

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06-01-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP No. 206 of 2026

and

WMP Nos. 234 & 235 of 2026

The New India Assurance Employees'
Co-operative Thrift and Credit Society
Limited, Rep. by Managing Director,
Regd. No. X-416, Fathima Akhtar Court,
1st Floor No. 453, Anna Salai Teynampet,
Chennai 600 018.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1.The Central Registrar of Co-operative
Societies

Rep. by Central Registrar,
World Trade Centre, Tower E, 9th Floor,
Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi 110 029.

2.The Co-operative Election Authority

Rep. by its Chairperson,
Office of Co-operative Election
Authority, World Trade Centre, Tower
E, 9th Floor, Nauroji Nagar,
New Delhi 110 029.

3.Rashmi Siddharth Zagade I.A.S

The District Collector/ Magistrate,
Returning Officer of New India
Assurance Employees Co-operative
Thrift and Credit society Limited,
Regd. No.X-413, Office of District
Colletorate, 4th Floor, No. 62 Rajaji
Salai, George Town, Chennai 600001.



4.M.Sudarvizhi

Deputy Registrar/ Assistant Returning
officer, The New India Assurance
Employees Co-operative Thrift and
Credit society Limited, No. 453, Anna
Salai, Chennai 600018.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

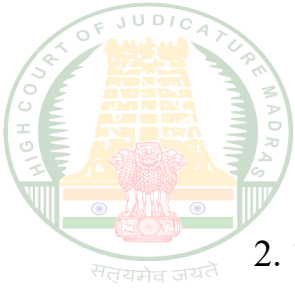
call for the records relating to order vide letter No. CEA- 12011/ 287/ 2025 dated 26.11.2025 issued by the 2nd respondent and quash the same and consequently direct the third respondent to expeditiously complete the election to the Board of Directors of the petitioner society from polling to declaration of results in terms of the Election Programme Schedule and the second respondents order dated 11.07.2025 in the interest of justice and pass

For Petitioner(s): Mr.Satish Parasaran
Senior Counsel
For Mr.B.Ullasavelan

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.K.Muralidharan
For R1 & R2
Mr.L.S.M.Hasan Fizal
Additional Government Pleader
For R3 & R4

ORDER

Heard Mr.Satish Parasaran, learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of Mr.B.Ullasavelan, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.K.K.Muralidharan, learned counsel for the respondents 1 and 2, and Mr.L.S.M.Hasan Fizal, learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 3 and 4.



2. The writ petition pertains to the conduct of election for a Multi-State Co-operative Society. The power to order election is with the 1st respondent and it is done through the offices of the respondents 2 to 4. The plea of the petitioner is that while the bylaws contemplate voting for the election of the Board of Directors by members across all the four States, the impugned order has confined it to region-wise. This according to Mr.Satish Parasaran is contrary to Bylaw No.39 of the writ petitioner's bylaws.

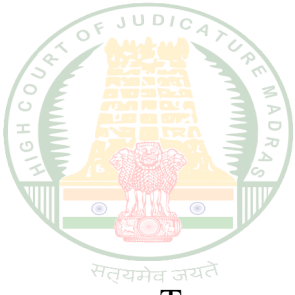
3. Mr.K.K.Muralidharan, learned counsel for the respondents 1 and 2 seeks some time to get instructions.

4. In the meantime, the existing Board of Directors shall continue. They shall not take any policy decision or incur any financial burden on behalf of the writ petitioner. The day to day activities can be carried on by them till 28.01.2026.

5. Call the matter on 27.01.2026.

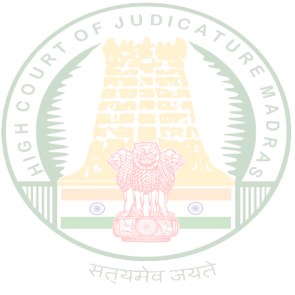
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2. The Chairperson,
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Office of Co-operative Election
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3. The District Collector/ Magistrate,
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4. The Deputy Registrar/ Assistant
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