



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

**A.Nos.6433 to 6456, 6459 to 6465 to 6478 of 2025 &
A Nos.19, 20, 221, 223 to 252 and 299 of 2026 in
C.S.No.311 of 2025**

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2. M.Deva Irrakkam

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1. S.Arul Mayer
2. C.Samuel Asariya Stephen

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1. S.P.A.Jebadurai
2. P.Jefferson Samuelraj

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1. S.Gnanasteen
2. S.Peter Thanasingh
3. P.Jeyakumar

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1. P.Janiel Solomon Maniraj
2. Anthireya Anandaraj

Applicants in A.No.6437 of 2025

1. S.Alexander Albert
2. S.Saint Ravi Rajan

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1. P.Thanasingh
2. E.Dinesh Edison

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1. S.Maniraj
2. L.Christopher

Applicants in A.No.6440 of 2025

1. S.T.Chellapandian

Applicants in A.No.6441 of 2025



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3. A.Prabakaran
4. J.Navin Joshua

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3. A.Stephen Jebaraj

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1. D.Dharma Nesa Selvin
2. S.Kingsly Paulraj

Applicants in A.No.6443 of 2025

1. P.Kirubairaj
2. J.Abinaya

Applicants in A.No.6444 of 2025

1. V.Stephen
2. Sudha Udayakumar

Applicants in A.No.6445 of 2025

1. A.Johnsingh
2. D.Moses Anthony
3. I.Thanaraj

Applicants in A.No.6446 of 2025

1. Y.Koilraj
2. A.Ponpandi

Applicants in A.No.6447 of 2025

1. R.Lavey Ashok Sunderraj
2. Rajasingh Solomon

Applicants in A.No.6448 of 2025

1. P.Franklin Asaf Jebaraj

Applicants in A.No.6449 of 2025

1. D.Gnana Sundar
2. D.Inbaraj
3. M.Stephen

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1. A.Archibal Johnson
2. Jebin James Kirubaz B.

Applicants in A.No.6451 of 2025

1. G.James



2. S.Jacob Raja
3. N.Raja Durai

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2. K.Thangaraj

Applicants in A.No.6453 of 2025

1. J.Dhinakaran
2. L.Gnanam

Applicants in A.No.6454 of 2025

1. T.Augustin
2. S.K.Samuel Raj

Applicants in A.No.6455 of 2025

1. D.Mohan Arumainayagam

Applicant in A.No.6456 of 2025

- 1.S.Savan

Applicant in A.No.6459 of 2025

1. S.D.Prabhakar

Applicant in A.No.6460 of 2025

1. P.Daniel Jebasingh

Applicant in A.No.6461 of 2025

1. Kurusmuthu

Applicant in A.No.6462 of 2025

1. P.Dhas

Applicant in A.No.6463 of 2025

1. V.Beulah Rathinam
2. S.Jeberson Arun
3. P.Jebamani

Applicants in A.No.6464 of 2025

- 1.S.Pavul Sitha Selvin
2. S.Koilraj John

Applicants in A.No.6465 of 2025

- 1.D.Ebenezer Mangalaraj

Applicant in A.No.6466 of 2025

1. A.Christopher
2. F.Uthangan Franklin
3. V.Sekar

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- 1.Rev.P.J.Groves Barnabas

Applicant in A.No.6468 of 2025

1. M.Mallsornapandian
2. M.Thanga Bharath Alex



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1. J.Rajkumar

2. J.Jackresan

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2. C.Nelson Durai Raj

Applicants in A.No.6471 of 2025

1. P.Alayamani

2. N.Jeyakumar Santhosh

Applicants in A.No.6472 of 2025

1. G.Jeyapaul

2. D.Rajmohan

Applicants in A.No.6473 of 2025

1. M.Yesuvadian

2. J.Edwin Christopher

Applicants in A.No.6474 of 2025

1. A.Subash

2. D.Sathiyakumar

3. C.Justin Gnanadurai

Applicants in A.No.6475 of 2025

1. S.Bercy Sundar

2. T.Robins Stephen Prakash

3. A.S.Appadurai

Applicants in A.No.6476 of 2025

1. K.Aaron

2. S.Jeyasingh

Applicants in A.No.6477 of 2025

1. J.Jebachandran

Applicant in A.No.6478 of 2025

1.A.Ponraj

Applicant in A.No.19 of 2026

1. K.R.Amalraj Kumar

Applicant in A.No.20 of 2026

1. S.Elizabeth

Applicant in A.No.221 of 2026

1. J.Jayajothi Koilraj

Applicant in A.No.223 of 2026

1. Grace Jebaraj

Applicant in A.No.224 of 2026

1. J.Blesson

Applicant in A.No.225 of 2026



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1. Thanam Saral Kanagamani Jeyeraj

Applicant in A.No.226 of 2026

1. H.Evans Devanesam

Applicant in A.No.227 of 2026

1. V.Vijin Thiruthuvaraj

Applicant in A.No.228 of 2026

1. E.Chitranand Jesudas

Applicant in A.No.229 of 2026

1. J.Jayakar

Applicant in A.No.230 of 2026

1. A.Issac

Applicant in A.No.231 of 2026

1. D.Jebathangam

Applicant in A.No.232 of 2026

1. Anand Anburaj

Applicant in A.No.233 of 2026

1. Sheeba Balasingh

Applicant in A.No.234 of 2026

1. Annie Pushpa

Applicant in A.No.235 of 2026

1. S.Ponraj

Applicant in A.No.236 of 2026

1. Anburaj Solomon

Applicant in A.No.237 of 2026

1. A.Dharmam Moses

Applicant in A.No.238 of 2026

1. T.Suresh Arul

Applicant in A.No.239 of 2026

1. J.Balasundar Manoj Kumar

Applicant in A.No.240 of 2026

1. K.Dhanasingh

Applicant in A.No.241 of 2026

1. D.Jeyabal Abraham

Applicant in A.No.242 of 2026

1. P.Jeya Rathish

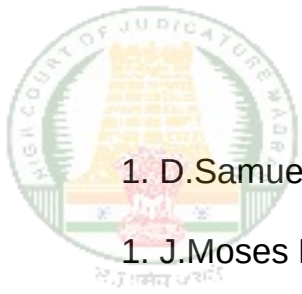
Applicant in A.No.243 of 2026

1. J.Justus Rathish

Applicant in A.No.244 of 2026

1. M.Jolly

Applicant in A.No.245 of 2026



1. P.Jeyachandran

1. D.Samuel

1. J.Moses Rajakumar

1. Jeyarani

1. Solomon Raj

1. M.Samuvel Selvin

1. Barnabas Devasuthan. H

1. M.Koilraj

2. D.Devaraj Chelliah

Applicant in A.No.246 of 2026

Applicant in A.No.247 of 2026

Applicant in A.No.248 of 2026

Applicant in A.No.249 of 2026

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Applicant in A.No.251 of 2026

Applicant in A.No.252 of 2026

Applicants in A.No.299 of 2026

Vs

1. Jeyaratchakar C
Diocese Council Member
Mannarayanthattu Pastorate
CSI Thoothukudi – Nazareth Diocese
No.15G, Toovipuram 1st Street,
Thoothukudi

2. Rev.Jebakumar Jolly Jeremiah
Bishop Robert Caldwell Church Council &
Pastorate Chairman, Cladwell Colony,
CSI Thoothukudi – Nazareth Diocese
No.34A, Mission Kovil Street,
Madathuvilai, Arumagneri, Thoothukudi Dist.

3. Church of South India
rep. By its General Secretary,
CSI Synod Secretariat, CSI Centre,



No.5, Whites Road, Royapettah,
Chennai – 600 014

4. Moderator Commissary / Bishop In-charge,
The CSI Thoothukudi – Bazareth Diocese,
100 Beach Road,
Caldwell School Campus
Thookudi – 628 001

Respondents A.Nos.
6433 to 6456, 6459 to
6465 to 6478 of 2025 &
A. Nos.19, 20, 221, 223
to 252 and 299 of 2026

5. The Administrator,
The CSI Thoothukudi Nazareth Diocese,
100 Beach Road, Caldwell School Campus,
Thoothukudi – 628 001

Prayer in all the Applications except A.No.6466 of 2025 :

Applications filed under Order XIV Rule 8 of Original Side Rules r/w Order 1 Rule 10(2) CPC r/w Section 152 CPC to implead as defendants in C.S.No.311 of 2025 consequently as respondents in all Applications in C.S.No.311 of 2025.

Prayer A.No.6466 of 2025 :

Application filed under Order XIV Rule 8 of Original Side Rules r/w Order 1 Rule 10(2) CPC to implead as defendant in the C.S.No.311 of 2025.

For Applicant(s) in A.Nos.6464 to 6478 of 2025 & A.Nos.6448 to 6455 of 2025; 6433 and 6434 of 2025 & A.No.299 of 2026:	Mr.V.Raghavachari, Senior Counsel for M/s Kingsly Solomon
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For Applicants in A.Nos.6459 of 2025 to 6463 of 2025 ; 19 and 20 of 2026; A.Nos.221, 223 to 252 of 2026	Mr.Vinet Subramani
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For Applicants in
A.Nos.6439 to 6042 of
2025

Ms.J.Johnsy Greeta

For Applicants in
A.Nos.6435 to 3438 of
2025

Mr.S.Thankasivan for
Ms.M.Akila

For Applicant in
A.No.6456 of 2025

Mr.Thankasivam for
Mr.Jebaselvan Newman

For Applicant in
A.No.6466 of 2025

Mr.D.Ebenezer Mangalaraj

For Applicants in
A.Nos.6443 to 6466 of
2025

Ms.N.Vijayamalathi

COMMON ORDER

These Applications have been filed by the applicants to implead them as defendants in the Main Suit in C.S.No.311 of 2025. Since all the applicants have filed separate applications to implead them as parties in the main suits, all the applications are taken up together and a common order is passed.

2. According to the applicants, they are the members of various Church CSI Thoothukudi Nazareth Diocese of South India. The respondents 1 and 2, being the plaintiffs have filed a suit in C.S.No.311 of 2025 to declare the elections conducted by the 3rd defendant herein at various levels on various dates on 09.11.2025, 15.11.2025,



and 22.11.2025 in respect of CSI TND as null and void; permanent injunction restraining the 3rd defendant from conducting the election of CSI Thoothukudi Nazareth Diocese scheduled to be held on 13.12.2025, 30.12.2025 and 31.12.2025 and on any subsequent dates in accordance with 3rd defendant's fresh election mandate dated 31.10.2025; mandatory injunction to recover dues, to continue election process and prohibit the defaulters and permanent injunction restraining the 3rd respondent from allowing defaulters from 2018 to 2024 to participate in the election of office bearers of CSI TND; The applicants have held various posts in various church and therefore, they are also proper and necessary parties to the suits and without their presence, the suits cannot be disposed of, therefore all the applicants have to be impleaded as necessary parties to the suits.

3. The respondents filed counter denying the averments made in the affidavits and stated that the same are false. The applicants have made various averments in respect of erstwhile office bearers, therefore, they ought to have filed separate suits, but without filing separate suits, now, the applicants have filed these applications only to delay the proceedings. The elected candidates are not necessarily required to be impleaded and every elected candidates are party to the proceedings for adjudicating the issue raised and there is sufficient representation for the Church. Though the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in W.A.Nos.3069-3072 of 2025 ordered for status quo, the 5th respondent not maintained the status quo and proceeded to conduct

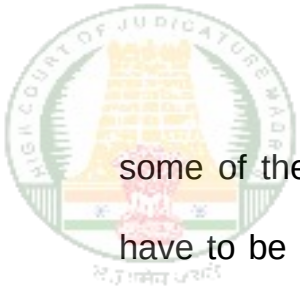


elections contrary to the orders of the Status quo. These applicants are neither proper nor necessary parties to the proceedings, therefore, only to delay the proceedings, these applications have been filed, therefore, the applications are liable to be dismissed.

4. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the documents placed on record.

5. These applications have been filed by the applicants, who are members of the various church and erst while office bearers of the church - CSI Thoothukudi-Nazareth Diocese and the respondents / plaintiffs filed the suits challenging the election process. According to the applicants, they are also proper and necessary parties because the applicants have also held various posts on various occasions in various places, therefore, they are also proper and necessary parties to the suit. thereby the applicants are also proper and necessary parties to the suits.

6. Already this Court passed passed an order of Interim Injunction in Original Application No.1204 of 2025 in C.S.No.311 of 2025 dated 26.12.2025 and same was challenged by way of Original Side Appeals before the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in O.S.A.Nos.10 to 13, 15 and 16 of 2026 and the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court by Judgment dated 22.01.2026 observed that impleading petitions filed by



some of the applicants, which were pending on the date of pendency of the appeal have to be impleaded, therefore, considering the above said facts and taking note of the fact that the applicants are also to be heard, in order to avoid multiplicity of the proceedings and to get valid and binding decree, it is appropriate to allow these applications and by allowing these applications, no prejudice would be caused to the other side. Therefore these applications are liable to be allowed.

Accordingly, the applications are allowed

(i) Applicants in Application Nos.6433 to 6456 of 2025 are ordered to be impleaded as **Defendants 4 to 56** in C.S.No.311 of 2025 and Respondents **4 to 56** in O.A.Nos.1204, 1205 and 1220 of 2025 and A.Nos.6396 to 6398 and 6432 of 2025 and O.A.No.118 of 2026;

(ii) Applicants in Application Nos.6459 to 6478 of 2025 are ordered to be impleaded as **Defendants 57 to 93** in C.S.No.311 of 2025 and Applicants in Application Nos. 6459 to 6465 and 6467 to 6478 of 2025 are ordered to be impleaded as **Respondents 57 to 92** in O.A.Nos.1204, 1205 and 1220 of 2025 and A.Nos.6396 to 6398 and 6432 of 2025 and O.A.No.118 of 2026;

(iii) Applicants in Application Nos.19, 20, 221, 223 to 252 and 299 of 2026 are ordered to be impleaded as **Defendants 94 to 128** in C.S.No.311 of 2025 and



Respondents 93 to 127 in O.A.Nos.1204, 1205 and 1220 of 2025 and A.Nos. 6396 to 6398 and 6432 of 2025 and O.A.No.118 of 2026;

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Registry is directed to carry out necessary amendment and post the matter on 18.02.2026.

12.02.2026

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P. DHANABAL, J.,

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