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W.P.No.12047 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26.03.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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G.Nehru alias Kuppusamy, MLA
S/o.Gopalasamy,
Orleampeth (Puducherry) Assembly
Constituency, President,
Neyam Makkal Kazhagam,
Plot No.24, Vasuki Nagar,
New Iyyanar Koil Street,
Kuyavarpalayam,
Puducherry-605 013.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Election Commission of India
Rep. by its Director,
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi-110001.
2. The Chief Electoral Officer,
Puducherry
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer
Villianur Main Road, Lawsthottam
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Puducherry – 605010.



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3. The District Election Officer (DEO),
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(Through the District Collector,
Puducherry) Office of the District Election Officer
/District Collector Collectorate Complex,
Puducherry District Collectorate
Puducherry – 605001.
4. The Returning Officer 9 -
Thattanchavady Assembly Constituency Office
of the District Election Officer
Puducherry District Collectorate
Puducherry – 605001.
5. The Returning Officer 16 -
Orleampeth Assembly Constituency
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Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing Respondent No.1 - Election Commission of India and Respondent No.2 (Chief Electoral Officer, Puducherry) to permit the candidates set up by the petitioner, who have filed their nominations as independent candidates due to the delayed grant of party registration, to be treated as candidates of the petitioner party for the limited purpose of symbol allotment and consequentially to issue a further direction to the respondents to allot a common symbol to all such candidates under provisions of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 in view of the exceptional and bona fide circumstances arising from the delayed issuance of the Party Registration Certificate and consequentially to direct Respondents No. 3 to 5 (District Election Officer and Returning



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Officers concerned) to give effect to such common symbol allotment and not treat the candidates as unrelated independent candidates for the purpose of symbol allocation.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. P.V.Balasubramanian
Senior Counsel
for Mr. K.M.C.Arunmogan

For Respondent(s): Mr. Tarun Rao Kallakuru

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

After arguing for some time, learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner sought leave of the court to withdraw the writ petition with liberty to work out the remedy in accordance with law.

In view of the said submission, the writ petition is dismissed as withdrawn, with the aforesaid liberty. There shall be no order as to costs.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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