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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 1579/2026**

AYYA PATTALI MAKKAL KATCHIPetitioner

Through: Mr. Satvik Verma, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Irshad Ahmad Khan, Dr. K. Arul,
Mr. Rahul kumar, Mr. Balram and Ms.
Shivani Swaraj, Advocates.

versus

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIARespondent

Through: Ms. Rohini Prasad and Ms. Ashika
Ranjan, Advocates.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

ORDER

06.02.2026

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1. The present writ petition has been filed seeking the following reliefs:-

- (i) Issue a Writ in nature of mandamus or in nature of any other writs to direct the respondent to approve the proposed name i.e. "AYYA PATTALI MAKKAL KATCHI" or any of the alternative names of the political party and also direct the respondent to register the proposed political party prior to expiry of the date of submission of Application for allotment of common symbol under Para 10B Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968 for the state of Tamilnadu, and

2. On 11th November 2025, the respondent/Election Commission of India (hereinafter 'ECI') issued a notification for allotment of Common Symbol



under paragraph 10B of the Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968.

3. The petitioner applied for registration of its political party on 2nd December, 2025. The application was duly acknowledged by ECI.

4. On 16th December, 2025, the petitioner wrote to the respondent/ECI to expedite the application of the petitioner. On 23rd December, 2025, the respondent/ECI sent a communication to the petitioner pointing out certain deficiencies in the application filed by the petitioner. The petitioner responded to the said application on 7th January 2026, stating that they have cleared the deficiencies raised by the respondent/ECI.

5. Issue Notice.

6. Notice is accepted by counsel for the respondent/ECI.

7. Mr. Satvik Verma, senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, submits that on 31st January 2026, the respondent/ECI pointed out another deficiency, which was promptly responded to by the petitioner on 5th February 2026.

7.1. The aforesaid communications are not a part of the writ petition and have been handed over in Court and are taken on record.

8. The letter dated 31st January 2026, sent by ECI to the petitioner, is set out below:



No. 56/215/2025/PPS-I | 527
To
✓ Shri A. Mugilan,
C/o "Ayya Pattali Makkal Katchi"
No. 2/19, Pazhiyavaram Street, T. Pudupalayam,
Villupuram District, Tamil Nadu – 605803.
Date: 31st January, 2026

Subject: - Application for registration of "Ayya Pattali Makkal Katchi" as a political party under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951-Regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letters dated 07.01.2025 for registration of "Ayya Pattali Makkal Katchi" as a political party under section 29(A) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and to state that on examination of your documents it has been found that the following particulars / documents have not been furnished or are not as per the guidelines issued by the Commission for the registration of political party.

1. Checklist item no. 25 – A clarification regarding the mismatch found in party office address mentioned in NOC and Tangible Proof with the Annexure – I.
2. Therefore, you are advised to furnish the aforesaid particulars/documents at the earliest. It is hereby informed that if all the above-mentioned documents/particulars are not received in the Commission within a period of 30 days from the date of issue of this letter, the case of registration of the party will be closed without any further communication in the matter.
3. The matter of registration of your party will be considered only after the receipt of the above mentioned particulars.

Yours faithfully,

(MANISH KUMAR)
UNDER SECRETARY
Tel. no. 011-20352008

Copy to: - Guard File.

9. The reply dated 5th February 2026 sent by the petitioner to the respondent/ECI to the aforesaid communication, is set out below:



AYYA PATTALI MAHARAJ KATCHI
AYYA PATTALI MAHARAJ KATCHI

No.2/19, Pazhaiyavaram Street, T.Pudupalayam, Villupuram District – 605803.



PRESIDENT

GENERAL SECRETARY

TREASURER

To

Date.....

05.01.2026

Sh. Manish Kumar
Under Secretary
(Political Party Registration)
Election Commission of India,
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi-110001



FILE NO.56/215/2025/PPS-1

Sub:

REPLY TO THE LETTER DATED 31.01.2026

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated 31.01.2026 I would like to bring to your kind notice that on 07.01.2026 (copy attached) I have already given all the documents and a detailed clarification in regard to the mismatch in the address proof. Now I have again received your above said letter and as per your letter I am again filing the application in Annexure-I after making

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GENERAL SECRETARY
AYYA PATTALI MAHARAJ KATCHI
NO.2/19, PAZHAIYAVARAM STREET,
T. PUDUPALAYAM, VILLUPURAM
DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU-605803



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corrections in the address (page no. 4 to 12) and I am also attaching photocopy of the documents as per checklist item No.25 which have already been submitted on 07.01.2026 (page no. 13 to 19). Please go through the documents filed on 07.01.2026 alongwith detailed reply.

Now all the formalities have been fulfilled and we are grateful for the support extended by your good office and we assure you that we will comply with all necessary regulations and guidelines. We have formed this political party with view and motive to participate in the forthcoming General Assembly Election of Tamilnadu-2026. We have to setup our party candidate and we have to finalize party candidates list, that's why we request to your goodself to kindly approve the proposed name or alternative name as early as possible and register our party on urgent basis, then, we can be able to setup the candidate in the above aid election.

Thanking You

Sincerely Yours


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GENERAL SECRETARY
AYYA PATTALI MANGAL KATCHI
NO.2/19, PAZHINIYARIPAN STREET,
T. PUDUPHALAYAM, VELLUPURAM
DISTRICT, TAMILNADU-605003

10. Ms. Rohini Prasad, counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent/ECI



submits that the respondent/ECI will process the petitioner's application and proceed with the verification exercise, which entails verification of the office address of the petitioner party as well as sample of 20 individual affidavits submitted by the petitioner party along with the application.

11. Mr. Verma urges that the aforesaid process be completed by the respondent/ECI in an expeditious manner since the elections to the Tamil Nadu State Assembly are likely to be held in March/April, 2026. He placed reliance on an order passed by a Coordinate Bench on 15th December 2025 in W.P.(C) 18945/2025 titled as '***All India Dharmayugam Makkal Katchi v. Election Commission of India***'. The relevant extracts from the said order are set out below:

"13. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner expresses urgency and submits that the ECI may expedite the process.

14. Considering the submissions made before this Court, since the ECI is awaiting information from the District Election Officer, the ECI is directed to communicate with the District Election Officer, District- Kanyakumari to give the requisite information, expeditiously.

15. Further, it is directed that the ECI shall do the needful within a period of eight weeks, in accordance with law.

16. With the aforesaid directions, the present writ petition, along with pending application, is accordingly disposed of."

12. Considering the submissions made on behalf of counsel for the parties, the respondent/ECI is directed to process the application filed by the petitioner and carry out the verification process in an expeditious manner.

13. The writ petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

AMIT BANSAL, J

FEBRUARY 6, 2026

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