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

+ **W.P.(C) 3942/2026**

**DRAVIDA MAKKAL MASOTHA KATCHI THROUGH ITS
PRESIDENT SH M MAYAVENKATESAN**Petitioner

Through: Mr. Himanshu Sharma, Advocate.

versus

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA THROUGH ITS
SECRETARY**Respondent

Through: Mr. Sanjay Vashishtha, Mr.
Siddhartha Goswami and Mr. Ashish
Shukla, Advocates.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

ORDER

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27.03.2026

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. "DRAVIDA MAKKAL MASOTHA KATCHI" and also direct the respondent to register the proposed political party and allot them common symbol as prayed for 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 Tamil Nadu, and

2. The petitioner filed an application under Section 29-A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 for registration of the proposed political party. The respondent/ Election Commission of India (hereinafter 'ECI'), vide communication dated 23rd February, 2026, pointed out certain deficiencies in the application which were rectified by the petitioner vide



communications dated 2nd March, 2026 and 9th March, 2026.

3. Mr. Sanjay Vashishtha, counsel appearing on behalf of ECI, has handed over a communication dated 10th March, 2026.

3.1 A copy of the aforesaid communication is taken on record.

4. In terms of the said communication, the respondent/ ECI has asked the Chief Electoral Officer, Tamil Nadu to carry out a physical verification of 20 members of the petitioner's proposed political party and submit a report.

4.1 Mr. Vashishtha submits that the said report is likely to be received shortly.

5. In view thereof, the present writ petition is disposed of while directing the respondent/ ECI to expeditiously process the application of the petitioner.

AMIT BANSAL, J

MARCH 27, 2026

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