-

- **Checklist Item No. 10:** It is observed that photocopies of many EPICs are not readable. You are therefore requested to provide readable copies of EPICs duly certified by the Gazetted officer/Notary or extract of E-Rol duly certified by the competent authority in state election department in respect of all or minimum hundred founding members including office bearers of the party.

2. Therefore, you are advised to furnish the aforesaid particulars/documents at the earliest. It is hereby informed that if all the above-mentioned documents/particulars are not received in the Commission within a period of 15 days from the date of issue of this letter the case of registration of the party will be closed without any further communication in the matter.

3. The matter of registration of your party will be considered only after the receipt of the above-mentioned particulars.

Yours faithfully,

(LOVE KUSH YADAV)

UNDER SECRETARY

Ph. 23052168, Ext - 551

Copy to:-

1. Chief Electoral Officer, Tamil Nadu with the request to deliver the same to the above-mentioned address under proper acknowledgment and date.
2. Guard File

7. By referring to the aforesaid letter, learned counsel appearing for the respondent submits that the Election Photo Identity Cards ("EPICs"), as submitted by some of the founding members are not readable, on account of which, the said letter has been issued, so that proper readable EPICs are submitted before the ECI.

8. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent-ECI further submits that after the submission of all the requisite documents before the ECI, a verification process shall be carried out by the ECI. Thereafter, the petitioner would publish a notification in the newspapers for which objections shall be called. She, thus, submits that the process with respect to registration of the



petitioner as a political party would take some time.

9. In response, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner expresses urgency in the matter and submits that the whole process ought to be expedited.

10. Having heard learned counsels for the parties, it is directed that the present writ petition shall be treated as a representation by the respondent-ECI.

11. For this purpose, hearing shall be granted to the authorized representatives of the petitioner on Wednesday, i.e., 24th December, 2025, at 11.00 A.M.

12. The petitioner shall be duly intimated with regard to specific members, whose EPICs are required to be submitted. The petitioner shall duly comply with the directions of the ECI and accordingly, submit the requisite documents.

13. The respondent-ECI shall expedite the process and endeavour to complete the process of registration of the petitioner's party latest by 28th February, 2026, subject to Verification Report and adjudication of any objection that may be raised against the petitioner's registration as a political party.

14. With the aforesaid directions, the present writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

MINI PUSHKARNA, J

DECEMBER 19, 2025/SK