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W.P.No.34108 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.09.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

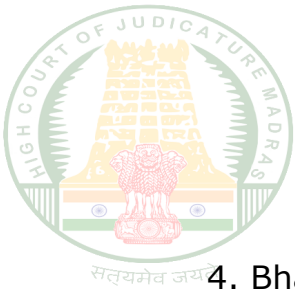
WP No.34108 of 2025
and WMP No.38263 of 2025

Adv.(C.A).V.Venkata Sivakumar
No.10/11, Dr.Subbarayan Nagar
Main Road, Kodambakkam,
Chennai-600 024.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Election Commission of India
Rep. by the Chief Election Commissioner,
Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi.
2. Union of India
Rep. by the Secretary,
Ministry of Law and Justice,
Room No.441, A Wing, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110 001.
3. Indian National Congress
AICC HQ, Indira Bhawan,
9A Kotla Marg,
New Delhi-110 002.



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4. Bharatiya Janata Party
Central Office,
6A Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg,
New Delhi-110002.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing respondent No.1 to clarify its position regarding the allegations raised by the Leader of the Opposition in his PowerPoint presentation dated 7th August 2025, and further corroborated by Hon'ble Union Minister Mr.Anurag Thakur during his press conference on 13th August 2025 concerning large-scale voter list manipulation in the 2024 General Elections to the 18th Lok Sabha, and as a consequential order, direct the 1st respondent to produce before this court and make available in the public domain the relevant electoral roll data for all constituencies in machine-readable format, together with a detailed status report of all actions, inquiries, audits, and measures undertaken in response to these allegations, so as to uphold transparency, public confidence, and the constitutional mandate of free and fair elections as per Articles 324, 14, 19(1)(a) of our Constitution.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.V.Venkata Sivakumar
(Appearing in person)

For Respondent(s): Mr.Niranjan Rajagopalan,
Standing Counsel
for R1

Mr.K.Seetha Ram,
Senior Panel Counsel
for R2



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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

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This public interest litigation has been filed seeking following reliefs:

"Issue a writ of Mandamus directing the respondent No.1, to clarify its position regarding the allegations raised by the Leader of the opposition in his Power Point presentation dated 7th August 2025, and further corroborated by Honourable Union Minister Mr.Anurag Thakur during his press conference on 13th August 2025 concerning large-scale voter list manipulation in the 2024 General Elections to the 18th Lok Sabha and as a Consequential Order, Direct the 1st respondent to produce before this Honourable Court and make available in the public domain the relevant electoral roll data for all constituencies in machine-readable format, together with a detailed status report of all actions, inquiries, audits, and measures undertaken in response to these allegations, so as to uphold transparency, public confidence, and the constitutional mandate of free and fair elections As per Article 324, 14, 19(1)(a) of our constitution"



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2. Having regard to the nature of sweeping directions which are sought, this public interest litigation, if we may say so, is completely misconceived.

3. The petition lacks concrete material and only refers to allegations, counter-allegations made on certain platform. The petition only reproduces those allegations, without there being any independent research. It seeks this court to make roving enquiry. With the present content and form, it is vague, lacks material details and particulars.

4. No such direction to "*clarify its position*" to the Commission, as has been sought in this petition, can be granted.

5. Writ petition is misconceived and, accordingly, dismissed with costs quantified at Rs.1,00,000/- [Rupees One Lakh only] payable to the Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority within one month. Consequently, interim application stands closed.



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We have not expressed any opinion on merits and leave it to be considered in appropriately constituted petition. Further, this order shall not come in the way of the Election Commission in taking its own decision on issues sought to be raised in the petition.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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Neutral Citation : Yes/No
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