



W.P(MD)No.19619 of 2026

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DATED: 13.07.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

W.P(MD)No.19619 of 2026
and WMP (MD) No.14524 of 2026

S.Rajan Sathiesh

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector,
Tiruchirapalli District,
Tiruchirapalli.

2. The Commissioner,
Tiruchirapalli Municipality,
Tiruchirapalli District.

3. The Registrar of Birth and Death,
Tiruchirapalli Municipality,
Tiruchirapalli District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition, filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records of the Respondent No.2 in his proceedings in Na.Ka.No.H10/2806/2026 dated 06.04.2026 and quash the same as illegal, arbitrary, violation of law and further direct the Respondent Nos.2 and 3 to issue a birth certificate of petitioner's daughter as R. Sri Nithiya, in-view of representation dated 09.03.2026.



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For Petitioner : Mr.N.M.Krishna Kanth

For Respondents : Ms.K.r.Shivashankari (R1)
Counsel for State

: Mr.K.R.Kishore Ram (R2 & R3)

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed challenging the impugned proceedings dated 06.04.2026 made in Na.Ka.No.H10/2806/2026 issued by the second respondent and for a consequential direction to the respondents 2 and 3 to issue a birth certificate of petitioner's daughter as R.Sri Nithiya, in-view of the representation dated 09.03.2026.

2. By consent of both parties, the Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is the father of a female child, namely, Reya Tamil, who was born on 03.09.2011 at Arul Hospital, Pudukkottai, Tiruchirappalli District. At the time of



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registration of birth, the child's name was entered as "Reya Tamil" in the Birth Register and the second respondent issued the Birth Certificate accordingly. Subsequently, while the child was pursuing her studies, the petitioner and his family decided to change her name from "Reya Tamil" to "R.Sri Nithya". The change of name was duly published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette, Part VI, Section 4, dated 04.01.2017, pursuant to the application dated 26.12.2016, at Serial No.85. Thereafter, the petitioner submitted an application dated 09.03.2026 before the second respondent under Section 15 of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969, seeking correction of the child's name in the Birth Register. However, the said application was rejected by the impugned proceedings dated 06.04.2026. Aggrieved thereby, the present writ petition has been filed.

4. Per contra, the learned Counsel for the State appearing for the respondents submitted that, under Section 15 of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969, an entry in the Birth Register can be corrected or cancelled only if the Registrar is satisfied that the entry is erroneous in form or substance or has been fraudulently or improperly made. Unless the statutory requirements are satisfied, the petitioner is not entitled to seek correction of the entry.



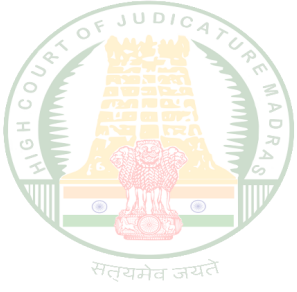
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5. This Court has considered the rival submissions and perused the materials available on record.

6. The facts are not in dispute. Admittedly, at the time of registration of birth, the child's name was entered as "Reya Tamil". Subsequently, the petitioner's family decided to change the name to "R.Sri Nithya" and the said change was duly published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette, Part VI, Section 4, dated 04.01.2017, pursuant to the application dated 26.12.2016, at Serial No.85. Once the State Government has officially published the change of name in the Government Gazette, there is no legal impediment for the respondents to carry out the corresponding correction in the Birth Register.

7. In view of the same, this writ petition stands allowed and the impugned proceeding dated 06.04.2026 is set aside. Consequently, the second respondent is directed to correct the petitioner's daughter's name in the Birth Register from "Reya Tamil" to "R.Sri Nithya" and issue a fresh Birth Certificate



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reflecting the corrected name, in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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