



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

WP No. 5504 of 2026

Mr.Iqbal Ahmed Sayeed,
No. 5, "F" Block, Anna Nagar East,
Chennai - 600 102.

..Petitioner

Vs

1. Tamil Nadu Wakf Board,
Rep. by the Superintendent of Waqfs,
No.1, Jaffar Syrang Street,
Vallal Seethakathi Nagar,
Chennai - 600 001.
2. The Chief Executive Officer,
Tamil Nadu Wakf Board
No.1, Jaffar Syrang Street,
Vallal Seethakathi Nagar,
Chennai - 600 001.
3. The Superintendent of Waqfs (South),
Tamilnadu Waqf Board,
No.139, Dr.Besant Road,
Opp.NKT School, Ice House,
Triplicane, Chennai - 600 005.

..Respondent

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to consider and dispose of the representations dated 11.02.2026 submitted by the petitioner and to forthwith constitute an Ad-Hoc Committee for the limited purpose of administering the religious and charitable activities of Fazeelathunissa Begum Sahiba Mosque during the holy month of Ramzan commencing on 17.02.2026.



For Petitioner:

Mr.V.C.Janarthanan for
Mr.Manjunath Karthikeyan

For Respondents:

Mr.C.Shankar
for Mr.K.Vaidhyanathan**ORDER**

The writ petition is filed with a prayer to consider and dispose of the representation of the petitioner dated 11.02.2026 and to forthwith constitute an *Ad Hoc* committee for the limited purpose of administering the religious and charitable activities of *Fazeelathunissa Begum Sahiba Mosque* during the holy month of *Ramzan* commencing from 17.02.2026.

2. Upon hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner and perusing the material records of the case, the grievance of the petitioner is that there is no *Muthawalli* who is in office as on date in respect of the said *Mosque*. With reference to some of the members, there are also charges against them. There is no Waqf Board functioning as on date.

3. In view of the interim order that is granted by the Honourable Division Bench, the petitioner has approached this Court so as to enable the Chief Executive Officer to appoint an *ad hoc* committee for the limited purpose of administering the religious and charitable activities during the holy month of *Ramzan*. The arrangements have to be made for *Roza* and for provision of food and other activities during the month of *Ramzan*.



4. When the matter came up for hearing, the learned counsel taking notice on behalf of the respondents would submit that now the concerned Waqf is under the direct management of the Waqf Board. The *ad hoc* committee can be appointed only by the Waqf Board. Therefore, there is no question of appointing any *ad hoc* committee at present. At the same time, as far as the holy month of *Ramzan* is concerned, the Superintendent of Waqf / Executive Officer of Waqf will ensure that all the facilities are made and the arrangements for completion of the fast and also special arrangements for all the rituals during the month of *Ramzan* will be made by the Superintendent of Waqf or Executive Officer himself.

5. I have considered the rival submissions made on either side and perused the material records of the case.

6. Since it is contended that the *ad hoc* committee has to be appointed only by the Waqf Board and the arrangements will be made by the Executive Officer himself, this writ petition is ***disposed of*** on the following terms:

(i) The Executive Officer shall make all arrangements for the religious and charitable activities in respect of the *Mosque* in question for the month of *Ramzan* commencing from 17.02.2026.



(ii) For this purpose, it will be open to the Executive Officer to constitute a committee of volunteers from among the list given by the petitioner and also by choosing on his own; however, taking care that none of the controversial members against whom any charge of any nature is pending is not included in that volunteer committee. Let all arrangements be made by including all the persons attending the concerned Waqf in the best interest of celebrating the festival in a peaceful manner without compromising any of its religious and charitable purposes.

(iii) The authority shall act on the web copy of the order without waiting for the certified copy of the order.

(iv) No costs.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

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