



CNR: KAHC010562292026

NC: 2026:KHC:49320
WP No. 25714 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 25714 OF 2026 (LB-BMP)

BETWEEN:

SMT GOWRAMMA
W/O. LATE MARIYAPPA @
MAHADEVA, AGED ABOUT 70 YEARS,
R/AT NO.20/20-4,
20TH CROSS, BHUVANESHWARINAGAR,
MAGADI ROAD,
BENGALURU 560023.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI.RANGASWAMAIAH R L., ADVOCATE)

AND:

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signed by
VANAMALA
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Location:
HIGH
COURT OF
KARNATAKA

1. THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
GREATER BENGALURU AUTHORITY,
N. R. SQUARE,
BENGALURU-560002.
2. THE COMMISSIONER,
GREATER BENGALURU
SOUTH CORPORATION,
JAYANAGAR,
BENGALURU-560011.
3. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
GREATER BENGALURU



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SOUTH CORPORATION, JAYANAGAR,
BENGALURU-560011.

4. THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
GREATER BENGALURU
SOUTH CORPORATION,
JAYANAGAR, BENGALURU-560011.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.PAWAN KUMAR., ADVOCATE)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227
OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO-
DIRECTING THE R4 TO ISSUE KHATA IN THE NAME OF
PETITIONER SMT. GOWRAMMA W/O MARIYAPPA/
MAHADEVA IN RESPECT OF PROPERTY BEARING NO.
20/20-4 20TH CROSS BHUVANESHWARINAGAR,
MAGADI ROAD, BENGALURU-560023 BY CONSIDERING
THE REPRESENTATION DATED 02.05.2026 UNDER
ANNX-E.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY
HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS
UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD



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ORAL ORDER

The petitioner is issued with the Endorsement dated 02.03.2026 [Annexure-D] by the Assistant Director [Statistics], Bengaluru South City Corporation, Bengaluru, and this Endorsement reads that the petitioner's request for change of her husband's name in the *Death Certificate* cannot be accepted because she has not given justifiable reasons. The petitioner's application is to change the name of her husband's name from '*Mahadeva son of Eraiah*' to '*Mahadeva alias Mareyappa*'.

Sri Rangaswamaiah R L, the learned counsel for the petitioner, and Sri Pawan Kumar, a learned standing counsel for the respondents who is called upon to accept notice for the respondents, are heard for disposal of the petition. This Court observes that the Assistant Director [Statistics] who has issued the impugned Endorsement dated 02.03.2026 is not a party to the present proceedings.



The Officer has referred to the Registration of Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1969 [for short, '*the Act*'] and the Registration of Births and Deaths Rules, 1999 [for short, '*the Rules*'] thereunder, but has not referred to any enquiry being held as contemplated under Section 15 of the Act and Rule 11 of the Rules. The Act and the Rules confer jurisdiction in the proper Officer to hold an enquiry to ascertain whether there is any error, clerical or otherwise, and then decide on whether the request must be accepted or not. This Court is of the view that, because the Endorsement is issued without an enquiry and is without an opportunity to the petitioner, the Endorsement must be quashed and the petitioner's application dated 02.05.2026 must be restored for reconsideration. Hence the following:



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ORDER

[A] The petition is allowed-in-part quashing the Endorsement dated 02.03.2026 *[Annexure-D]*.

[B] The petitioner is reserved with liberty to file a certified copy of this Order within two [2] weeks from the date of receipt thereof with the Assistant Director [Statistics], Bengaluru South City Corporation, Bengaluru.

[C] This Officer is called upon to institute an enquiry as required under Rule 11 of the Rules and verify, after due opportunity to the petitioner, whether the application dated 02.05.2026 *[Annexure-E]* could be considered in the circumstances contemplated



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under Section 15 of the Act and
corresponding Rules thereunder.

Sd/-
(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE

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