



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

**WP No. 206 of 2026
and W.M.P. 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 18.

..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. Smt. 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 Collectorate,
4thFloor, No. 62 Rajaji Salai,
George Town, Chennai 01.



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 18.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER - This Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking for a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling 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.

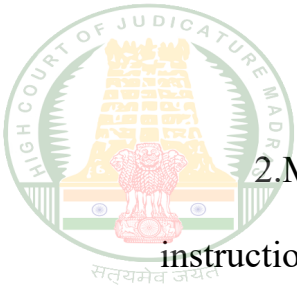
For Petitioner(s): Mr.B.Ullasavelan

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.K.Murraltharan, CGC
(For R1 & R2)

Mr.L.S.M.Hasan Fizal
Additional Government Pleader
(For R3 & R4)

ORDER

By an order dated 06.01.2026, I permitted the existing Board of Directors to continue with certain conditions. The continuation of their office came to an end on 06.01.2026. Though election was notified for the writ petitioner society 6 months earlier and heavy costs have been incurred by the Society on account of the direction given by the 1st respondent, the District Collector, who is the Election Officer, has been disabled from proceeding further with the election.



2.Mr.L.S.M.Hasan Fizal, Additional Government Pleader has produced instructions from the District Collector stating that despite her request seeking clarification till date, the respondents 1 and 2 have not responded to the same.

3.Mr.K.K.Murrallitharan, learned Central Government Counsel represented that even though he attempted to get in touch with the respondents 1 and 2, there has been no response from their end. He states that he will take guidance of the learned Additional Solicitor General in this regard and report to this Court by next Friday.

4.The interim order granted is to continue. The Society cannot be headless. Post the matter under the same caption on 06.02.2026.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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