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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 18.06.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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K.S.Mohammed Haneef Shahil

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Secretary,
Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and
Minorities Welfare Department,
Fort St. George, Secretariat,
Chennai.

2.The Secretary and Executive Officer,
Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee,
3rd Floor, Rosy Tower, No.13,
Mahathma Gandhi Road, Chennai.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to accept the petitioner's candidature for nomination to the Tamil Nadu State Hajj Committee under the category of Members representing Muslim Voluntary Organisations under Section 18(1)(iv) of the Haj Committee Act, 2002, taking into account the petitioner's decade-long social service record, Hajj facilitation experience, and recognized contribution to public administration and minority welfare in a fair, transparent, and time-bound



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manner, consistent with the objects and scheme of the Haj Committee Act, 2002, based on the petitioner's representation dated 15.05.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Sankar

For R1 : Mr.S.Vashik Ali
Standing Counsel

ORDER

The Writ Petition has been filed seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to accept the petitioner's candidature by way of nomination to the Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee under the category of Members representing Muslim Voluntary Organizations under Section 18(1)(iv) of the Haj Committee Act, 2002.

2. When the matter came up for hearing, the learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the first respondent submitted that the petitioner cannot claim nomination as a matter of right and that it is for the Government to consider the candidature and make the nomination at its discretion in accordance with law.

3. In view of the above submission, this Court is not inclined to issue a positive direction as sought for by the petitioner. However, it is made clear that whenever the Government undertakes the exercise of



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nomination to the Tamil Nadu State Haj Committee, the petitioner's application shall also be taken into consideration along with other eligible applications, and appropriate orders shall be passed in accordance with law.

4. With the above observation, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

No costs.

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To

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