



W.P(MD)No.20319 of 2026

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 17.07.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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P.Murugan

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The District Collector,
Theni District.

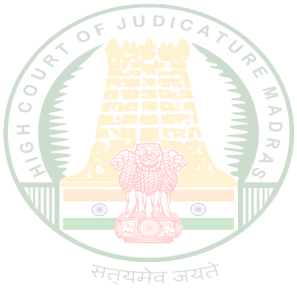
2.The Tahsildar,
Andipatti Taluk,
Theni District.

3.The Village Administration Officer,
Ammachiapuram,
Theni District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents herein to issue the legal heir certificate for the petitioner and the surviving legal heirs of the deceased Palaniyandi within stipulated time by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Vijayarathinam



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For R-1 to R-3 : Mr.K.R.Shivashankari,
Counsel for State

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking issuance of writ of mandamus directing the respondents herein to issue the legal heir certificate for the petitioner and the surviving legal heirs of the deceased Palaniyandi within stipulated time by this Court.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mrs.K.R.Shivashankari, learned Counsel for State, who takes notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3.

3. By consent of both parties, the writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner's father, Palaniyandi, died on 11.05.2008. His first wife, Thenammal, had predeceased him. Through the first wife, the deceased had two children, namely, Anbalagan and Amirtham. It is further submitted that the said Amirtham



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also passed away in the year 1988. Thereafter, the deceased Palaniyandi married Palani Ammal as his second wife, and through the said wedlock, the petitioner and one Jothimani were born. The petitioner's mother, Palani Ammal, also passed away in the year 2022. It is the further submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner submitted an application before the competent authority seeking issuance of a Legal Heir Certificate by furnishing all the relevant particulars relating to the surviving legal heirs of the deceased. However, the application was returned on the ground that certain supporting documents had not been enclosed. According to the petitioner, all the required documents are available and the petitioner is willing to furnish the same, if so required.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the claim, this Court directs the petitioner to submit a fresh representation along with all the requisite supporting documents before the third respondent within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, if not already submitted. On receipt of such representation along with the requisite documents, the third respondent shall consider the same on its own merits, verify the entitlement of the petitioner and the other surviving legal heirs,



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and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, after affording an opportunity to all necessary parties, if required, within a period of four (4) weeks thereafter.

8. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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Index : Yes / No
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