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W.P.Nos. 16277 of 2015, 32409 of 2017 & W.P.(MD).No.21781 of 2019

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06.01.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

**W.P.Nos. 16277 of 2015, 32409 of 2017 & W.P.(MD).No.21781 of 2019
and W.M.P. (MD).No.18517, 18519 & 18520 of 2019, W.M.P.No.35750 of
2017 & M.P.Nos.1, 3 & 4 of 2015**

W.P.No.16277 of 2015

1. The Latin Catholic Fisherman Educational Society,
(Registration No.13/1978)
Thoothoor, Vilavancode Taluk,
Kanyakumari District,
Rep. by its Secretary Fr.M.Stephen.
2. Fr.M.Ubald, (Aged 54 Years)
S/o.Mariadasan,
Vicar Forane, Colachel Vicariate,
Agniswami Complex,
Colachel, Kalkulam Taluk,
Kanyakumari District.
3. Fr.M.Stephen, (Aged 43 Years)
S/o.Mudiyappan,
Parish Priest, St.Ignatius Church,
Kurumpanai, Kalkulam Taluk,
Kanyakumari District.

... Petitioners

Vs

1. The Secretary,
Government of Higher Education Department,
Secretariate, Chennai – 600 009.
2. The Director of Collegiate Education,
D.P.I.Campus, College Road, Chennai – 600 006.
3. The Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education,
Tirunelveli Region, Tirunelveli -7.



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4. Rev.Fr.Sylvester Morais
St.Joseph's Church,
Kazhakootam, Tirvandrum,
Trivandrum District. Kerala State.

5. Rev.Fr.Lucian Thomas,
St.Mary's Church,
Vellavilai, Vilavankodu Taluk,
Kanyakumari District.

6. The Superintendent of Police,
Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, forbearing the respondents 1 to 3 herein from any manner considering or granting recognition to the fifth respondent as the Secretary of the St.Jude's College at Thoothoor in terms of the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Act, 1976.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.C.Govindan

For Respondents : Mr.S.Senthil Murugan
Special Government Pleader for R1 to R3

Mr.G.Sankaran, Senior Counsel
assisted by Mr.S.Nedunchezhiyan
for R4 & R5

Mr.R.Subbaih
Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for R6

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Latin Catholic Fisherman Educational Society,
Through its Secretary Rev.Fr.Laberin Yesu R,
Having office at, St.Jude's College Campus,
Thoothoor, Kanyakumari.

... Petitioner

Vs



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1. The Director of Collegiate Education,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
9th Floor, EVK Sampath buildings,
College Road, Chennai - 600 006.
 2. The Joint Director of Collegiate Education,
Tirunelveli Division,
Tirunelveli.
 3. The District Registrar of Societies,
Marthandam,
Kanyakumari District.
 4. The Secretary,
St.Jude's College,
Thoothor, Kanyakumari District.
 5. Re.Fr.Sylvester Morais O
President of Latin Catholic Fishermen Educational Society,
Having address at, St.Jude's College Campus,
Thoothoor, Kanyakumari.
- ... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records relating to the impugned order of the first respondent in Moo.Mu.No.9014/F2/2015 dated 20.11.2018 and quash the same and consequently direct the first respondent to pass appropriate orders for payment of salary and administration of the college until a validly elected body assumes office of petitioner Society and nominates Secretary to the fourth respondent College, within time fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.H.Arumugam

For Respondents : Mr.S.Senthil Murugan
Special Government Pleader for R1 and R2

No appearance for R3



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Mr.G.Sankaran, Senior Counsel
assisted by Mr.S.Nedunchezhiyan
for R5 & R6

W.P.Nos. 32409 of 2017

Rev.Fr.Francis D'Sales,
The Secretary, Latin Catholic,
Fisherman's Educational Society,
St.Jude's College Campus,
Thoothoor-629 176, Kanyakumari District.

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Secretary,
Department of Higher Education,
Fort St.George, Chennai – 600 009.
2. The Director of Collegiate Education,
College Road, Chennai - 600 006.
3. The Joint Director of Collegiate Education,
Tirunelveli Region, Tirunelveli,
Tirunelveli District- 627 007.
4. The District Registrar of Societies,
Marthandam, Kanyakumari District.
5. Rev.Fr.Sylvester Morais,
St.Joseph's Church, Kazhakootam,
Trivandrum, Kerala State.
6. Rev.Fr.Lucian Thomas,
St.Mary's Church, Vellavilai,
Vilavankodu Taluk,
Kanyakumari District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records relating to the impugned



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proceeding issued by the second respondent Director of Collegiate Education in Na.Ka.No.9014/AF2/2015 dated 20.11.2017 registering the sixth respondent as the Secretary of St.Jude's College, Thoothoor, KK District, quash the same.

For Petitioner : Ms.H.Mari Sommy Rexi
for M/s.ISAAC Chambers

For Respondents : Mr.S.Senthil Murugan
Special Government Pleader for R1 to R4

Mr.G.Sankaran, Senior Counsel
assisted by Mr.S.Nedunchezhiyan
for R5 & R6

COMMON ORDER

When these matters came up for hearing, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that, in view of the efflux of time and subsequent events, nothing survives in the original prayer that is made in these writ petitions.

2. In view thereof, these writ petitions are dismissed as having become infructuous. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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