



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

**WP No. 6815 of 2026
and W.M.P.No.7396 of 2026**

1. Dr.D.Arun Kumar
Executive Committee Member,
India Evangelical Lutheran Church-
(IELC Society),
Ambur Synod, No.11, Mission Compound,
Ambur- 635 802, Tirupattur District.
2. S.Benniman
Education Committee Member
(Formerly) - (ADS),
No. 4/98, Vengli Village and Post,
Ambur Taluk - 635 812,
Tirupattur District.

..Petitioners

Vs

1. The Director, School Education,
College Road, Nungambakkam,
Chennai – 600 006.
2. The Director Elementary Education,
College Road,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai – 600 006.
3. The Joint Director School Education (Secondary)
College Road, Nungambakkam,
Chennai – 600 006.
4. The Chief Educational Officer,
Tirupattur - 635 601,
Tirupattur District.



5. The Chief Educational Officer,
Vellore - 632 009,
Vellore District.
6. The Chief Educational Officer,
Krishnagiri - 635 001,
Krishnagiri District.
7. The District Educational Officer (Secondary)
Tirupattur -635 601,
Tirupattur District.
8. The District Educational Officer (Secondary),
Vellore- 632 009,
Vellore District.
9. The District Educational Officer (Secondary),
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Krishnagiri District.
10. The District Educational Officer (Elementary)
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Tirupattur District.
11. The District Educational Officer (Elementary)
Vellore - 632 009,
Vellore District.
12. The District Educational Officer (Elementary)
Krishnagiri - 635 001,
Krishnagiri District.
13. The President,
Ambur Synod,
India Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Mission Compound,
Ambur - 635 802,
Tirupattur District.
14. The Secretary,
Ambur Synod,
India Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Mission Compound,



Ambur - 635 802, Tirupattur District.

15. The General Secretary
321, Lutheran Mission Compound,
K.P.Road, Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari District - 629 001.

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, forbearing the 4th to 12th respondents herein from approving the appointments of Correspondents of various schools of Ambur Synod, Tirupattur by the Executive Committee of Ambur Synod, IELC Society by initiating appropriate action on the complaint made by the petitioners on 11.12.2025, regarding the appointment of Correspondents of Various Schools run by Ambur Synod in IELC Society in Violation of Constitution and bye-laws of IELC society amended in 2022.

For Petitioner: Mr.J.Selvarajan

For Respondents: Mr.A.M.Ayyadurai
Government Advocate for R1 to R12

ORDER

The writ petition is filed for forbearing the respondents 4 to 12 from approving the appointments of Correspondents of various schools of Ambur Synod, Tirupattur, by the Executive Committee of Ambur Synod, IELC Society, by initiating appropriate action on the complaint made by the petitioners on 11.12.2025 regarding the appointment of Correspondents of various schools run by the Ambur Synod in IELC Society in violation of the Constitution and bylaws of IELC Society as amended in 2022.



2. Upon hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner and perusing the material records of the case, it can be seen that between the members of the society there are disputes as to the election and already the matter is pending before this Court in C.S.No.308 of 2025. Now the said *inter se* disputes cannot be escalated to the education authorities. The education authorities have to recognise the Correspondent for the benefit of the students who are studying in the schools. The problem between the members of the society and their *inter se* interests and counter interests is none of the concern for the education authorities. As far as their *inter se* claim is concerned, when the suit is pending, it will be very well open for them to file such interim application in the pending suit and if at all any interim order is passed by the civil Court, the same will be strictly abided by the authorities.

3. Therefore, giving such liberty to the petitioner to approach the competent civil Court, this writ petition stands ***disposed of***. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed. No costs.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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