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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

OA No. 625 of 2026
in
CS NO.310 OF 2025
(counter claim numbered as C.S.No.203 of 2026)

M. Paneerselvam
S/o.Munuswamy,
No.179/80, Adam Sahib Street,
Royapuram, Chennai-600013.

..Applicant(s)

Vs

1. V.R. Jaganathan
   S/o.C.Ramasawamy,
   President, Indian National Trade Union
   Congress (TN Branch)
   19, T.N.Chinnasamy Avenue,
   Rangammal Koil Street,
   Peelamedu, Coimbatore-641004.

2. Indian National Trade Union Congress
   Rep by P.Srinivasan
   Secretary, INTUC
   Residing at 46/1, 3rd Main Road,
   Baba Nagar, Villivakkam,
   Chennai-600049.

3. A.Kalyanaraman
   Care of M.Pannerselvam,
   No.179/80, Adam Sahib Street,
   Royapuram , Chennai-600013.

4. S.Lingamoorthy
   Care of M.Pannerselvam,
   No.179/80, Adam Sahib Street,
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5. M.Arumugam
   Care of M.Pannerselvam,
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6. M.Nandhakumar
   Care of M.Pannerselvam,
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7. D.Dhanasekar
   Care of M.Pannerselvam,
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8. J.Mathiyalagan
   Care of M.Pannerselvam,
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9. T.Rajasekaran
   Care of M.Pannerselvam,
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10. K.Gunasekaran
    Care of M.Pannerselvam,
    No.179/80, Adam Sahib Street,
    Royapuram , Chennai-600013

11. K.S.Thusalimani
    Care of M.Pannerselvam,
    No.179/80, Adam Sahib Street,
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..Respondent(s)

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To grant an ad interim injunction restraining the 2nd Respondent herein/2nd Plaintiff, Indian National Tradee Union Congress (Cenral INTUC) its President, Secretary, Office Bearers, men, agents and all persons claiming

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under or through it, from in any manner acting upon, proceeding with, giving effect to or taking up for consideration the Show Cause Notice dated 10/06/2026, including by placing the same before or deliberating upon or taking any decision pursuant thereto at the Working Committee Meeting of INTUC proposed to be held on 28/06/2026 or any adjourned or subsequent date and thereby restraining the Respondents 1 and 2 herein/Plaintiffs, their men and agents from suspending, dissolving, superseding or interfering with the Working Committee of TN-INTUC elected on 16/11/2025 under the Presidentship of the 1st Defendant, or from constituting any Ad-hoc committee in its place, pending disposal of the above suit.

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For Applicant(s): Mr.A.K.Sriram
Senior Advocate
for Mr.D.Ravichander

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.S.Krishnan
Senior Counsel
for Ms.J.Sudeksha for R1
Mr.Chitra Sampath
Senior Advocate
for Mr.K.Roopesh for R2

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OA.No.625 of 2026 has been filed seeking grant of ad-interim injunction restraining the second respondent herein/second plaintiff, Indian National Trade Union Congress (Central INTUC), from in any manner action upon, proceeding with, giving effect to, or taking up for consideration the show cause notice dated 10.06.2026. Initially, the suit in C.S.No.310 of 2025 was filed challenging the election of the plaintiff in C.S.No.203 of 2026.

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2. The said M.Paneerselvam, filed a counter claim, numbered as C.S.No.203 of 2026, to validate his election to the post of President of the State Chapter of Tamil Nadu INTUC dated 16.11.2025.

3. This Court vide order dated 07.07.2026 granted an order of Status-quo.

4. Meanwhile, pursuant to the show cause notice dated 10.06.2026, an Ad-hoc Committee was constituted, superseding both the elected bodies, by the All India Working Committee vide resolution dated 28.06.2026.

5. It is evident that the Ad-hoc Committee had already been constituted by the All India Working Committee by resolution dated 28.06.2026, prior to the passing of the order of status quo by this Court on 07.07.2026. The constitution of the Ad-hoc Committee has not been specifically challenged in the present proceedings. However, the learned Senior Counsel appearing for the first defendant in C.S.No.310 of 2025 contended that the Ad-hoc Committee so constituted was not in conformity with the Constitution of the Central Union.

6. The order of status quo dated 07.07.2026 was passed in the context of the proceedings then pending before this Court and cannot be construed as restraining the Ad-hoc Committee, which had already been constituted by the

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resolution dated 28.06.2026, from discharging its functions. In the absence of a specific challenge to the resolution constituting the Ad-hoc Committee and any order restraining it from functioning, the order of status quo cannot be understood to have interrupted the functioning of the Ad-hoc Committee.

7. Further, the relief sought for in O.A.No.625 of 2026 is to restrain the second respondent from acting upon or proceeding pursuant to the show cause notice dated 10.06.2026. Since the Ad-hoc Committee has already been constituted pursuant to the said notice, the relief sought for in the present application has become infructuous. Any challenge to the constitution or functioning of the Ad-hoc Committee would have to be raised by way of appropriate pleadings and reliefs.

8. Accordingly, O.A.No.625 of 2026 is dismissed as infructuous. However, liberty is granted to the applicant to seek amendment of the counter-claim, if so advised, to challenge the resolution constituting the Ad-hoc Committee and seek appropriate relief.

9. It is clarified that the order of status quo dated 07.07.2026 shall not be construed as restraining the Ad-hoc Committee constituted by the resolution dated 28.06.2026 from functioning or discharging its duties.

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10. Post the main suit on 16.12.2026.

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