



W.P(MD)No.7474 of 2026

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 03.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

Writ Petition(MD)No.7474 of 2026

and

W.M.P(MD)No.6140 of 2026

S.Ayyanar

.. Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The Inspector General of Registration,
Office of the Inspector General of Registration,
No.100, Santhome High Road,
Chennai - 600 028.
- 2.The Deputy Inspector General of Registration,
Office of the Deputy Inspector General of Registration,
Vandikaran Street,
Ramanathapuram - 623 501.
- 3.The District Registrar (Societies Registration),
Office of the District Registrar,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.

4.T.Baskaran

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus to direct the third respondent to consider and pass orders on the petitioner's representation dated 10.11.2025 and cancel the registration of the office bearers dated 30.06.2025.



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For Petitioner : Mr.M.Ashok Kumar

For Respondents : Mr.M.Mahaboob Athiff

Govt. Advocate for R1 to R3

ORDER

The petitioner has approached this Court seeking a direction to the third respondent to consider and pass orders on his representation dated 10.11.2025 and consequently cancel the registration of the office-bearers of the Sangam effected on 30.06.2025.

2.The petitioner claims to be a member of the Watrap Sivakasi Nadar Uravin Murai Sangam Dharma Paribalana Sangam. According to him, he, along with certain other members, submitted a complaint before the third respondent contending that the election/selection of the fourth respondent as President of the Sangam and the election of other office-bearers on 30.06.2025 were not conducted in accordance with the bye-laws of the Sangam. On that basis, the petitioner sought an enquiry into the matter and cancellation of Form VII recording the fourth respondent and the other elected office-bearers as the President and members of the committee. The grievance of the petitioner is that the said representation has not been considered till date.



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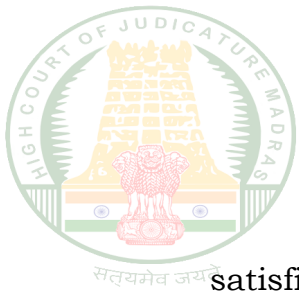
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3.Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned counsel appearing for the respondents.

4.Section 15 of the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 provides that every registered society shall have a committee consisting of not less than three members for the management of its affairs. The provision further requires every registered society to file before the Registrar a copy of the register maintained under Section 14(1) of the Act and to notify the Registrar from time to time regarding any change in the composition of the committee.

5.In the present case, the fourth respondent submitted the particulars relating to the office-bearers and members of the committee of the Sangam before the Registrar. Upon verification, the same were accepted and recorded, resulting in the filing and acceptance of Form VII in respect of the fourth respondent and the other office-bearers.

6.It is well settled by a catena of decisions of this Court that while dealing with Form VII, the Registrar of Societies performs only a ministerial function. The Registrar is required to verify whether the particulars furnished in the Form are in order and, upon being



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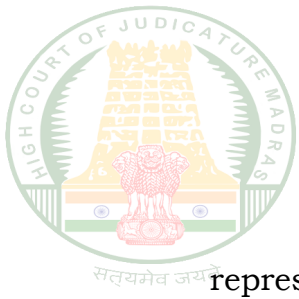
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satisfied, accept and record the same. The scope of scrutiny undertaken by the Registrar is confined to the correctness of the particulars furnished and does not extend beyond the ministerial nature of the function entrusted to him under the Act.

7.The Registrar is not vested with the power to adjudicate disputes relating to the validity of elections, determine whether an election has been conducted in accordance with the bye-laws of the society, examine rival claims to office, or enquire into alleged irregularities in the election process. Such disputed questions are beyond the scope of the Registrar's jurisdiction under the Act.

8.In view of the aforesaid legal position, the complaint submitted by the petitioner seeking cancellation of Form VII on the ground that the election of the office-bearers was invalid is not maintainable before the Registrar. The appropriate remedy available to the petitioner is to approach the competent civil court for adjudication of the disputes relating to the validity of the election and the consequential entries made in Form VII.

9.Since no statutory duty is cast upon the third respondent to adjudicate such election disputes or to consider the petitioner's



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representation in the manner sought, no direction can be issued by this Court as prayed for. The writ petition is therefore devoid of merit.

10. Accordingly, the writ petition stands disposed of, reserving liberty to the petitioner to approach the jurisdictional civil court for appropriate relief. If any such proceedings are instituted, the same shall be considered and decided on their own merits and in accordance with law.

11. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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NCC : Yes/No

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