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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

WP No. 44127 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012578692026}

AND

WMP Nos. 49490, 49493 & 49499 of 2026

Sri Raghava Janakiammal Educational
And Charitable Trust,
By Its Chairman cum Secretary,
B. Rajesh,
No.9, Jayam Nagar,
M.C. Road,
Thanjavur.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Additional Cheif Secretary
   To Government,
   Higher Education (E1) Department,
   Secretariat,
   Chennai-9.
2. The Registrar
   Tamil nadu Teachers Education University,
   Gangaiamman Koil Street,
   Chennai-97

3. R. Balasubramaniam

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records of the 1st Respondent in his proceedings in Letter No.efile 3239/E1/2025-8, dated 06.10.2026 and quash the same and thereby direct the 1st and 2nd Respondents to open the online portal to permit the petitioner institution to pay eligibility fee and examination fee to enable the students who have been admitted in Dr. SRJ College of Education run by the Trust to compete the academic year 2026-27 and also to

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extend the admission schedule for the college to compete the admission process in the remaining available seats.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.N.Suresh

For Respondent(s): Mr.G.Ramdas Special Government Pleader for R1

ORDER

The petitioner is aggrieved by the impugned order dated 06.10.2026, passed by the first respondent, directing that the B.Ed. admission process in Dr.S.R.J. College of Education, Thanjavur, for the academic year 2026-2027, be kept in abeyance until the competent Civil Court decides the management dispute, as requested by the third respondent in his representation dated 29.07.2026.

2. The petitioner Trust is running Dr.S.R.J. College of Education, Thanjavur, offering the B.Ed. programme. The petitioner claims to be the Chairman-cum-Secretary and Managing Trustee of the Trust, pursuant to the resolutions passed by the Board of Trustees. The petitioner's mother, Smt.R.Analakshmi, has also been appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Trust.

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3. The petitioner would submit that the third respondent, who is the petitioner's father, had earlier initiated proceedings seeking to remove the petitioner and his mother from the management of the Trust. The documents relating to such removal were challenged before the Madurai Bench of this Court in W.P.(MD) Nos.11199 and 11200 of 2022, and the same were quashed by an order dated 27.09.2022. The petitioner further submits that the third respondent is no longer holding any position in the Trust and that his removal from the trusteeship was effected by the proceedings dated 05.06.2026. The petitioner's brother, Santhanakrishnan, is also stated to have resigned from the trusteeship.

4. It is the case of the petitioner that, pursuant to the earlier orders passed by this Court in W.P.Nos.36042 and 37403 of 2024, dated 22.04.2025, the first respondent was directed to consider the representations submitted by the third respondent and the college and pass appropriate orders within a period of eight weeks. The petitioner submits that the scope of the enquiry was limited to the issue of removal of the names of the petitioner and his mother from the records of the University and the substitution of the third respondent's name.

5. The petitioner would further submit that the enquiry was completed on 01.04.2026 and the matter was reserved for orders. However, subsequently, the third respondent submitted another representation dated 29.07.2026, seeking to

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keep the admission process for the academic year 2026-2027 in abeyance until the management dispute is decided by the competent Civil Court. Without issuing notice to the petitioner or furnishing a copy of the said representation, the first respondent passed the impugned order dated 06.10.2026.

6. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the impugned order has been passed without affording any opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. It is further submitted that the management dispute between the members of the Trust has no bearing on the functioning of the college or the admission process. The college has already obtained continuation of provisional affiliation up to the academic year 2026-2027 and has commenced the admission process. Nearly 80% of the admissions had already been completed before the impugned order was passed.

7. The learned counsel would also submit that the first respondent has exceeded the scope of the directions issued by this Court in the earlier writ petitions and has no jurisdiction to keep the admission process in abeyance merely on the basis of the representation submitted by the third respondent, who is no longer holding any official position in the Trust. It is further submitted that Section 25 of the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Act, 1976, mandates that the closure of any course or class shall not be permitted where it adversely affects the educational opportunities of the students.

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8. This Court has considered the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and perused the materials available on record.

9. The impugned order dated 06.10.2026 directs the B.Ed. admission process in the petitioner college to be kept in abeyance until the competent Civil Court decides the management dispute, as requested by the third respondent in his representation dated 29.07.2026.

10. A perusal of the impugned order does not disclose any specific difficulty or impediment in the functioning of the college or in the conduct of the admission process. It is also not in dispute that nearly 80% of the admissions had already been completed before the impugned order was passed.

11. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner was not put on notice before the impugned order was passed and that the first respondent has proceeded solely on the basis of the representation submitted by the third respondent.

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12. In the considered view of this Court, the internal disputes among the members of the Trust cannot, by themselves, constitute a ground to suspend or keep the admission process in abeyance, particularly when such disputes have not been shown to have any impact on the functioning of the college. The educational interests of the students cannot be prejudiced on account of disputes relating to the management of the Trust.

13. Therefore, the admission process for the B.Ed. programme in Dr.S.R.J. College of Education, Thanjavur, for the academic year 2026-2027, shall be permitted to continue.

14. However, the first respondent is directed to conduct an enquiry into the representation dated 29.07.2026 submitted by the third respondent and dispose of the same on its own merits and in accordance with law. Needless to state, the petitioner shall be issued notice and afforded an opportunity of hearing before passing final orders on the said representation.

15. The first respondent shall also ensure that all procedural requirements necessary for admitting the students in the petitioner college are duly facilitated.

16. Since the internal disputes among the members of the Trust have not been shown to have any impact on the functioning of the college, the same

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cannot be made the basis for stopping the admission process.

17. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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