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A.No.158
in C.S.No.232 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09-01-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

**A No. 158 of 2026
AND
CS NO. 232 OF 2023**

1. Church Of South India And
Rep by its Moderator, Synod Secretariat,
CSI Centre, No.5, Whites Road,
Royapettah, Chennai - 600 014.
- 2.The Church Of South India Trust
Association
Rep by its Director, No.5, Whites Road,
Royapettah, Chennai - 600 014.
- 3.Dr.K.Reuben Mark
Deputy Moderator, Church of South India,
Synod Secretariat, CSI Cente, No.5,
Whites Road, Royapettah, Chennai - 600
014.
- 4.C. Fernandes Rathina Raja
General Secretary, Church of South India,
Synod Secretariat, CSI Cente, No.5,
Whites Road, Royapettah, Chennai - 600
014.
- 5.Dr.B.Vimal Sukumar
Treasurer, Church of South India, Synod
Secretariat, CSI Cente, No.5, Whites
Road, Royapettah, Chennai - 600 014.

Applicant(s)

Vs



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S/o. Rajendran, No.14/226, NONSUCH,
Hulical, The Nilgiris, Nonsuch Tamil
Nadu 643 238. Currently residing at 33/2,
Ganesh Nagar, Teachers Colony,
Karamadai - 641 104.

2. John K.R.
S/o. Rajamanickam, No.335,
Gandhipuram, Kavinthapadi Bhavani,
Erode, Tamil Nadu 638 455.

3. Mr. A Dharmaraj Rasalam
Ex-Moderator, Church of South India,
Bishops House, LMS Compounding,
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala - 695 033.

4. The Csi Coimbatore Diocese
Rep by its Bishop, No.256, Race Course,
Coimbatore - 641 018.

5. The Csi Erode - Salem Diocese
Rep by the Moderators Commissary CSI
Compounding, Brough Road, Erode 638 001.

6. Mr.L.David Barnabas
Vice President, CSI Coimbatore Diocese,
No.256, Race Course, Coimbatore 641
018.

7. Mr.S.Prince Calvin
Hon.Secretary, CSI Coimbatore Diocese,
No.256, Race Course, Coimbatore 641
018.

8. Mr.D.S.Amirtham
Hon.Treasurer, CSI Coimbatore Diocese,
No.256, Race Course, Coimbatore 641
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9. Committee Of Administrators
Chruch Of South India, Csi Centre No.5,



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Plaintiff(s)

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12.Committee Of Administrators
Chruch Of South India, Csi Centre No.5,
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(12th Defendant Impleaded As Per Order
Dated 07-01-2025 In A.No.94/2025 And
Time Extended As Per Order Dated
04.02.2025 Inc.S No.232 Of 2023

Defendant(s)



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PRAYER : To condone the delay of 596 days in filing the written statement of the 4th applicant/5th Defendant in C.S.No.232 of 2023 and the memo on behalf of the applicants 1 to 3 and 5/defendants 1, 2, 4 and 6 to adopt the same.

For Applicant(s): M/s.Adrian D. Rozario
S.Tamil Selvi

For R1 & R2 : Mr.Richardson Wilson

For R4 and R6 to R8 : Mr.Stanly Rajasingh

ORDER

This application has been filed by the applicant to condone the delay of 596 days for filing written statement of the fourth applicant / fifth defendant in C.S.No.232 of 2023 and the adoption memo filed by the applicants 1 to 3 & 5 / defendants 1, 2 4 & 6.

2. The other side have not seriously objected.

3. Considering the reasons stated in the affidavit and facts and circumstances of the case, in order to give a chance to the fifth defendant to put forth his defense and considering the number of days in delay, it is appropriate to allow this application. The adoption memo of the applicants 1 to 3 & 5 / defendants 1, 2 4 & 6 is also recorded. Accordingly, this application is allowed.



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4. Post the matter for framing issues on 04.02.2026.

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