

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST  
REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**

***In the matter of an application for mandates in  
the nature of Writs of Certiorari and Mandamus  
under Article 140 read with Article 104H of the  
Constitution of the Democratic Socialist  
Republic of Sri Lanka.***

**S.C. WRIT NO. 06/25**

1. Dr. Suresh Gangatharan,  
Secretary,  
Democratic National Alliance,  
No. 25, 3/2, Lauri's Road,  
Colombo 05.

2. Mr. P. Udayarasa,  
148, Station Road,  
Vairapuian Kulam,  
Vavuniya.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Vavuniya South Pradeshiya Sabha,

Election Office,  
Vavuniya.

2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the Election Commission

3. Mr. M A P C Perera,

4. Mr. A M Faaiz,

5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,

6. Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake,  
All who are members of the Election  
Commission

7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake,  
Commissioner General of Elections

All of Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

8. M.A. Sumanthiran  
General Secretary,  
Ilankai Tamil Arasu Katchi,  
30, Martin Road,

Jaffna.

9. Dr. Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
464/20, Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.
10. D. Devananda,  
Ealam People's Democratic Party,  
273, Stanley Road,  
Jaffna.
11. Thalatha Athukorala,  
United National Party,  
Sirikotha,  
Pita kotte Junction,  
Pitakotte.
12. N. Ratnalingam,  
Democratic Tamil National Alliance,  
13, Haig Road,  
Colombo 4.
13. G. Ponnampalam,  
All Ceylon Tamil Congree,  
120, Main Street,

Jaffna.

14. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,  
Samagi Jana Balwegaya,  
592, Bangalawatte Junction,  
Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.

15. C V Vigneswaran,  
Tamil Makkal Koottany,  
Temple Road,  
Nallur.

16. Hon. Attorney General,  
Attorney- General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT NO. 07/25**

1. Abdul Latheef Mohamed Sabeel,  
Secretary,  
National Front for Good Governance,  
CB Cassim Lane,  
Kattankudy.

Vs.

1. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,  
Chairman,  
Election Commission
  
2. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera,  
Member,  
Election Commission.
  
3. Mr. A. A. Faaiz,  
Member,  
Election Commission.
  
4. Ms. Anusuya Shanmuganathan,  
Member,  
Election Commission.
  
5. Prof. D. M. S. S. Lakshman Dissanayake,  
Member,  
Election Commission.

All of the 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Respondents above  
named Election Secretariat, P.O. Box 2.

6. Mr. W. G. M. Hemantha Kumara,  
District Secretary,  
Returning Officer,  
District Secretariat,  
Trincomalee.
  
7. Mr. S. K. D. Neranjan,  
Assistant Commissioner of Elections/  
Assistant Returning Officer,  
District Secretariat,  
Trincomalee.
  
8. Mr. H. M. T. D. Herath,  
Secretary,  
Election Commission,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
  
9. Hon. Attorney General,  
Attorney General's Department,  
No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,  
Colombo 12.
  
10. Mr. S. Subairdeen,  
All Ceylon Makkal Congress,  
No 23/4, Charlemont Road,  
Colombo 06.

11. M. A. Sumanthiran,  
Secretary,  
Illankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi,  
No. 30, Martin Road,  
Jaffna.

12. Nizam Kariappar,  
Secretary,  
Sri Lanka Muslim Congress Darussalam,  
No. 53, Vauxhall Lane,  
Colombo 02.

13. Nihal Abeysignhe,  
Secretary,  
Normal People's Party,  
No. 404/20,  
Pannipitiya Road,  
Battaramulla.

14. Thalatha Authukorala,  
Secretary,  
United National Party,  
Sirikotha, No. 400, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.

15. A. L. M. Athulla,  
Secretary,  
National Congress,  
No. 4/147-1/1  
Thalakottuwa Garden,  
Colombo 05.

16. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
The Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya 592,  
Bangala Junction, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.

17. Sagara Kariyawasam  
The Secretary.  
Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna 1316,  
Nelum Mawatha,  
Jayanthipura,  
Battaramulla.

18. D. M. Jayarathne,  
Peoples' Alliance Doluwa,  
Gampola.

19. G. G. Ponnambalam,  
All Ceylon Tamil Congress,  
"Congress House" No 120,



Main Street,  
Jaffna.

20. Ramasami Rajendran,  
Eros Democratic Front,  
No. 15, Wanniyar Road,  
Kalmune.

21. K. N. Ratnalinkham,  
Democratic National Alliance,  
No 16, Haig Road,  
Bambalapitiya,  
Colombo 04.

22. Abdul Salam,  
Team Leader,  
Independent Group  
(address unknown)

**RESPONDENT**

**SC WRIT NO. 10/25**

1. M Nizam Kariappar,  
Secretary,  
Sri Lanka Muslim Congress,  
No. 51, Vauxhall Lane,  
Colombo 02.

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Akurana South Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Akurana.
  
2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the Election Commission
  
3. Mr. M A P C Perera,
  
4. Mr. A M Faaiz,
  
5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,
  
6. Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake,  
All who are members of the Election  
Commission
  
7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake,  
Commissioner General of Elections  
  
All of Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
815, E.W.Perera Mw,  
Ethulkotte.
  
9. Dr Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
464/20, Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.
  
10. Thalatha Athukorale  
General Secretary,  
United Nations Party  
400, B120,  
Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte.
  
11. Ranjan Seneviratne,  
Sarvajana Balaya Party  
No. 11, Park Avenue,  
Colombo 08.
  
12. Seyyadu Mohamed Mohamed Iswi,  
Group Leader  
Independent Group  
No. 648, Neerella Road,

Akurana.

13. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT NO. 11/25**

1. M Nizam Kariapper  
Secretary,  
Sri Lanka Muslim Congress  
No. 51  
Vauxhall Lane.  
Colombo 02.

**PETITIONER**

1. Returning Officer,  
Pathudiumbara Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Kandy.
2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the election Commission
3. Mr. M A P C Perera,

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6. Prof. Lakshaman Dissanayake,  
All who are Members of the election  
Commission
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Commissioner General of Elections  
All of  
Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
815, E.W. Perera Mw,  
Ethulkotte.
9. Dr Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,

464/20, Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

10. Thalatha Athukorale  
General Secretary,  
United Nations Party  
No.400, B120,  
Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte.

11. Ranjan Seneviratne  
Sarvajana Balaya Party  
No. 11, Park Avenue  
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12. Seyyadu Mohamed Mohamed Iswi  
Group Leader  
Independent Group  
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Akurana.

13. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENT**

**SC WRIT NO. 12/25**

1. Mazihudeen Naimullah,  
Secretary,  
The United National Alliance  
No.07, Norris Avenue,  
Colombo 09.

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Akurana Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Kandy.
2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the election Commission
3. Mr. M A P C Perera,
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Election Secretariat,  
PO Box 02, Sarana Mawatha,  
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8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
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Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
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General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
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Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

10. Thalatha Athukorale,  
General Secretary,  
United Nations Party,  
400, B120,



Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte

10. Ranjan K Seneviratne,  
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12. Seyyadu Mohamed Mohamed Iswi  
Leader,  
Independent Group,  
No.648, Neerella Road,  
Akurana

13. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT NO. 13/25**

1. Kallayanathan Vairavanthan  
Team Leader, Independent Group,  
No 187, Murugan Kovil Road,  
Linganagar,  
Trincomalee

Vs.

1. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,  
Chairman,  
Election Commission
  2. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera,  
Member,  
Election Commission.
  3. Mr. A. A. Faaiz,  
Member,  
Election Commission.
  4. Ms. Anusuya Shanmuganathan,  
Member,  
Election Commission.
  5. Prof. D. M. S. S. Lakshman Dissanayake,  
Member,  
Election Commission.
- All of the 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Respondents above  
named  
Election Secretariat, P.O. Box 2  
Sarana Mawatha, Rajagiriya.

6. Mr. W. G. M. Hemantha Kumara,  
District Secretary,  
Returning Officer,  
District Secretariat,  
Trincomalee.
  
7. Mr. S. K. D. Neranjan,  
Assistant Commissioner of Elections/  
Assistant Returning Officer,  
District Secretariat,  
Trincomalee.
  
8. Mr. H. M. T. D. Herath,  
Secretary,  
Election Commission,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
  
9. Hon. Attorney General,  
Attorney General's Department,  
No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,  
Colombo 12.
  
10. M. A. Sumanthiran,  
Secretary,  
Illankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi,

No. 30, Martin Road,  
Jaffana.

11. Douglas Devananda,  
Eelam People's Democratic Party,  
No. 273, Stanly Road,  
Jaffana.

12. Nizam Kariappar,  
Secretary,  
Sri Lanka Muslim Congress Darussalam,  
No. 53, Vauxhall Lane,  
Colombo 02.

13. Nihal Abeysignhe,  
Secretary,  
Normal People's Party,  
No. 404/20,  
Pannipitiya Road,  
Battaramulla.

14. Thalatha Authukorala,  
Secretary,  
United National Party,  
Sirikotha, No. 400, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.

17. Lankapeli Dharmasiri,  
Peoples' Struggle Alliance,  
No. 136, Temple Road, Kalithara North.
  
18. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balavegaya,  
No. 592, Bangala Junction,  
Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.
  
19. G. G. Ponnambalam,  
All Ceylon Tamil Congress,  
"Congress House" No 120,  
Main Street,  
Jaffana.
  
20. K. N. Ratnalinkham,  
Democratic National Alliance,  
No. 16, Haig Road,  
Bambalapitiya,  
Colombo 04.
  
21. Sellathurai Puviraj
  
22. Kandiah Arunagirinathan

23. Rajanayakam Betson
24. Ratnayake Adikari Benage Sandun Rasna  
Ratnayake

**RESPONDENT**

**SC WRIT NO. 14/25**

1. S.A. Sujeewa Nirmana  
The Leader,  
Independent Group,  
Welimaanaana,  
Mathugama.
2. R. D. Dilruk Darshana,  
Authorised Agent,  
No 311, Thotupola Road,  
Meegama,  
Dharga Town.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Kalindra Jayaweera Fernando,  
The Deputy Commissioner of Elections  
Kalutara District,  
Elections Office,

Kalutara.

2. G. M. Janaka K. Gunawardhana,  
The District Secretary,  
District Secretariat Office,  
Kalutara.

3. R. M. A. L. Rathnayake,  
Chairman,

4. M. A. P. C. Perera,  
Member,

5. Ameer Faaiz,  
Member,

6. A. Shanmuganathan,  
Member,

7. Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake,  
Member,

3rd – 7th Respondents above named are  
the Chairman and Members of the  
Election Commission,  
Election Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,

Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

General Secretary,

Samagi Jana Balawegaya

592, Bangala Junction, Kotte Road,

Pitakotte.

9. Nihal Abeysinghe

General Secretary,

Jathika Jana Balawegaya

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Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

10. Sagara Kariyawasam

General Secretary

Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna

1316, Nelum Mawatha,

Jayanthipura, Battaramulla.

11. P. A. Sarath Wijesiri,

General Secretary,

National Freedom Front,

No, 428/1,

Robert Gunawardana Mawatha,

Battaramulla.



12. Thalatha Authukorala,  
General Secretary,  
United National Party,  
"Sirikotha",  
No. 400, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.
13. Dharmasiri Lankapeli,  
General Secretary,  
People's Struggle Alliance,  
No.136, Temple Road,  
Kaluthara North.
14. Kasun Niroshana Munasinghe,  
The Leader,  
Independent Group,  
Yatadolawatta,  
Mathugama.
15. Hon. Attorney General,  
Attorney General's Department,  
No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENT**

**SC WRIT NO. 15/25**

Nagalingam Rathnalingam,  
Secretary,  
Democratic Tamil National Alliance,  
16, Haig Road,  
Bambalapitiya.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Karainagar Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Jaffna.
2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the election  
Commission
3. Mr. M A P C Perera,
4. Mr. A M Faaiz,
5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. Lakshaman Dissanayake,

All who are Members of the election  
Commission

7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake,  
Commissioner General of Elections

All of  
Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
815, E.W.Perera Mw,  
Ethulkotte.

9. Dr Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
464/20,Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

10. M.A. Sumanthiran  
General Secretary,  
Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi,  
No.30, Martin Road,

Jaffna.

11. Douglas Devananda

General Secretary

Elam Peoples Democratic Party

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Jaffna.

12. Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam

General Secretary

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120, Main Street

Jaffna.

15. Thalatha Athukorale

General Secretary,

United National Party,

400, B120, Sri Jayawardenapura

Kotte, Kotte

14. Deepal Jayasekera

General Secretary,

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Kotte Road, Kotte

15. Justice C.V. Vigneswaran

General Secretary,  
Tamil Makkal Koottani  
Temple Road, Nallur.

16. Kirushnana Govindarajan  
Group Leader  
Independent Group,  
Monthipuyam, Karainagar

17. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENT**

**SC WRIT NO. 16/25**

Nagalingam Rathnalingam,  
Secretary,  
Democratic Tamil National Alliance,  
16, Haig Road,  
Bambalapitiya.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Valikamam East Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Kandy.

2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the election  
Commission

3. Mr. M A P C Perera,

4. Mr. A M Faaiz,

5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,

6. Prof. Lakshaman Dissanayake,

All who are Members of the election  
Commission

7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake,  
Commissioner General of Elections  
All of  
Elections Secretariat,

Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

8. Dr Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
464/20, Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

9. M.A. Sumanthiran  
General Secretary,  
Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi,  
No.30, Martin Road,  
Jaffna.

10. Douglas Devananda  
General Secretary  
Elam Peoples Democratic Party  
273, Stanley Road  
Jaffna.

11. Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam  
General Secretary  
All Ceylon Tamil Congress  
120, Main Street  
Jaffna.

12. Thalatha Athukorale  
General Secretary,  
United National Party,  
400, B120, Sri Jayawardenapura  
Kotte, Kotte
  
13. Justice C.V. Vigneswaran  
General Secretary,  
Tamil Makkal Koottani  
Temple Road, Nallur.
  
14. S. Sivathiksan  
Group Leader,  
Independent Group,  
Muni Kovilady, Kopay South.
  
16. A. Rajeevan  
Group Leader,  
Independent Group,  
Muni Kovilady, Kopay South.
  
17. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**



**SC WRIT NO. 17/25**

Nagalingam Rathnalingam,  
Secretary,  
Democratic Tamil National Alliance,  
16, Haig Road,  
Bambalapitiya.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Nallur Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Jaffna.
2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the election  
Commission
3. Mr. M A P C Perera,
4. Mr. A M Faaiz,
5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. Lakshaman Dissanayake,

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Commission

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Commissioner General of Elections

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Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
815, E.W.Perera Mw,  
Ethulkotte.

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10. M.A. Sumanthiran  
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No.30, Martin Road,  
Jaffna.

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273, Stanley Road  
Jaffna.

12. Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam

General Secretary  
All Ceylon Tamil Congress  
120, Main Street  
Jaffna.

13. Thalatha Athukorale

General Secretary,  
United National Party,  
400, B120, Sri Jayawardenapura  
Kotte, Kotte

14. Justice C.V. Vigneswaran

General Secretary,  
Tamil Makkal Koottani  
Temple Road, Nallur.

15. Thileep Jeevaranjan  
Group Leader  
Forest Department Lane,  
Nallur.

16. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENT**

**SC WRIT NO. 18/25**

Nagalingam Rathnalingam,  
Secretary,  
Democratic Tamil National Alliance,  
16, Haig Road,  
Bambalapitiya.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Vadamarachchi Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Jaffna.

2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,

Chairman of the election  
Commission

3. Mr. M A P C Perera,

4. Mr. A M Faaiz,

5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,

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Commissioner General of Elections

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Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
815, E.W.Perera Mw,

Ethulkotte.

9. Dr Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
464/20,Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

10. M.A. Sumanthiran  
General Secretary,  
Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi,  
No.30, Martin Road,  
Jaffna.

11. Douglas Devananda  
General Secretary  
Elam Peoples Democratic Party  
273, Stanley Road  
Jaffna.

12. Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam  
General Secretary  
All Ceylon Tamil Congress  
120, Main Street  
Jaffna.

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General Secretary,  
United National Party,  
400, B120, Sri Jayawardenapura  
Kotte, Kotte

14.L. Alagiyawanna

General Secretary  
People's Alliance  
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15. Thavanilavinthasan

Group Leader  
Independent Group,  
Imaiyanan West, Udupiddy.

16. Hon. Attorney General

Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENT**

**SC WRIT NO. 19/25**

Nagalingam Rathnalingam,  
Secretary,  
Democratic Tamil National Alliance,  
16, Haig Road,

Bambalapitiya.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Kayts Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Jaffna.
2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the election  
Commission
3. Mr. M A P C Perera,
4. Mr. A M Faaiz,
5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. Lakshaman Dissanayake,
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Commission
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All of  
Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
815, E.W.Perera Mw,  
Ethulkotte.

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General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
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General Secretary,  
Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi,  
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Jaffna.

11. Douglas Devananda  
General Secretary

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12. Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam  
General Secretary  
All Ceylon Tamil Congress  
120, Main Street  
Jaffna.

13. Thalatha Athukorale  
General Secretary,  
United National Party,  
400, B120, Sri Jayawardenapura  
Kotte, Kotte

14. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENT**

**SC WRIT NO. 20/25**

Nagalingam Rathnalingam,  
Secretary,  
Democratic Tamil National Alliance,

16, Haig Road,  
Bambalapitiya.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Valikamam West Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Jaffna.

2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the election  
Commission

3. Mr. M A P C Perera,

4. Mr. A M Faaiz,

5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,

6. Prof. Lakshaman Dissanayake,

All who are Members of the election  
Commission

7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake,  
Commissioner General of Elections

All of  
Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
815, E.W.Perera Mw,  
Ethulkotte.

9. Dr Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
464/20,Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

10. M.A. Sumanthiran  
General Secretary,  
Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi,  
No.30, Martin Road,  
Jaffna.

11. Douglas Devananda

General Secretary  
Elam Peoples Democratic Party  
273, Stanley Road  
Jaffna.

12. Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam

General Secretary  
All Ceylon Tamil Congress  
120, Main Street  
Jaffna.

13. Thalatha Athukorale

General Secretary,  
United National Party,  
400, B120, Sri Jayawardenapura  
Kotte, Kotte

14. T Sujinthan

Group Leader  
Independent Group,  
Tholpuram West,  
Chulipuram.

15. B. Sriskanthan

Group Leader

Independent Group,  
Sivan Kovilady,  
Vaddukoddai West.

16. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENT**

**SC WRIT NO. 21/25**

Nagalingam Rathnalingam,  
Secretary,  
Democratic Tamil National Alliance,  
16, Haig Road,  
Bambalapitiya.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Chavakachcheri Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Jaffna.

2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the election

Commission

3. Mr. M A P C Perera,

4. Mr. A M Faaiz,

5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,

6. Prof. Lakshaman Dissanayake,

All who are Members of the election  
Commission

7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake,

Commissioner General of Elections

All of

Elections Secretariat,

Sarana Mawatha,

Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

General Secretary,

Samagi Jana Balawegaya,

815, E.W.Perera Mw,

Ethulkotte.

9. Dr Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
464/20,Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.
10. M.A. Sumanthiran  
General Secretary,  
Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi,  
No.30, Martin Road,  
Jaffna.
11. Douglas Devananda  
General Secretary  
Elam Peoples Democratic Party  
273, Stanley Road  
Jaffna.
12. Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam  
General Secretary  
All Ceylon Tamil Congress  
120, Main Street  
Jaffna.
13. Thalatha Athukorale  
General Secretary,



United National Party,  
400, B120, Sri Jayawardenapura  
Kotte, Kotte

14. U. Cecil Remindas

Group Leader  
Independent Group,  
147/2, Sappachchi Mavadi,  
Sangathanai.

15. Mahalingam Sathees

Group Leader  
Independent Group,  
Kachchai road,  
Chavakachcheri.

16. Hon. Attorney General

Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENT**

**SC WRIT NO. 22/25**

Nagalingam Rathnalingam,  
Secretary,  
Democratic Tamil National Alliance,  
16, Haig Road,

Bambalapitiya.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Delft Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Jaffna.
2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the election  
Commission
3. Mr. M A P C Perera,
4. Mr. A M Faaiz,
5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. Lakshaman Dissanayake,  
  
All who are Members of the election  
Commission
7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake,

Commissioner General of Elections

All of  
Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
815, E.W.Perera Mw,  
Ethulkotte.

9. Dr Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
464/20,Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

10. M.A. Sumanthiran  
General Secretary,  
Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi,  
No.30, Martin Road,  
Jaffna.

11. Douglas Devananda  
General Secretary

Elam Peoples Democratic Party  
273, Stanley Road  
Jaffna.

12. Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam  
General Secretary  
All Ceylon Tamil Congress  
120, Main Street  
Jaffna.

13. Thalatha Athukorale  
General Secretary,  
United National Party,  
400, B120, Sri Jayawardenapura  
Kotte, Kotte

14. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENT**

**SC WRIT NO. 23/25**

Nagalingam Rathnalingam,  
Secretary,  
Democratic Tamil National Alliance,  
16, Haig Road,

Bambalapitiya.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Jaffna Municipal Council,  
Election Office,  
Jaffna.
2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the election  
Commission
3. Mr. M A P C Perera,
4. Mr. A M Faaiz,
5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. Lakshaman Dissanayake,  
  
All who are Members of the election  
Commission
7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake,

Commissioner General of Elections

All of  
Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
815, E.W.Perera Mw,  
Ethulkotte.

9. Dr Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
464/20, Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

10. M.A. Sumanthiran  
General Secretary,  
Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi,  
No.30, Martin Road,  
Jaffna.

11. Douglas Devananda  
General Secretary

Elam Peoples Democratic Party  
273, Stanley Road  
Jaffna.

12. Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam  
General Secretary  
All Ceylon Tamil Congress  
120, Main Street  
Jaffna.

13. Thalatha Athukorale  
General Secretary,  
United National Party,  
400, B120, Sri Jayawardenapura  
Kotte, Kotte

14. Eros Democratic Front  
General Secretary  
R. Rajenthiran 18,  
Vanniyar Road,  
Kalminai.

15. G. Sulakshan  
Group Leader  
Independent Group,  
27/7, Central East  
Road, Gurunagar.

16. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENT**

**SC WRIT NO. 24/25**

Nagalingam Rathnalingam,  
Secretary,  
Democratic Tamil National Alliance,  
16, Haig Road,  
Bambalapitiya.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Karaichchi Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Jaffna.
2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the election  
Commission
3. Mr. M A P C Perera,



4. Mr. A M Faaiz,

5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,

6. Prof. Lakshaman Dissanayake,

All who are Members of the election  
Commission

7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake,

Commissioner General of Elections

All of  
Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
815, E.W.Perera Mw,  
Ethulkotte.

9. Dr Nihal Abesinghe,

General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
464/20, Pannipitiya Road,

Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

10. M.A. Sumanthiran  
General Secretary,  
Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kachchi,  
No.30, Martin Road,  
Jaffna.
11. Douglas Devananda  
General Secretary  
Elam Peoples Democratic Party  
273, Stanley Road  
Jaffna.
12. Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam  
General Secretary  
All Ceylon Tamil Congress  
120, Main Street  
Jaffna.
13. Thalatha Athukorale  
General Secretary,  
United National Party,  
400, B120, Sri Jayawardenapura  
Kotte, Kotte
14. T. Sujinthan

Group Leader  
Independent Group,  
Sivan Kovilady,  
Vaddu West.

15. B. Sriskanthan  
Group Leader  
Independent Group,  
Sivan Kovilady,  
Vaddu West.

16. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENT**

**SC WRIT NO. 27/25**

Mazihudeen Naimullah  
Secretary,  
The United National Alliance  
No.07, Norris Avenue,  
Colombo 09.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Yatinuwara Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Jaffna.
2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the election  
Commission
3. Mr. M A P C Perera,
4. Mr. A M Faaiz,
5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. Lakshaman Dissanayake,  
All who are Members of the election  
Commission
7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake,  
Commissioner General of Election,  
All of  
Election Commission of Sri Lanka,  
Election Secretariat,  
PO Box 02, Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
815, E.W.Perera Mw,  
Ethulkotte.

9. Dr Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
464/20, Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

10. Thalatha Athukorale  
General Secretary,  
United Nations Party,  
400, B120, Sri Jayawardenapura  
Kotte.

11. Ranjan Seneviratne  
Sarvajana Balaya Party  
No. 11, Park Avenue  
Colombo 08.

12. Sagara Kariyawasam  
The Secretary.  
Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna 1316,

Nelum Mawatha,  
Jayanthipura,  
Battaramulla.

13. Dharmasiri Lanka Peli,  
Secretary,  
Socialist People's Front,  
136, Temple Road,  
Kalutara North.

14. Bandula Chandrasena  
Secretary,  
United Republican Front,  
4/120, Thalakotuwa Uyana,  
Colombo 05.

15. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENT**

**SC WRIT NO. 28/25**

Mazihudeen Naimullah  
Secretary,  
The United National Alliance

No.07, Norris Avenue,  
Colombo 09.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Harispaththuwa Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Kandy.
2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the election  
Commission
3. Mr. M A P C Perera,
4. Mr. A M Faaiz,
5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. Lakshaman Dissanayake,

All who are Members of the election  
Commission

7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake, Commissioner

General of Elections

All of

Election Commission of Sri Lanka,

Election Secretariat,

PO Box 02, Sarana Mawatha,

Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

General Secretary,

Samagi Jana Balawegaya,

815, E.W.Perera Mw,

Ethulkotte.

9. Dr Nihal Abesinghe,

General Secretary,

Jathika Jana Balwegaya,

464/20, Pannipitiya Road,

Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

10. Bandula Chandrasekera

Secretary,

United Republican Front,

4/120, Thalakuwa Uyana,

Colombo 05.

11. Dharmasiri Lankapedi,



Secretary,  
Socialist People's Forum,  
136, Temple Road,  
Kalutara North.

12. Ranjan Seneviratne,  
Sarvajana Balaya Party  
No. 11, Park Avenue  
Colombo 08.

13. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT NO. 29/25**

Jeevan Thondaman  
Secretary,  
Ceylon workers Congress,  
No.72, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha,  
Colombo 07.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Kandy Four Gravets and Gangawata,  
Korale Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Kandy.
2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the Election Commission.
3. Mr. M A P C Perera,
4. Mr. A M Faaiz,
5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. Lakshaman Dissanayake,

All of whom are members of the Election Commission.

7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake,  
Commissioner General of Elections,  
All of Election Commission of Sri Lanka,  
Election Secretariat,  
PO Box 02, Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,  
The Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
592, Bangala Junction, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.
9. Dr. Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
404/20,  
Pannipitiya Road, Pelawatte,  
Battaramulla.
10. Ranjan Kumara Senevirathna  
Sarvajana Balaya Party,  
No.111, Park Avenue,  
Colombo 08.

11. Darmasiri Lanka Peli,  
Socialist People's Forum 136,  
Temple Road,  
Kaluthara North.
12. Thalatha Authukorala,  
Secretary,  
United National Party,  
Sirikotha, No. 400, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.
13. Keetan Subramaniam,  
Leader Independent Group,  
Deltawatta East,  
Pupuressa.
14. Hon. Attorney General,  
Attorney General's Department,  
No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT NO. 31/25**

Jeevan Thondaman  
Secretary,  
Ceylon workers Congress,  
No.72, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha,  
Colombo 07.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Pathhewahat Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Kandy.
2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the Election Commission.
3. Mr. M A P C Perera,
4. Mr. A M Faaiz,
5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. Lakshaman Dissanayake,

All of whom are members of the Election  
Commission.

7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake,  
Commissioner General of Elections,  
  
All of Election Commission of Sri Lanka,  
Election Secretariat,  
PO Box 02, Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,  
The Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
592, Bangala Junction, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.
9. Dr. Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
404/20,  
Pannipitiya Road, Pelawatte,  
Battaramulla.
10. Thalatha Authukorala,  
Secretary,  
United National Party,  
Sirikotha, No. 400, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.

11. Ranjan Senevirathna  
Sarvajana Balaya Party,  
No.111, Park Avenue,  
Colombo 08.
12. Lasantha Alagiywanne,  
The Secretary,  
People's Alliance,  
No. 301, T B Jayah Mawatha,  
Colombo 10.
13. Bandula Chanerasekera  
Secretary,  
United Republican Front,  
4/120, Thalakotuwa Uyana,  
Narahenpita.
14. Hon. Attorney General,  
Attorney General's Department,  
No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT NO. 32/25**

Jeevan Thondaman  
Secretary,  
Ceylon Workers Congress,  
No.72, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha,  
Colombo 07.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Kothmale Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Nuwara Eliya.
2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the Election Commission.
3. Mr. M A P C Perera,
4. Mr. A M Faaiz,
5. Ms. Anusuya Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. D M S S Lakshaman Dissanayake,

All of whom are members of the Election  
Commission.



7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake,  
Commissioner General of Elections,  
All of Election Commission of Sri Lanka,  
Election Secretariat,  
PO Box 02, Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,  
The Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
592, Bangala Junction, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.
9. Dr. Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
404/20,  
Pannipitiya Road, Pelawatte,  
Battaramulla.
10. Ranjan Kumara Senevirathna  
Sarvajana Balaya Party,  
No.111, Park Avenue,  
Colombo 08.
11. Lasantha Alagiywanne,  
The Secretary,  
People's Alliance,

No. 301, T B Jayah Mawatha,  
Colombo 10.

12. Hon. Attorney General,  
Attorney General's Department,  
No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT NO. 34/25**

Mazihudeen Naimullah,  
Secretary,  
The United National Alliance,  
No. 07, Norris Avenue,  
Colombo 09.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Pathahewaheta Pradheshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Kandy.
2. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of Election Commission

3. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera,
4. Mr. A. A. Faaiz,
5. Ms. Anusuya Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. D. M. S. S. Lakshman Dissanayake,

All who are Members of the Election  
Commission

7. Mr. Saman Sri Rathnayake,  
Commissioner General of Elections

All of  
Election Commission of Sri Lanka, Election  
Secretariat,  
PO Box 02, Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balavegaya,  
No. 592, Bangala Junction,  
Kotte Road,  
Ethulkotte.

9. Dr. Nihal Abeysignhe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balawegaya,  
No. 404/20,  
Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte,  
Battaramulla.
  
10. Thalatha Authukorala,  
General Secretary,  
United National Party,  
Sirikotha, No. 400, B120,  
Sri Jayawardhena Kotte.
  
11. Ranjan Kumara Senevirathna  
Sarvajana Balaya Party,  
No.111, Park Avenue,  
Colombo 08.
  
12. Lasantha Alagiyawanne,  
The Secretary,  
People's Alliance,  
No.301, T.B. Jaya Mawatha,  
Colombo 10.
  
13. Bandula Chanerasekara,  
Secretary,

United Republic Front,  
4/120, Thalkotuwa Udyanaya,  
Narahenpita.

14. Hon. Attorney General,  
Attorney General's Department,  
No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT NO. 35/25**

Mazihudeen Naimullah,  
Secretary,  
The United National Alliance  
No.07, Norris Avenue,  
Colombo 09.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

15. Returning Officer,  
Kandy Four Gravets and Gangawata,  
Korale Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Kandy.

16. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the Election Commission.

17. Mr. M A P C Perera,

18. Mr. A M Faaiz,

19. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,

20. Prof. Lakshaman Dissanayake,

All of whom are members of the Election Commission.

21. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake,

Commissioner General of Elections,

All of Election Commission of Sri Lanka,  
Election Secretariat,  
PO Box 02, Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

22. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,

General Secretary,

Samagi Jana Balawegaya,

815, E.W.Perera Mw,

Ethulkotte.

23. Dr. Nihal Abesinghe,

General Secretary,

Jathika Jana Balwegaya, 464/20,

Pannipitiya Road, Pelawatte,  
Battaramulla.

24. Thalatha Athukorale,  
General Secretary,  
United National Party,  
400, B120,  
Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte.

25. Ranjan Seneviratne,  
Sarvajana Balaya Party,  
No. 11, Park Avenue,  
Colombo 08.

26. Battaramulla Seelarathna Thero,  
Jana Setha Peramuna,  
185/5 B Dewala Road,  
Thalangama South, Battaramulla.

27. Sagara Kariyawasam,  
Secretary,  
Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna,  
316, Nelum Mawatha, Battaramulla.

28. Hon. Attorney General,  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENT**

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**SC WRIT NO. 36/25**

Mazihudeen Naimullah,  
Secretary,  
The United National Alliance,  
No. 07, Norris Avenue,  
Colombo 09.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Udawalatha Pradheshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Kandy.
2. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of Election Commission
3. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera,
4. Mr. A. A. Faaiz,
5. Ms. A. Shanmuganathan,



6. Prof. D. M. S. S. Lakshman Dissanayake,

All who are Members of the  
Election Commission

7. Mr. Saman Sri Rathnayake,

Commissioner General of Elections

All of

Election Commission of Sri Lanka, Election  
Secretariat,  
PO Box 02, Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,

General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balavegaya,  
No. 592, Bangala Junction,  
Kotte Road,  
Ethulkotte.

9. Dr. Nihal Abeysignhe,

General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balawegaya,  
No. 404/20,  
Pannipitiya Road,

Pelawatte,  
Battaramulla.

10. Ranjan Senevirathna  
Sarvajana Balaya Party,  
No.111, Park Avenue,  
Colombo 08.
11. Darmasiri Lanka Peli,  
Socialist People's Forum 136,  
Temple Road,  
Kaluthara North.
12. Thalatha Authukorala,  
Secretary,  
United National Party,  
Sirikotha, No. 400, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.
13. Keetan Subramanium,  
Leader Independent Group,  
Deltawatta East,  
Pupuressa.
14. Hon. Attorney General,

Attorney General's Department,  
No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT NO. 37/25**

Mazihudeen Naimullah,  
Secretary,  
The United National Alliance,  
No. 07, Norris Avenue,  
Colombo 09.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Pasbage Korale Pradheshiya Sabha,  
Election Officer,  
Kandy
2. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of Election Commission
3. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera,
4. Mr. A. A. Faaiz,

5. Ms. Anusuya Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. D. M. S. S. Lakshman Dissanayake,

All who are Members of the Election  
Commission

7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake  
Commissioner General of Elections  
All of Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
815, E. W. Perera Mw,  
Ethulkotte

9. Dr. Nihal Abeysignhe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balawegaya,  
No. 404/20,  
Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte,  
Battaramulla.

10. Thalatha Authukorala,  
General Secretary,  
United National Party,  
Sirikotha, No. 400, B120,  
Sri Jayawardhena Kotte.

11. Ranjan Senevirathna  
Sarvajana Balaya Party,  
No.111, Park Avenue,  
Colombo 08.

12. Sagara Kariyawasam  
The Secretary  
Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna  
1316,  
Nelum Mawatha,  
Jayanthipura,  
Battaramulla.

13. Lasantha Alagiyawanne,  
The Secretary,  
People's Alliance,  
No.301, T.B. Jaya Mawatha,  
Colombo 10.

14. Jeevan Thondaman,  
Secretary,  
Ceylon Workers' Congress,  
No 72, Ananda Coomaraswamy  
Mawatha,  
Colombo 07.

15. Mamundi Ponnasangu,  
Leader,  
Independent Group (1),  
550/1, Guru gammana,  
Imbul Pitiya,  
Nawalapitiya.

16. Owiti Gedara Rohana Bandara,  
Leader,  
Independent Group (2),  
No. 363, Semrock,  
Nawalapitiya.

17. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT NO. 39/25**

A. S. P. Liyanage,  
Secretary,  
Sri Lanka Labour Party,  
No. 7,  
Sumnar Place,  
Colombo 08.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Puttalam Municipal Council,  
Election Office,  
Puttalam.
2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,
3. Chairman of the Election Commission
4. Mr. M A P C Perera,
5. Mr. A M Faaiz,
6. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,
7. Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake,

All who are members of the Election  
Commission

8. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake  
Commissioner General of Elections  
All of Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

9. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
815, E. W. Perera Mw,  
Ethulkotte.

10. Dr. Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
464/20, Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

11. Thalatha Athukoral  
Secretary,  
United National Party,  
Sirikothe,  
Pitakotte Junction,



Pitakotte.

12. Ranjan Kumara Senevirathna

Sarvajana Balaya Party,

No.111, Park Avenue,

Colombo 08.

13. M. Nizam Karipper,

Secretary,

Sri Lanka Muslim Congress,

51, Vauxhal Street,

Colombo 02.

14. Kaleelul Rahman,

United Peace Alliance,

362, Jumma Masjid Road,

Colombo 10.

15. Sagala Kariyawasam,

Sri Lanka Podujana Perumuna,

1316, Nelum Mawatha,

Battaramulla.

16. Abdul gafoor Alikahn,

Independent Group Leader (1),

54/27, Spill Road,

Puttalam.

17. Ahmed Sultan Sufiyan,  
Independent Group Leader (2),  
Al Jidda Road,  
Puttalam.

18. Mariayadas Quinteen Balra,  
Independent Group Leader (3),  
82/1, Anuradhapura Road,  
Puttalam.

19. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT NO. 41/25**

Dr. Suresh Gangatharan,  
Secretary,  
Ceylon Workers Congress,  
No. 72, Ananda Coomaraswamy  
Mawatha,  
Colombo 07.

**PETITIONERS**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,  
Colombo Municipal Council,  
Colombo.
2. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,  
Chairman,  
Election Commission
3. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera,
4. Mr. A. A. Faaiz,
5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake,  
All who are Members of the  
Election Commission.
7. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balavegaya,  
No. 592, Bangala Junction,  
Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.
8. Dr. Nihal Abeysignhe,  
General Secretary,

Jathika Jana Balawegaya,  
No. 404/20,  
Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte,  
Battaramulla.

9. Thalatha Authukorala,  
Secretary,  
United National Party,  
Sirikotha, No. 400, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.

10. Ranjan Kumara Senevirathna  
Sarvajana Balaya Party,  
No.111, Park Avenue,  
Colombo 08.

11. Nizam Kariappar,  
Secretary,  
Sri Lanka Muslim Congress Darussalam,  
No. 53, Vauxhall Lane,  
Colombo 02.

12. Sagara Kariyawasam  
General Secretary  
Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna  
13/16, Nelum Mawatha,

Jayanthipura, Battaramulla.

13. Hon. Attorney General

Attorney General's Department,  
No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENT**

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**SC WRIT NO. 42/25**

Somsundaram Mahendralingam,  
Leader,  
Independent Group,  
395, Martin Road,  
Arayampathy.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Returning Officer,

Manmunai Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Batticoloa.

2. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,

Chairman of the Election Commission

3. Mr. M A P C Perera,

4. Mr. A M Faaiz,
5. Ms. A Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake,  
All who are members of the Election  
Commission
7. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake  
Commissioner General of Elections  
All of Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
8. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya,  
815, E. W. Perera Mw,  
Ethulkotte
9. Dr. Nihal Abesinghe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balwegaya,  
464/20, Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

10. Thalatha Athukorala

Secretary,  
United National Party,  
Sirikotha,  
Pitakotte Junction,  
Pitakotte.

11. Nagalingam Rathnalingam,

Secretary,  
Democratic Tamil National Alliance,  
16, Haig Road,  
Bambalapitiya.

12. M A Sumanthiran,

General Secretary,  
Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kaththi,  
30, Main Street,  
Jaffna.

13. Poopalaipillai Parasantham,

Secretary,  
Tamil Makkal Viduthalai Puligal,  
91, Vavikarai Road,  
Batticaloa.

14. Hon. Attorney General

Attorney-General's Department,

Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC Writ Application No.  
46/2025**

Dharmasiri Lankapeli,  
Secretary,  
Peoples Struggle Alliance,  
136, Temple Road,  
Kaluthara North.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. Mr. R M A L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the Election Commission.
2. Mr. M A P C Perera,  
Member,  
Election Commission.
3. Mr. A M Faaiz,  
Member,  
Election Commission.
4. Ms. Anusuya Shanmuganathan,  
Member,  
Election Commission.
5. Mr. D M S S Lakshaman Dissanayake,  
Member,  
Election Commission.



All of whom are members of the Election Commission.

6. Mr. H M T D Herath,  
Secretary

All of the 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Respondents above-named at Election Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

7. H.A. E. Pushpakumara,  
Assistant Returning Officer,  
Matale Municipal Council,  
Matale.

8. Ms. Thejani Thilakaratne,  
Returning Officer,  
District Secretary,  
Matale.

9. Thalatha Athukorale,  
Secretary,  
United National Party,  
Sirikotha, 400,  
Kotte Road, Pitakotte,  
Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte.

10. Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna,  
Sagara Kariyawasam,  
Secretary,  
1316, Nelum Mawatha, Jayanthi Pura,  
Battaramulla.

11. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,  
Secretary,  
United People's Power,  
815, E.W.Perera Mawatha,  
Ethul Kotte.

12. Nihal Abesinghe,  
Secretary,  
National People's Power,  
464/20, Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

13. Ranjan Seneviratne,  
Secretary,  
Sarvajana Balaya Party,  
No. 11, Park Avenue,  
Colombo 08.

14. Democratic People's Front,  
Secretary,  
K T Gurusamy,

72, Bankhall Street,  
Colombo 11.

15. Mahesh Madhuranga Wattalage,  
Independent Group.

16. Hon. Attorney General,  
Attorney-General's Department,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT Application No.  
47/2025**

1. S. Subairdeen,  
The Secretary General,  
All Ceylon Makkal Congress (ACMC),  
23/4, Chalamond Road,  
Colombo 06.

**PETITIONER**

1. S. K. D. Neranjan,  
Returning Officer for Trincomalee MC  
Assistant Commissioner of Election,  
Trincomalee Administrative District  
Election Office,  
Trincomalee District.

2. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,  
Chairman,  
Election Commission,  
Election Secretariat,  
P.O. Box 2  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
  
3. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera,  
Member of Election Commission,  
P.O. Box 2,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
  
4. Mr. A. A. Faaiz,  
Member of Election Commission,  
P.O. Box 2  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
  
5. Ms. Anusuya Shanmuganathan, Member of  
Election Commission,  
P.O. Box 2  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

6. Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake,  
All who are Members of the  
Election Commission.  
The Secretary,  
National Peoples Party,  
464/20, Pannipitiya Road, Pelawathta,  
Battaramulla.
7. The Secretary,  
Ilankai Tamil Arasu Katchi (ITAK)  
30, Martin Road, Jaffana.
8. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney General's Department,  
No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT Application No.  
49/2025**

1. S. Subairdeen,  
The Secretary General,  
All Ceylon Makkal Congress (ACMC),  
23/4, Chalamond Road,  
Colombo 06.

**PETITIONER**

1. S. K. D. Neranjan,  
Returning Officer for Trincomalee MC  
Assistant Commissioner of Election,  
Trincomalee Administrative District  
Election Office,  
Trincomalee District.
  
2. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,  
Chairman,  
Election Commission,  
Election Secretariat,  
P.O. Box 2  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
  
3. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera,  
Member of Election Commission,  
P.O. Box 2,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
  
4. Mr. A. A. Faaiz,  
Member of Election Commission,  
P.O. Box 2  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

5. Ms. Anusuya Shanmuganathan, Member of  
Election Commission,  
P.O. Box 2  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
  
6. Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake,  
All who are Members of the  
Election Commission.  
The Secretary,  
National Peoples Party,  
464/20, Pannipitiya Road, Pelawathta,  
Battaramulla.
  
7. The Secretary,  
National Peoples Party,  
464/20, Pannipitiya Road, Pelawathta,  
Battaramulla.
  
8. The Secretary,  
Ilankai Tamil Arasu Katchi (ITAK)  
30, Martin Road, Jaffana.
  
9. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney General's Department,

No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT Application No.  
51/2025**

1. S. Subairdeen,  
The Secretary General,  
All Ceylon Makkal Congress (ACMC),  
23/4, Chalamond Road,  
Colombo 06.

**PETITIONER**

1. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,  
Chairman,  
Election Commission,  
Election Secretariat,  
P.O. Box 2  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
2. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera,  
Member of Election Commission,  
P.O. Box 2,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
3. Mr. A. A. Faaiz,  
Member of Election Commission,



P.O. Box 2  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.

4. Ms. Anusuya Shanmuganathan,  
Member of Election Commission,  
P.O. Box 2  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
5. Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake,  
All who are Members of the  
Election Commission.  
The Secretary,  
National Peoples Party,  
464/20, Pannipitiya Road, Pelawathta,  
Battaramulla.
6. The Secretary,  
National Peoples Power,  
464/20, Pannipitiya Road, Pelawathta,  
Battaramulla.
7. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney General's Department,  
No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT Application No.  
52/2025**

1. K. M. G. D. Priyantha Wijesinghe,  
The Leader,  
Independent Group, "Supipi"  
Liyanagedera, Agalawaththa.

**PETITIONER**

1. K. G. Vijayakumara,  
No.254,  
Thannapita Road, Pimbura,  
Agalawaththa.
2. Kalindra Jayaweera Fernando,  
Deputy Commissioner of Elections,  
Returning Officer,  
District Secretariat Office,  
Kalutara.
3. G. M. Janaka K. Gunawardhana  
The District Secretary, District Returning  
Officer,  
District Secretariat Office,  
Kalutara.
4. R. M. A. L. Rathnayake,  
Chairman,

5. M. A. P. C. Perera,  
Member,
6. Ameer Faaiz,  
Member,
7. A. Shanmuganathan,  
Member,
8. Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake,  
Member,  
3rd – 7th Respondents above  
named are the Chairman and  
Members of the Election Commission,  
Election Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
9. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,  
The Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya 592,  
Bangala Junction, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.
10. Nihal Abeysinghe,  
The Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balawegaya

464/20, Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

11. Sagara Kariyawasam,  
The Secretary,  
Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna  
1316, Nelum Mawatha,  
Jayanthipura,  
Battaramulla.

12. Lasantha Alagiyawanne,  
The Secretary,  
People's Alliance,  
No.301, T.B. Jaya Mawatha,  
Colombo 10.

13. Thalatha Authukorala,  
The Secretary,  
United National Party,  
"Sirikotha",  
No.400, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.

14. Ranjan Kumara Senevirathna  
The Secretary,  
Sarva Jana Balaya  
No.111, Park Avenue,

Colombo 08.

15. Dharmasiri Lankapeli,  
The Secretary,  
People's Struggle Alliance,  
No.136, Temple Road,  
Kaluthara North.
  
16. J. A. D. Indika Chathuranga  
The Leader,  
Independent Group I,  
No 127, Sumathipaya,  
Pinnagoda,  
Agalawaththa.
  
17. K. A. D. Nishan Peris,  
The Leader,  
Independent Group II,  
No 242/2/C, Omaththa Road,  
Agalawaththa.
  
18. Hon. Attorney General,  
Attorney General's Department,  
No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT Application No.**

**54/2025**

1. Thalatha Authukorala,  
General Secretary,  
United National Party,  
Sirikotha, No. 400, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.

2. Iresha Madhuwanthi Marakanda,  
No. 234,  
Pamunugama Road,  
Ja-Ela.  
(Authorized Agent Ja-Ela  
Pradeshiya Sabha)

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. W. A. Raveendra Wickramasinghe,  
Returning Officer,  
Ja-Ela Pradeshiya Sabbha,  
Election Office,  
Gampaha.

2. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of the Election  
Commission

3. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera,
4. Mr. A. A. Faaiz,
5. Ms. Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. D. M. S. S. Lakshman Dissanayake,  
All who are Members of the Election  
Commission.
7. Mr. Saman Sri Rathnayake,  
Commissioner General of Elections.  
All of the Elections  
Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
8. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya  
592,  
Bangala Junction, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.
9. Sagara Kariyawasam  
General Secretary

Sri Lanka Podujana  
Peramuna  
1316,  
Nelum Mawatha,  
Jayanthipura,  
Battaramulla.

10. Lasantha Alagiyawanne,  
General Secretary,  
Podujana Eksath Peramuna,  
No.301, T.B. Jaya Mawatha,  
Colombo 10.

11. Dr. Nihal Abeysignhe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balawegaya,  
No. 404/20,  
Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte,  
Battaramulla.

12. A. S. M. Perera,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Janatha Pakshaya,  
No. 428/1,  
Robert Gunawardhena Road,  
Battaramulla.



13. Ranjan Senevirathna  
General Secretary,  
Sarva Jana Balaya,  
No.111, Park Avenue,  
Colombo 08.

14. H. A. D. Roshan Awantha  
Sirisena,  
Group Leader,  
Independent Group,  
No. G/2013,  
Niwasipura,  
Kotugoda,  
Ja-Ela.

15. Hon. Attorney General,  
Attorney General's  
Department,  
No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT Application No.  
55/2025**

1. Thalatha Authukorala,  
Secretary,

United National Party,  
Sirikotha, No. 400, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.

2. Rathnayaka Mudiyanseelage Upul  
Tiran Kumara Rathnayaka  
Hondella,  
Metikumbura,  
Polgahawela.  
  
(Authorized Agent, Polgahawela  
Pradeshiya Sabha)

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. R M H B Rathnayake,  
Returning Officer,  
Polgahawela Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Kachcheri Road.  
Kurunegala.
2. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,  
Chairman,

Election Commission

3. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera,
4. Mr. A. M. Faaiz,
5. Ms. Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake,  
All who are Members of the Election  
Commission.
7. Mr. Saman Sri Rathnayaka,  
Commissioner General of Elections.
8. R M Ranjith Madduma Bandara,  
General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balavegaya,  
No. 592, Bangala Junction,  
Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.
9. Sagara Kariyawasam,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balawegaya,  
No.464/20, Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte.

10. Dr. Nihal Abeysignhe,  
General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balawegaya,  
No. 404/20,  
Pannipitiya Road,  
Pelawatte,  
Battaramulla.

11. Dharmasiri Lankapeli,  
The Secretary,  
People's Struggle Alliance,  
No. 136, Temple Road,  
Kalutara North.

12. Denzil Rajapakshe  
Group Leader,  
Independent Group,  
Kotamule,  
Polgahawela.

13. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney General's Department,  
No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,  
Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT Application No.**  
**56/2025**

Habi Ammadhu Jamin,  
Group Leader,  
Independent Group for the Kahatagasdigiliya  
Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Mukiriyawa,  
Kahatagasdigiliya.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. N. P. P. I. R. Gunarathne,  
Returning Officer,  
Kahatagasdigiliya Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Anuradhapura.
2. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of Election Commission
3. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera,
4. Mr. A. A. Faaiz,
5. Ms. Anusuya Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. D. M. S. S. Lakshman Dissanayake,

All who are Members of the Election  
Commission

7. Mr. Saman Sri Rathnayake,

Commissioner General of Elections

All of the Election Commission of Sri Lanka,

Election Secretariat,

PO Box 02, Sarana Mawatha,

Rajagiriya.

8. Thalatha Authukorala,

General Secretary,

United National Party,

Sirikotha, No. 400, B120,

Sri Jayawardhena Kotte.

9. Sagara Kariyawasam,

The Secretary

Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna

1316,

Nelum Mawatha,

Jayanthipura,

Battaramulla.

10. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,

General Secretary,  
Samagi Jana Balavegaya,  
No. 592, Bangala Junction,  
Kotte Road,  
Ethulkotte.

11. Lasantha Alagiyawanne,

The Secretary,  
People's Alliance,  
No.301, T.B. Jaya Mawatha,  
Colombo 10.

12. Ranjan Senevirathna

General Secretary,  
Sarva Jana Balaya,  
No.111, Park Avenue,  
Colombo 08.

13. Dr. Nihal Abeyesignhe,

General Secretary,  
Jathika Jana Balawegaya,  
No. 404/20,  
Pannipitiya Road,

Pelawatte,

Battaramulla.

14. Hon. Attorney General,

Attorney General's Department,

No.159, Hulftsdorp Street,

Colombo 12.

**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT Application No.  
58/2025**

1. Thalatha Authukorala,

General Secretary,

United National Party,

Sirikotha, No. 400, B120,

Sri Jayawardhena Kotte.

2. M. M. Rohana Rasal Manawila,

No. 7, Near the Court Complex,

Dippitiya,

Aranayake

(Authorized Agent Aranayake Pradeshiya

Sabha)

**PETITIONERS**



Vs.

1. K. H. M. Sajith P. Kasthurisinghe,  
Returning Officer,  
Aranayake Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Kegalle.
2. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,  
Chairman,  
Election Commission
3. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera,
4. Mr. A. A. Faaiz,
5. Ms. Anusuya Shanmuganathan,
6. Prof. D. M. S. S. Lakshman Dissanayake,  
All who are Members of the Election  
Commission.
7. Mr. Saman Sri Rathnayake,  
Commissioner General of Elections.  
All of the Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.
8. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

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**RESPONDENTS**

**SC WRIT Application No.  
59/2025**

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Secretary,  
United National Party,  
Sirikotha, No. 400, Kotte Road,  
Pitakotte.

2. Wijemamma Mohottige Dona Thusitha  
Prasanthi Wijemanna,  
Medagoda,  
Amithirigala.  
  
(Authorized Agent Bulathkohupitiya  
Pradeshiya Sabha)

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. K. H. M. Sajith P. Kathurisinghe,  
Returning Officer,  
Bulathkohupitiya Pradheshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Kegalle.

2. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,  
Chairman,

Election Commission

3. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera,
4. Mr. A. A. Faaiz,
5. Ms. Anusuya Shanmuganathan,
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Sarana Mawatha,  
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Jathika Nidahas Peramuna,  
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**RESPONDENTS**

**Case No. SC/WRIT/60/2025**

1. Thalatha Authukorala,  
Secretary,  
  
United National Party,  
  
Sirikotha, No. 400, Kotte Road,  
  
Pitakotte.

2. Wijewardhena Nuwan Rohana  
Wijewardhena,  
No. 519 E, 1/1,  
Jayanthi Mawatha,  
Anuradhapura.

**PETITIONERS**

Vs.

1. N. P. P. I. R. Gunarathne,  
Returning Officer,  
Kebithigollewa Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Anuradhapura.

2. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,



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Kalawadi Ulpotha,  
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**RESPONDENTS**

**Case No. SC/WRIT/61/2025**

S. Subairdeen,  
The Secretary General,  
All Ceylon Makkal Congress  
(ACMC),  
23/4, Chalamond Road,

Colombo 06.

**PETITIONER**

Vs.

1. S. K. D. Neranjan,  
Returning Officer for Trincomalee MC  
Assistant Commissioner of Election,  
Trincomalee Administrative District  
Election Office,  
Trincomalee District.
  
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**RESPONDENTS**

**Case No. SC/WRIT/62/2025**

Sugath Hewa Pathirana,  
Secretary,  
Deshapremi Jana Balawegaya,  
No. 181/V 4, Gothami Garden,  
Gothami Road,

Rajagiriya.

**PETITIONERS**

Vs.

1. P. S. Pathirana,  
Returning Pasgoda Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Election Office,  
Matara.
2. Mr. R. M. A. L Rathnayake,  
Chairman of Election Commission
3. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera,
4. Mr. A. A. Faaiz,
5. Ms. Anusuya Shanmuganathan,
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Ethulkotte.

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**BEFORE:**           **S. THURAIRAJA, PC, J.**

**MAHINDA SAMAYAWARDHENA, J. AND**

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19/25, 20/25, 21/25, 22/25, 23/25, 24/25, 27/25, 28/25, 29/25, 31/25,  
32/25, 34/25, 35/25, 36/25, 37/25, 42/25

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**ARGUED ON:** 01<sup>st</sup> April 2025 and 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

**DECIDED ON:** 04<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**THURAIRAJA, PC, J.**

1. The matters before us arise out of several writ and fundamental rights applications filed before this Court challenging the decisions of Returning Officers of several Administrative Districts to reject nomination papers tendered by certain recognized political groups and independent groups in relation to the local authorities' elections to be held on 06<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

2. When the matters were called before this Court on 01<sup>st</sup> April 2025, the learned Deputy Solicitor General raised a preliminary objection. While this preliminary objection concerns all the writ matters before this Court, certain matters had to be categorized and dealt with separately as a matter of practical convenience. For the purpose of convenient reference, I shall proceed to reproduce the conclusion of this Court with respect to this preliminary objection in each such categories of cases.
3. When the Petitioners were heard once again on 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2025, Counsel appearing in SC Writ Nos. 06/25, 07/25, 10/25, 11/25, 12/25, 13/25, 14/25, 15/25, 16/25, 17/25, 18/25, 19/25, 20/25, 21/25, 22/25, 23/25, 24/25, 25/25, 27/25, 28/25, 29/25, 31/25, 32/25, 34/25, 35/25, 36/25, 37/25, 39/25, 41/25, 42/25, 46/25, 47/25, 49/25, 51/25, 52/25, 53/25, 54/25, 55/25, 56/25, 58/25, 59/25, 60/25, 61/25 and 62/25 agreed to be bound by a single consolidated judgment on all such applications as the substantive questions raised in those matters happened to coincide.
4. All such matters essentially related to disqualification of candidates and/or the rejection of the nomination paper *in toto* on account of non-compliance with Section 28(4A) of the *Local Authorities Elections Ordinance, No. 53 of 1946*, as amended by *Act, No. 25 of 1990*, which requires a certified copy of the birth certificates of youth candidates or an affidavit certifying the date of birth of such youth candidate to be attached to the nomination papers.
5. Aggrieved by such rejections, the Petitioners in above applications seek relief from this Court by way of writ applications under and in terms of Article 140 read with Article 104H of the Constitution, praying for orders in the nature of writ of certiorari and mandamus.

## PRELIMINARY OBJECTION

6. In respect of all the writ matters filed before this Court, the learned Deputy Solicitor General raised a preliminary objection contending that Petitioners of these writ matters ought to have sought relief not from the Supreme Court but from the Court of Appeal under Article 140 of the Constitution, as what the Petitioners have sought to challenge by their applications are decisions of Returning Officers—as opposed to decisions of the Election Commission itself.
7. Article 140 of the Constitution provides that,

*“Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the Court of Appeal shall have full power and authority to inspect and examine the records of any Court of First Instance or tribunal or other institution and grant and issue, according to law, orders in the nature of writs of certiorari, prohibition, procedendo, mandamus and quo warranto against the judge of any Court of First Instance or tribunal or other institution or any other person:*

***[Provided that Parliament may by law provide that in any such category of cases as may be specified in such law, the jurisdiction conferred on the Court of Appeal by the preceding provisions of this Article shall be exercised by the Supreme Court and not by the Court of Appeal.]”<sup>1</sup>***

8. Very clearly, as the proviso hereto sets out, this Court only exercises writ jurisdiction with respect to such categories of matters that are expressly vested upon it by law, whereas writ jurisdiction in general is vested with the Court of Appeal.

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<sup>1</sup> Emphasis added

9. Within Chapter XIV A of the Constitution, which establishes the Election Commission, Article 104H provides that,

*“(1) The **jurisdiction conferred on the Court of Appeal under Article 140** of the Constitution **shall, in relation to any matter that may arise in the exercise by the Commission of the powers conferred on it by the Constitution or by any other law, be exercised by the Supreme Court.***

*(2) Every application invoking the jurisdiction referred to in paragraph (1), shall be made within one month of the date of the Commission of the act to which the application relates. The Supreme Court shall hear and finally dispose of the application within two months of the filing of the same.”<sup>2</sup>*

10. While it may *prima facie* appear that this Court exercises writ jurisdiction, by virtue of Article 104H, with respect to all such things coming under the purview of the Election Commission, the learned Deputy Solicitor General submits this Article to be one that requires a more nuanced application. It was her submission that the term “Commission” in Article 104H referred not to the Commissioner-General nor any other officer of the Commission but to the Commission itself.

11. In support of her submission, she cited ***Ghany v. Dayananda Dissanayake, Commissioner of Elections and Others***,<sup>3</sup> which I shall advert to later.

12. The impugned decisions to reject nominations were clearly taken by Returning Officers. It was submitted that such rejections were a specific statutory function independently exercised by such Returning Officers that does not amount to a decision of the Commission itself. Accordingly, it was submitted that decisions of Returning Officers to

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<sup>2</sup> Emphasis added

<sup>3</sup> [2004] 1 Sri L.R. 17

reject nomination based on legal requirements set out in the *Local Authorities Elections Ordinance, No. 53 of 1946* did not fall within the ambit of Article 104H of the Constitution.

13. Learned Counsel for the Petitioners argued, with reference to Section 4 and 5 of the *Local Authorities Elections Ordinance, No. 53 of 1946*, that Returning Officers are appointed as agents of the Commission to carry out the functions of the Commission in each of the districts. To this end, they further highlighted the fact that Returning Officers so appointed are answerable to the Commission in terms of Article 104F and 104G of the Constitution.

14. Section 4 of the *Local Authorities Elections Ordinance* provides that,

*“(1) The Commissioner may appoint by name or by office for each district in Sri Lanka, a fit and proper person to be or to act as district returning officer and one other person to be or to act as the returning officer for each of the local authority area or of any particular local authority, as the case may be, in a district, and such number of other persons as may become necessary to be or to act as assistant returning officers for that district.*

*(2) There may also be appointed such clerical and minor staff as maybe necessary to assist the aforesaid officers in the performance of their duties under this Ordinance.*

*(3) Every person appointed under the preceding provisions of this section shall be deemed for all purposes to be a public servant and shall be paid such salary and allowances out of the Consolidated Fund as may be determined or approved by the Minister with the concurrence of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance.”*

15. Whereas Section 5 of the Ordinance provides that

*“(1) In the exercise or performance of the powers or duties conferred or imposed by this Ordinance each elections officer shall be subject to the general supervision and control of the Commissioner.*

*(2) Subject to the general supervision and control of the Commissioner, each assistant returning officer and assistant elections officer may exercise or perform the powers or duties conferred or imposed by this Ordinance upon an election officer.”*

16. While the abovementioned provisions of the Act only establish supervision and control of the Commissioner, the Constitution under Articles 104F and 104G very clearly sets out that Returning Officers appointed in terms of the law are responsible and answerable to the Commission.

17. Article 104F of the Constitution provides,

*“(1) The Commission shall from time to time by notice published in the Gazette appoint by name or by office a person to be a Returning Officer to each electoral district, and may appoint by name or by office one or more persons to assist the Returning Officer in the performance of his duties.*

*(2) **Every Officer** appointed under paragraph (1) shall in the performance and discharge of such duties and functions as are assigned to him, **be subject to such directions as may be issued by the Commission and shall be responsible and answerable to the Commission** therefor.”<sup>4</sup>*

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<sup>4</sup> Emphasis added

18. Article 104G provides that,

***"All public officers performing duties and functions at any election or Referenda shall act in the performance and discharge of such duties and functions under the directions of the Commission and shall be responsible and answerable to the Commission therefor."***<sup>5</sup>

19. As to how Article 104G may be interpreted and whether decisions of a Returning Officer can be regarded as decisions of the Commission itself, as the learned Deputy Solicitor General submitted, are questions which have already been considered by this Court.

20. A five-judge bench of this Court was previously confronted with these key questions before us, albeit in a context that is different to some extent. ***Ghany v. Dayananda Dissanayake, Commissioner of Elections and Others***<sup>6</sup> was an appeal from a writ application to the Court of Appeal praying for an order in the nature of a writ of certiorari quashing the declaration of election results, alleging irregularities at the counting of preferences, and an order in the nature of a writ of mandamus compelling a recount. The Court of Appeal, on a preliminary objection which contended the exact opposite to what is contended before us, went on to hold that jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal in relation to matters arising out of the exercise of powers by the Elections Commission as well as the Election Commissioner had been removed from the Court of Appeal to be vested in the Supreme Court by virtue of Article 104H of the Constitution.

21. Delivering the judgment for the Court, Mark Fernando, J, with the concurrence of Ismail, Edussuriya, Yapa and Wigneswaran, JJ, found the Court of Appeal to have erred in the said finding.

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<sup>5</sup> Emphasis added

<sup>6</sup> [2004] 1 Sri L.R. 17



22. While the Counsel for the Petitioners sought to distinguish the **Ghany Case** on the basis that it related to a Returning Officer's refusal to recount, and not a rejection of nominations as with the cases before us—arguing that *sui juris* powers of the Returning Officer only arise after the closure of the polls, I do not see this distinction as a factor distinguishing the ratio the **Ghany Case** from the matters before us. No such distinction can be identified by the plain reading of Articles 104F and 104G. These two Articles remain the same throughout. The argument put forward that “the Returning Officer's *sui juris* function arises only after the closure of polls, specifically in relation to counting votes, announcing results, and filling vacancies” as a means of distinguishing **Ghany Case**, cannot be accepted. The **Ghany Case** relates to a decision of a Returning Officer and the legal questions considered by the Court are substantially the same as what has been brought before us.

23. The preliminary objection in the **Ghany Case**, which the Court of Appeal upheld—and the five-judge bench of the Supreme Court rejected—as quoted in the Supreme Court judgment, reads as follows:

*“The Court of Appeal lacked jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter as in terms of Article 104H of the Constitution (introduced by the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution) the jurisdiction had been transferred or removed to the Supreme Court in relation to matters arising out of the exercise of powers by the Election Commissioner/Election Commission.”<sup>7</sup>*

24. As it is amply clear, this preliminary objection calls the Court to consider questions that are identical to that which is before us.

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<sup>7</sup> [2004] 1 Sri L.R. 17, at 20

25. Fernando, J, in His Lordship's judgment, was guided to a great extent by the language of Article 104A, which contains a limited constitutional ouster clause with respect to decisions, directions or acts of the *Election Commission*. Article 104A of the Constitution is as follows:

*"Subject to the jurisdiction conferred on the Supreme Court under paragraph (1) of Article 126, Article 104H and Article 130 and on the Court of Appeal by Article 144 and the jurisdiction conferred on any court by any law to hear and determine election petitions or Referendum petitions –*

*(a) no court shall have the power or jurisdiction to entertain or hear or decide or call in question on any ground and in any manner whatsoever, any decision, direction or act of the Commission, made or done or purported to have been made or done under the Constitution or under any law relating to the holding of an election or the conduct of a Referendum as the case may be, which decisions, directions or acts shall be final and conclusive; and*

*(b) no suit or prosecution or other proceeding shall lie against any member or officer of the Commission for any act or thing which in good faith is done or purported to be done by him in the performance of his duties or the discharge of his functions under the Constitution or under any law relating to the holding of an election or the conduct of a Referendum as the case may be."*

26. Having referred to the same, His Lordship observed that,

*"This provision draws a sharp distinction between the acts of the Commission and the acts of its officers. In particular, the latter receive protection only in respect of*

*acts done in good faith. That distinction militates against any general assumption that the acts of officers can be equated to, or deemed to be, acts of the Commission.*<sup>8</sup>

27. His Lordship placed further emphasis on the language of Article 104H(1) which refers to matters *"that may arise in the **exercise by the Commission of the powers conferred on it..."***

28. It was held that,

*"Article 104H must be read with Article 104A(a). Read together, those two provisions manifest a clear intention to transfer to this Court a part of the writ jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal, namely, in relation to any matter arising in the exercise by the Election Commission of its powers, and also to make decisions, directions and acts of the Election Commission final and immune from judicial review except under Article 104H, 126(1) and 130. **Ex facie, neither Article applies to acts and omissions of the Commissioner of Elections, or of his officers.***

*To put it another way, Article 104H effects an ouster of the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal only upon an exercise of the powers of the Election Commission, by the Commission itself. **Article 104H does not apply to an exercise of the power of the Election Commission by any other person.** The words "by the Commission" are words of limitation. If Parliament had intended that Article 104H should also apply to an exercise of those powers by the commissioner of Elections, it would have removed those words of limitation, so that Article 104H would have read: ... "in relation to any matter that may arise in the exercise of the powers conferred on the Commission by the Constitution or by any other law", omitting the words "by the Commission" and "on it".*

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<sup>8</sup> [2004] 1 Sri L.R. 17, at 21-22

*Likewise, Article 104A(a) refers to "any decision, direction or act of the Commission", and not to "any decision, direction or act in the exercise of the powers of the Commission". The plain meaning of those provisions is that there is an ouster of the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal only in respect of an exercise of power by the Election Commission itself...*

*To sum up, the subject-matter of the appellant's writ application to the Court of Appeal was mainly, if not entirely, in respect of the alleged acts (and omissions) of officers of the Commissioner of Elections, and not in relation to decisions, directions, acts, orders or rulings of the Commissioner of Elections, He did not allege any exercise (by those officers or by the Commissioner of Elections) of the powers of the Election Commission. Those acts could not have been regarded ex facie as an exercise of the powers of the Commissioner of Elections and/or of the Election Commission..."<sup>9</sup>*

29. As it is amply clear from the above judgment, acts of the Commissioner of Elections himself—let alone that of his subordinate officers—are not always referable to the Commission itself.

30. According to section 31(2) of the Ordinance, the decision of the rejection of a nomination paper by the returning officer is final and conclusive without any involvement of the Commission.

*"31(2) Where any nomination paper has been rejected by the returning officer under subsection (1), the returning officer shall inform the secretary of the recognized political party or the group leader, as the case may be, who had submitted such nomination paper the fact of such rejection. The decision of the returning officer to reject such nomination paper shall be final and conclusive."*

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<sup>9</sup> [2004] 1 Sri L.R. 17, at 26-29 (Emphasis added)

31. Where the Commissioner or any other officer (such as Returning Officers) exercise powers vested by law in such office they hold, writ jurisdiction in respect of such acts remain with the Court of Appeal, unaffected by the provisions of Article 104H of the Constitution. We see no reason to deviate from this five-judge bench decision of this Court.

**CONCLUSION**

32. As the preliminary objection raised by the learned Deputy Solicitor General was upheld, all writ petitions above mentioned are dismissed.

***Application Dismissed.***

**JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT**

**MAHINDA SAMAYAWARDHENA, J.**

I agree.

**JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT**

**SAMPATH B. ABAYAKOON, J.**

I agree.

**JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT**