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W.P.No.206 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 21.04.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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And

W.M.P.Nos.234, 235 and 15096 of 2026

The New India Assurance Employees'
Co-operative Thrift & Credit Society Limited,
Rep by Managing Director,
Regd. No.X-413, Fathima Akhtar Court,
1st Floor, No.453, Anna Salai,
Teynampet,
Chennai – 600 018.

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1 The Central Registrar of Co-operative Societies,
Rep. by Central Registrar,
World Trade Centre,
Tower-E, 9th Floor,
Nauroji Nagar,
New Delhi – 110 029.
- 2 The Co-operative Election Authority,
Rep. by its Chairperson,
Office of Co-operative Election Authority,
World Trade Centre,
Tower-E, 9th Floor,
Nauroji Nagar,
New Delhi – 110 029.



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- 3 Smt.Rashmi Siddharth Zagade, I.A.S.
The District Collector/ Magistrate,
Returning Officer of New India Assurance
Employees Co-operative Thrift & Credit
Society Limited,
Regd. No.X-413, Office of District Collectorate,
4th Floor, No.62, Rajaji Salai,
George Town,
Chennai – 600 001.
- 4 Smt.M.Sudarvizhi,
Deputy Registrar/ Assistant Returning Officer,
The New India Assurance Employees'
Co-operative Thrift & Credit Society Limited,
No. 453, Anna Salai,
Chennai – 600 018.

... Respondents

Prayer:

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records relating to order vide letter No.CEA-12011/287/2025, dated 26.11.2025 issued by the second respondent and quash the same, and consequently direct the third respondent to expeditiously complete the election to the Board of Directors of the Petitioner Society, from polling to declaration of results, in terms of the Election Programme Schedule and the second respondent's order dated 11.07.2025, in the interest of justice.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Ullasavelan
For Respondents : Mr.K.K.Muralidharan for R1, R2
Central Government Counsel
Mr.T.M.Rajangam for R3, R4
Government Advocate



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ORDER

The petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records relating to order vide letter No.CEA-12011/287/2025, dated 26.11.2025 issued by the second respondent and quash the same, and consequently direct the third respondent to expeditiously complete the election to the Board of Directors of the Petitioner Society, from polling to declaration of results, in terms of the Election Programme Schedule and the second respondent's order dated 11.07.2025, in the interest of justice.

2.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the issue involved in the writ petition pertains to conduct of election for Multi – State Cooperative Society. The learned counsel further submitted that the petitioner society was converted as Multi – State Cooperative Society on 19.06.1974 and Bye-laws were framed as per Multi – State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984. The power to order election is with the first respondent and election has to be conducted through respondents 2 to 4. The grievance of the petitioner is that as per Bye-laws, Chennai Region with Registered Office has a



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representation of 12 Directors of which 9 are to be elected from General Category, 2 from Women Category and 1 from SC/St Category, however, the impugned letter restricted representation to Board from Chennai Region to 9 instead of 12 and created open constituency of Women and SC/ST allowing any member from any region to contest in such constituency. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner filed this writ petition.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner further submitted that during the pendency of this writ petition, the first respondent issued letter dated 05.02.2026 clarifying the impugned letter. Hence this Court may, without going into the merits of the case, issue direction to the third respondent to conduct election for Multi – State Cooperative Society, strictly in terms of the Bye-laws and letter of the first respondent dated 05.02.2026.

4.Considering the limited relief now sought for by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, this Court without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, directs the third respondent to conduct election for Multi – State Cooperative Society, strictly in terms of the Bye-laws and letter of the first respondent dated 05.02.2026.



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5.The writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently,
the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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