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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

OA No. 1192 of 2025
IN
CS NO. 308 OF 2025

S. M Sam Langlin
S/o.S.Manickadhas,
1/85 B, Vemabathur Village,
Vellamadam and Post,
Kanniyakumari District-629302

..Applicant(s)

Vs

1. The India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC)
   and 8 Others
   Rep by its General Treasure cum Secretary,
   No.47, Eldams Road,
   Teynampet, Chennai-600018

2. Chief Election Officer
   The India Evangelical Lutheran Church
   No.47, Eldams Road, Teynampet,
   Chennai-600018

3. Election Officer
   Ambur Synod of
   The India Evangelical Lutheran Church
   No.47, Eldams Road, Teynampet,
   Chennai-600018

4. Election Officer
   Nagercoil Synod of
   The India Evangelical Lutheran Church
   No.47, Eldams Road, Teynampet,
   Chennai-600018

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5. Election Officer
   Trivandrum Synod of
   The India Evangelical Lutheran Church
   No.47, Eldams Road, Teynampet,
   Chennai-600018

6. Mohanan
   President of
   The India Evangelical Lutheran Church
   No.47, Eldams Road, Teynampet,
   Chennai-600018

7. Rev.C.Kumanan
   Vice President of
   The India Evangelical Lutheran Church
   No.47, Eldams Road, Teynampet,
   Chennai-600018

8. K.Baul Sundar
   General Treasurer of
   The India Evangelical Lutheran Church
   No.47, Eldams Road, Teynampet,
   Chennai-600018

9. Mani
   Comptroller of The India Evangelical Lutheran
   Church
   No.47, Eldams Road, Teynampet,
   Chennai-600018

..Respondent(s)

To grant an ad interim injunction restraining the respondents 6 to 9 from in anyway functioning as office bearers of the 1st respondent in any capacity, pending disposal of the above suit.

For Applicant(s): Mr. V.Anand

For Respondent(s): Mr.J.Hudson Samuel

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This application has been filed to restrain respondents 6 to 9 from in any way functioning as office bearers of the 1st respondent in any capacity.

2. The suit in C.S. No. 308 of 2025 has been filed to declare the election conducted by respondents 2 to 5 null and void, as well as the election of respondents 6 to 9 as office bearers of the 1st defendant, null and void.

3. The challenge to the election of respondents 6 to 9 is primarily on the ground that they are ineligible to contest the elections. The electoral process by which the election was conducted is also under challenge.

4. Whether respondents 6 to 9 were ineligible or not is a matter that requires consideration. At this stage, the plaintiff has not made out a prima facie case to restrain respondents 6 to 9 from functioning as office bearers.

5. Accordingly, this application is dismissed.

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