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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 09.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR . JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. SAKTHIVEL

CMP Nos. 225, 231, 237, 244, 310 and 701 of 2026
in
O.S.A (SR) nos.575, 577, 576, 574, 102 and 4835 of 2026

P. Franklin Asaf Jebaraj	... Petitioner in C.M.P.No.225/2026
J.Jebachandran	... Petitioner in C.M.P.No.231/2026
M.Koilraj	... Petitioner in C.M.P.No.237/2026
D.Mohanraj Arumainayagam	... Petitioner in C.M.P.No.244/2026
J.Jayakar	... Petitioner in C.M.P.No.310/2026
Barnabas Devasuthan H	... Petitioner in C.M.P.No.701/2026

Vs

1. Jeyaratchakar C
S/o.Chelladurai S, Diocese Council
Member, Mannarayanthattu
Pastorate, CSI Thoothukudi
Nazareth Diocese, NO.15G,
Toovipuram 1st Street, Thoothukudi
628 003.

2.Jebakumar Jolly Jeremiah
S/o.Jeremiah, Council Chairman,



Bishop Robert Caldwell Church
Council and Pastorate Chairman,
Caldwell Colony, CSI Thoothukudi
Nazareth Diocese, No.34A, Mission
Kovil Street, Madathuvilai
Arumagneri, Thoothukudi District
628 202.

3.Church Of South India
Represented by its General
Secretary, CSI Synod Secretariat
CSI Centre No.5, Whites Road,
Royapettah, Chennai 600 014

4.Moderator Commissary/Bishop
Incharge
The CSI Thoothukudi-Nazareth
Diocese, 100, Beach Road, Caldwell
School Campus, Thoothukudi 628
001.

5.The Administrator
The CSI Thoothukudi Nazareth
Diocese, 100, Beach Road, Caldwell
School Campus, Thoothukudi 628
001.

Respondent(s)

Common Prayer: Petitions filed under Order 14 Rule 8 of Original Side Rules read with Section 151 of CPC to grant leave to the petitioner to institute Original Side Appeals.

For Petitioners : Mr.Sricharan Rangarajan
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for Mr.J.Kingsly Solomon
in C.M.P.No.225 of 2026

Mr.V.Raghavachari
Senior counsel
for Mr.J.Kingsly Solomon



in C.M.P.No.231 of 2026

Mr.J.Kingsly Solomon
for Ms.J.Johnsy Greeta
in C.M.P.No.237 of 2026

Mr.K.Thankasivan
for Ms.Akila
in C.M.P.No.244 of 2026

Mr.Vineet Subramani
in C.M.P.Nos.310 and 701 of 2026

For Respondents : Mr.A.M.Packianathan Easter
for M/s.Easter Legal for R1 & R2

COMMON ORDER

The petitioners are third party to the order dated 26.12.2025 made in Original Application No.1204 of 2025 in C.S.No.311 of 2025.

2.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners.

3. Mr.A.M.Packianathan Easter, learned counsel of M/s.Easter Legal accepts notice for Respondents 1 and 2.

4. According to the petitioners, interim orders have been obtained in the Vacation Court in their absence, the petitioners have already been elected and election process is in the last phase.

5. We have perused the entire materials available on record.



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6. The administration of the Church of South India (CSI) is being maintained by the Administrator appointed by this Court. It is submitted that Administrator has commenced the election process and 95% of the election process has already been completed and at that stage, the respondents have obtained the interim orders stating that the interim Administrator appointed in the suit and the said suit was dismissed as withdrawn and therefore, the Administrator cannot continue thereafter. It is relevant to note that there were challenges to those orders. Ultimately, the elected members also filed Special Leave Petition before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in S.L.P (C) (D) No.53533 and 53759 of 2025. While dismissing the SLP, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has granted liberty to the petitioner to seek necessary relief for continuation of the administrator and permitted continuation of the Administrator by enabling the interested third parties to take necessary proceedings. Pursuant to the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, writ petitions have been filed for the said relief before the Madurai Bench in W.P.Nos.28202, 29598 and 29868 of 2025 and this Court vide order dated 27.10.2025 continued the mandate of the Administrator. It is submitted that the respondents have also been elected in the election conducted by the Administrator. At this stage, now the interim orders have been obtained before the Vacation Bench.



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Considering the submissions made, we are of the view that the rights of the petitioners' are being affected and hence, leave is granted to the petitioners to file the appeal.

[N.S.K.,J.] [R.S.V.,J.]

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Note: Registry is directed to number the appeal, if it is otherwise in order and post the appeals on 22.01.2026.



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