



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-09-2026

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THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE K. GOVINDARAJAN THILAKAVADI

A No. 3930 of 2026

in

CS.DR.No.155117 of 2026

Irudayaraj Gnanasekar
S/o.Thangapandi,
Diocesan Council Member,
Mannarayanthattu Pastaroate,
6/33/1 Church Street, Adaikalapuram,
Aniabaranallur (PO)
Thoothukudi District 628 851

..Applicant / Plaintiff

Vs

1. Church of South India
Represented by the General Secretary,
CSI Synod Secretariate, CSI Centre, No.5, Whites
Road, Royapettah, Chennai 600 014.
2. The Moderator, Church of South India, CSI
Synod Secretariat, CSI Centre, No.5, whites Road,
Royapettah, Chennai – 600 014.
3. The Moderator Commissary / Bishop In-charge,
The CSI Thoothukudi – Nazareth Diocese,
100, Beach Road, Caldwell School Campus,
Thoothukudi – 628 001.
4. S.D.K.Rajan @ Gnanaraj,
Lay Secretary,
The CSI Thoothukudi – Nazareth Diocese,
100, Bose Road, Caldwell School Campus,
Thoothukudi – 628 001.
5. DKM Johnson David, Treasurer,
The CSI Thoothukudi – Nazareth Diocese,
100, Bose Road, Caldwell School Campus,
Thoothukudi – 628 001.



6. Rev.Moses Jebaraj, Vice Chairman,
The CSI Thoothukudi – Nazareth Diocese,
100, Bose Road, Caldwell School Campus,
Thoothukudi – 628 001.

7. Rev.DGA Thomas, Clerical Secretary,
The CSI Thoothukudi – Nazareth Diocese,
100, Bose Road, Caldwell School Campus,
Thoothukudi – 628 001.

8. J.Jebachandran, S/o Jesudasan,
Auditor, Diocesan Council Member,
The CSI Thoothukudi – Nazareth Diocese,
100, Bose Road, Caldwell School Campus,
Thoothukudi – 628 001.

9. S.Mamallan, S/o Samraj,
Diocesan Council Member, Nazareth Pastorate,
Executive Member,
The CSI Thoothukudi – Nazareth Diocese,
100, Bose Road, Caldwell School Campus,
Thoothukudi – 628 001.

10. A.Subash, Diocesan Council Member,
Kadatchapuram Pastorate, Executive Member,
The CSI Thoothukudi – Nazareth Diocese,
16/96, Church Street, Kadachapuram Village,
Thoothukudi – 628 702.

11. Mohanraj Arumainayagam,
Diocesan Council Member, Polpettai Pastorate,
Synod Member, CSI Synod, 160d/36,
Kurinji Nagar, 5th Street, Thoothukudi – 628 002.

12. S.Arul Mayer, S/o Sam Devasagayam,
Diocesan Council Member,
Kongarayakurichi Pastorate, Executive Member,
The CSI Thoothukudi – Nazareth Diocese,
No.3/96, Church Street, Kongarayakurichi,
Thoothukudi – 628 619.

13. K.Arul Raja, S/o S.Ganaraj Koilpillai,
Diocesan Council Member,



Christianagaram Pastorate Executive Member,
The CSI Thoothukudi – Nazareth Diocese,
Church Street, Christianagaram,
Udangudi – 628 203.

..Respondents /
Defendants

Prayer: This application filed under Order XIV Rule 8 and Order III Rule 1 of the O.S.Rules Read With clause 12 of the Letters Patent, praying to grant leave to Applicant/Plaintiff to sue the Respondents 3-13/Defendants 3-13 in the above suit.

For Applicant(s):	Mr.Om Prakash, Senior Counsel for Mr.Balaji Thirumoorthy
For Respondent(s):	Mr.V.Raghavachari, Senior Counsel for Mr.J.Kingsly Solomon for D3 to D12

ORDER

This application has been filed by the applicant / plaintiff seeking leave of this Court to institute the above suit against the respondents / defendants.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the applicant / plaintiff submits that a substantial and material part of the cause of action has arisen within the jurisdiction of this Court. It is submitted that defendants 1 and 2, against whom substantive reliefs are sought in prayer clauses (h) and (j) of the plaint, function at Chennai, within the jurisdiction of this Court. It is further submitted that the mandate dated 07.05.2026, which is under challenge in this suit, was issued by the second defendant from within the Jurisdiction of this Court.



3. The learned counsel further submitted that this Court has already exercised and continues to exercise jurisdiction over the subject matter relating to the administration and governance of the CSI Thoothukudi Nazareth Diocese in various connected and related proceedings, including C.S.No.225 of 2024, O.S.A.No.247 of 2024, O.S.A.No.270 of 2025, C.S.No.86 of 2022 and C.S.Nos.311 of 2025, 4 of 2026 and 124 of 2026, all of which concern the same Diocese.

4. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the pendency of several connected proceedings before this Court concerning the same Diocese, this Court is inclined to grant leave to the applicant / plaintiff to institute the suit.

5. Accordingly, this application is allowed.

6. The Registry is directed to number the suit, if it is otherwise in order and list the same on 09.09.2026.

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