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WP No. 47542 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-01-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

**WP No. 47542 of 2025 and
WMP No.1948 of 2026**

1. Sebastian Rayon Nixon
2. Sindhuja S

Petitioners

Vs

1. The Union Of India
Rep. by Its Secretary,
Ministry Of External Affairs,
South Block, New Delhi- 110 011.

2. The Register General Of Birth, Death
and Marriages
Office of the Registrar General of Birth,
Death and Marriages, Chennai-600
028.

3. The Consulate General of the Federal
Republic of Germany
No.9, Boat Club Road, R.A.Puram,
Chennai-600 028.

Respondents

PRAYER Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking to issue a Writ of Declaration, declaring that the marriage solemnized on 26.11.2020 between the petitioner Mr. Sebastian Rayon Nixon and his wife Mrs. Sindhuja. S, under the Provisions of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, and duly registered is valid and legally enforceable for all purposes and that no further re- marriage is required.

For Petitioners: Mr. Thomas Edwin Fantin. J

For Respondents: Mr. K. K. Muralidharan,
Central Government Standing Counsel for R1



ORDER

The petitioners seek a declaration regarding the validity of their marriage conducted under the Provisions of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 by filing the writ petition before this Court.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners have filed the present writ petition only on the ground that the petitioners were asked to obtain orders from the Court, regarding declaration of their marriage. The petitioners' relief is one provided under the specific relief Act for declaration. The remedy is available only by way of filing a suit for declaration and not by way of filing a writ petition, seeking a mandamus as the petitioners have to establish their right through evidence, which cannot be done by a Writ Court.

3. With the above observation, this writ petition stands dismissed. No costs.

4. Insofar as WMP No.1948 of 2026 is concerned, the petition is ordered on payment of single Court fee.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No



To

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