



W.A(MD)No.3069 of 2025 etc., batch

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 16.03.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN

W.A.(MD) Nos.3069, 3070, 3071, 3072, 3091, 3092, 3093 of 2025 & 3 of 2026
and
C.M.P.(MD)Nos.17676, 17687, 17688, 17691, 18028, 18030, 18029 of 2025,
1781, 8 & 7 of 2026

1. W.A.(MD) No.3069 of 2025:

The Financial Administrator
The CSI Thoothukudi -
Nazareth Diocese
100, Beach Road
Caldwell School Campus
Thoothukudi-628 001

... Appellant

-VS-

- 1.Maruthu D Devan
- 2.Church of South India
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5.D.Neegar Prince Giftson

6.Rev.V.M.S.Tamil Selvan

7.The Director of Collegiate Education
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For Appellant : Mr.A.M.Packianathan Easter

For Respondents : Mr.P.P.Alwin Balan for R1
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2. W.A.(MD) No.3070 of 2025:

The Church of South India
rep.by its General Secretary
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Chennai

... Appellant

-VS-

- 1.S.Arul Mayer
- 2.M.Mal Sornapandian
- 3.D.Rajmohan
- 4.Y.Chinnaraja Vinothkumar
- 5.P.Franklin Asaf Jebaraj
- 6.The C.S.I.-Thoothukudi
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dated 27.10.2025, passed in W.P.(MD) No.28202 of 2025, on the file of this
Court.

For Appellant : Ms.H.Jasima Yasmin
for M/s.Ajmal Associates
For Respondents : Mr.J.Kingsly Solomon for R1 to R5
Mr.J.Ashok
Additional Government Pleader for R8 & R9

3. W.A.(MD) No.3071 of 2025:

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8.District Educational Officer
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For Appellants : Ms.H.Jasima Yasmin
for M/s.Ajmal Associates
For Respondents : Mr.Prabhu Rajadurai
for Mr.P.P.Alwin Balan for R1
Mr.J.Ashok
Additional Government Pleader for R6 to R8

4. W.A.(MD) No.3072 of 2025:

1.Church of South India
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Court.

For Appellants : Ms. H. Jasima Yasmin
for M/s. Ajmal Associates
For Respondents : Mr. K. K. Udayakumar for R1
Mr. J. Ashok
Additional Government Pleader for R5 & R6



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5. W.A.(MD) No.3091 of 2025:

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For Appellant : Mr.N.Dilip Kumar

For Respondents : Mr.J.Kingsly Solomon for R1 to R5
Mr.J.Ashok
Additional Government Pleader for R8 & R9

6.W.A.(MD) No.3092 of 2025:

D.Neeger Prince Giftson

... Appellant

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2.The Church of South India
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For Appellant : Mr.N.Dilip Kumar

For Respondents : Mr.K.K.Udayakumar for R1
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For Appellant : Mr.N.Dilip Kumar
For Respondents : Mr.P.P.Alwin Balan for R1
Mr.J.Ashok
Additional Government Pleader for R7 to R9

8. W.A.(MD) No.3 of 2026:

Rev.V.M.S.Tamil Selvan

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For Appellant : Mr.S.Wilson

For Respondents : Mr.G.Prabhu Rajadurai
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COMMON JUDGMENT

[Judgment of the Court was made by N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.)

The instant writ appeals have been filed challenging the order of the learned Single Judge directing the Court appointed Administrator, Hon'ble Dr.Justice P.Jyothimani to resume his charge and continue the election process and take it to its logical conclusion.

2.The issue is with regard to the election process for the Thoothukudi Nazareth Diocese. There were several litigations with regard to this issue.

3.In O.S.A.No.10 of 2026 filed with regard to the same issue, the Principal Bench of this Court has elaborately discussed the issue and concluded the original side appeal. Later the said order was also challenged before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in S.L.P.Nos.5272 & 5282 of 2026 and the said Special Leave Petitions were also dismissed. Now it appears that the entire election process has already been over and the Synod has also approved the election process conducted by Hon'ble Dr.Justice P.Jyothimani.

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4.Now, suits have also been filed in C.S.Nos.311 of 2026 and 4 of 2026 and are pending before the Madras High Court, challenging certain actions.

5.In such view of the matter, as the prime issue relating to the election process is already over, we are of the definite opinion that nothing survives in these writ appeals. Since the civil suits are pending, let the parties shall agitate their rights in the pending suit based on the evidence and pleadings.

6.Accordingly, the writ appeals are dismissed as infructuous. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

[N.S.K.,J.] [M.J.R.,J.]
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Thoothukudi.
- 4.The District Collector,
Thoothukudi,
Thoothukudi District.
- 5.The District Educational Officer,
Tirunelveli.
- 6.The District Educational Officer,
Tenkasi District.
- 7.The Registrar of Companies,
Southern Region,
Ministry of Corporate Affairs,
Shastri Bhawan,
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