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W.P.No.3459 of 2018

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 19.11.2024

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.V.KARTHIKEYAN

Writ Petition No.3459 of 2018

S.Meenatchi

.... Petitioner

-Vs-

1.Registrar of Births and Deaths
Pondicherry Municipality
Puducherry.

2.Sub Registrar
Pondicherry Municipality
Puducherry.

.. Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records relating to the order of the 2nd respondent dated 8.2.2018 made in No.28/b.e/pulli vevaram/pu.na/2018 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to correct the petitioner's name as “Meenatchi” instead of “Lakshmi” in the birth certificate of the petitioner's daughter by name VISHNUPRIYA issued vide Registration No.M/2000/13940 dated 27.10.2000 issued by the 2nd respondent.



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For Petitioner : Mr.R.Thiagarajan

For Respondents : Mr.R.Sreedhar
Additional Government Pleader
Puducherry

ORDER

The writ petition has been filed in the nature of Certiorarified Mandamus seeking records relating to the order of the 2nd respondent - Sub Registrar, Pondicherry Municipality, Puducherry, dated 08.02.2018 and quash the same and direct the respondents to correct the name of the petitioner as “Meenakshi” instead of “Lakshmi” in the Birth Certificate of her daughter Vishnupriya which was issued in Registration No.M/2000/13940 dated 27.10.2000, issued by the 2nd respondent.

2.It is contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner that actual name of the petitioner is Meenakshi. All the records viz the Aadhar Card and such other records containing the name Meenakshi but in the Birth Certificate of her daughter name was given as Lakshmi. The writ petition has been filed seeking to correct the name of Lakshmi to Meenakshi.

3.A counter affidavit has been filed stating that the daughter of the petitioner was born in Maternity Hospital, Pondicherry on 11.10.2000 and in the



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hospital records, the names of the parents were given as Kumaran and Lakshmi.

Those records were forwarded to the 2nd respondent and accordingly, the Birth Certificate had been issued.

4.It is contended on behalf of the respondents that if the petitioner seeks to correct her name in the Birth Certificate then she will have to approach the Civil Court seeking appropriate declaratory relief and only thereafter, the respondents can correct the name based on the documents produced. The petitioner may therefore approach the Civil Court for declaratory relief .

5.The Writ Petition stands disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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