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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

**W.P No. 5759 of 2026
and W.M.P.Nos.6274 to 6278 of 2026**

The Coimbatore Diocese Society
Represented by its Secretary
Mr.J.Selvaraj
Having Office at :
No.1260, Big Bazaar Street
Bishop's House
Coimbatore – 641 001.

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The Secretary to the Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
Foreigners Division (FCRA Wing)
The Government of India
Major Dhyanchand National Stadium
New Delhi -110 001.
2. The Joint Director (FCRA),
Ministry of Home Affairs
Foreigners Division (FCRA Wing)
The Government of India
Major Dhyanchand National Stadium
New Delhi - 110 001.

..Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the 2nd respondent pertaining to the Impugned Order dated 29.08.2025 and quash the same and consequentially, direct the 1st respondent herein to renew the FCRA Registration Certificate of the Petitioner, bearing Registration



No.075850021R, in terms of the Petitioners Renewal Application No. 0300046792021 dated 08-11-2021, in a time bound manner and pass orders.

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For Petitioner: Mr.R.Venkat Raman
for M/s.Tatav Legal Chennai

For Respondents: Mr.V.Chandrasekaran
Senior Panel Counsel for R1 & R2

ORDER

The above writ petition has been filed seeking to quash the impugned order of the second respondent dated 29.08.2025 and to consequently, direct the first respondent to renew the FCRA Regulation Certificate of the petitioner bearing Registration No.075850021R, in terms of the petitioner's Renewal Application No.0300046792021 dated 08.11.2021.

2.The petitioner-Trust is a public charitable Trust established in the year 1922, with a noble objective of ensuring education to underprivileged and downtrodden Society . The petitioner Trust is the recipient of continued support from philanthropic institutions located outside India, who would extend financial support by way of Foreign contributions / donations for the charitable activities rendered by the petitioner Trust. The petitioner-Trust was registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (in short 'FCRA') bearing Registration No.075850021R. The petitioner had lastly renewed its FCRA Registration Certificate on 06.08.2016. Thereafter, on 08.11.2021, the

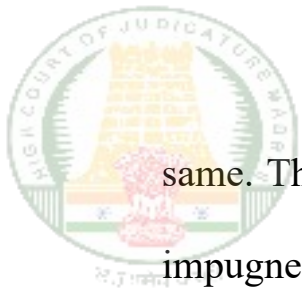


petitioner-Trust had filed an application for renewal. The second respondent vide its one-line email dated 27.03.2023, had refused the application stating that the Competent Authority has refused to renew the application under Section 16(1) r/w, Section 12(4)(f) (iii) of FCRA, 2010. Aggrieved by the refusal order, the petitioner filed a revision petition on 23.01.2024, to review the order rejecting to renew its registration. However, the second respondent vide impugned order dated 29.08.2025, has passed an order reiterating that no grounds are established to revise the refusal order dated 27.03.2023. Hence, the petitioner is before this Court.

3. Heard the learned counsel on either side and also perused the materials placed before this Court.

4. The petitioner's grievance is that the impugned order has been passed, totally flouting the earlier orders of this Court in ***Tripura Foundation (India) Vs. The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs*** reported in ***[2024 (5) CTC 784]***

5. A mere perusal of the impugned order clearly demonstrates the fact that the impugned order does not take note of the grounds raised by the petitioner in the revision application and there is no discussion on the



same. The order is a non-speaking order and deserves to be quashed. The impugned order though running into 9 paragraphs in entirety, would only state as follows in Paragraphs 7 and 8 :

“ 7. And whereas, the submissions made in the revision application have been considered in accordance with the provision of the Act and Rules. After careful consideration of available records, extant statutory provisions and the submissions made in the revision application, it is established that there are no grounds to revise refusal order dated 27-03-2023.

8. And, now therefore, the Competent Authority has decided to not accept the revision application dated 29-01-24 of the association. However, the applicant association may apply for fresh registration on fulfilling the eligibility criteria as per the extant Act and Rules.” _

6. The order does not take into consideration the grounds raised by the petitioner in their revision application, particularly, when the petitioner has gone on record to state that they are totally in dark about the violation or enquiry under FRCA being initiated, and no show cause notice has ever been issued to them on the possible violations of FCRA Laws. This ground raised by the petitioner, has not even been refuted or answered by the second respondent in the impugned order.



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7. Further, the findings of the second respondent that no opportunity of hearing need be given to the petitioner, as the permission already given to the petitioner, has not been cancelled or revoked, may not be correct by virtue of the order in the revision. The renewal of petitioners FRCA registration certificate has been put on hold on the basis of the Field Agency Report and the Competent Authority has decided to refuse the application for renewal. According to the petitioner, this Field Agency Report has not been made available to them.

8. In the light of the above observation, the writ petition is allowed, the impugned order of the second respondent dated 29.08.2025 is set aside and the matter is remitted back to the second respondent to consider afresh after giving due opportunity and consideration to the petitioner, and pass speaking orders within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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