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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16.02.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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C.M.P.No.2911 of 2026

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S/o.K.Rajendran
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Appellant(s)

Vs

1. The Additional Secretary
Govt of Tamil Nadu
Fort St. George, Secretariat
Chennai 9.
2. The Secretary
School Education Department of Tamil Nadu
Fort St. George, Secretariat
Chennai 9.



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3. The Chief Educational Officer
Govt of Tamil Nadu
Panagal Building, Anna Salai Road
Thanjavur, Thanjavur Dist.
4. District Educational Officer
Govt of Tamil Nadu
Elementary Education
Pattukkottai, Thanjavur Dist.
5. District Educational officer
Govt of Tamil Nadu
Elementary Education
Thanjavur, Thanjavur Dist.
6. R. Punitha
Ex Block Educational Officer
Ammapettai 614 401, Papanasam Tk,
Thanjavur, Thanjavur Dist.
Presently working as Block Educational Officer
in Mathukoor ondriyam
Pattukkottai Education Dist, Thanjavur Dist.
7. S.Indhirani
Ex Head Mistress
Govt Panchayath Union Middle School,
Sooliyakkottai Village, Ammapettai Block,
Papannasam Tk, Thanjavur Dist.
8. G Chithra
Ex Head Mistress
Govt Panchayath Union Middle School
Sooliyakottai Village Ammapettai Block
Papaasam Tk Thajavur Dist.
Presently working as Head Mistress in
Govt Panchayat Union Middle School
Arumalaikkottai Village, Ammapettai Block,
Papanasam Tk, Thanjavur Dist.



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9. S. Sengani
W/o.R.Rajasekaran
H.No.3/383, Thenpathi
Sooliyakkottai Village,
Saliyamangalam vai, Papanasam Tk
Thanjavur Dist 613 504.

Respondent(s)

Prayer : Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent seeking to set aside the order dated 19.12.2025 passed in WP.No.49810 of 2025.

For Appellant(s): Mr. V.Gowthamkumar

For Respondent(s): Mr. E.Vijay Anand
Addl. Govt. Pleader for R1 to R5

JUDGMENT

(Judgment of the Court was delivered by
the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Challenge to the order passed by learned Single Judge is premised on the ground that pendency of the dispute between appellant and his wife, with regard to custody of child, could not be made a basis to reject his application seeking issuance of *bona fide* certificate, as, appellant intends to obtain education loan for the education of his children.



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2. The order impugned in the writ petition clearly goes to show that several litigations are going on between appellant and his wife on various matrimonial issues, including custody of children. A perusal of the rejection order by the authority would show that custody of the child is with the mother and appellant has been granted only liberty to visit the child.

3. On the face of such dispute, authority has decided not to issue *bona fide* certificate.

4. The view, which has been taken by the learned Single Judge, therefore, does not warrant any interference.

5. Appeal is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, the interim application is also dismissed.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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