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W.P.No.3970 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06.02.2025

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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Revathi

.. **Petitioner**

Vs.

The State Rep.by
1.The Commissioner
Greater Chennai Corporation
Rippon Building
Chennai – 600 003.

2.The Regional Health Officer
Region – 5
Greater Chennai Corporation
Rippon Building
Chennai – 600 003.

.. **Respondents**

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records of the 2nd respondent dated 03.05.2024 passed in MAA 5/Po.Su.Thu/Na.Ka.No.0002/2024 and quash the same and consequently direct the 2nd respondent to change the wife name in the death certificate bearing the Registration



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No.2017/05/055/002395/0 dated 29.08.2017 and pass such further or other order.

For the Petitioner : Mr.V.S.Senthil Kumar

For the Respondents : Mr.S.Gopinathan,
Standing Counsel

ORDER

The Writ Petition is filed for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus challenging the order of the respondent dated 03.05.2024 and quash the same and consequently direct the 2nd respondent to change the name of the petitioner in the death certificate of her husband bearing Registration No.2017/05/055/002395/0 dated 29.08.2017 and for other orders.

2. The case of the Writ Petitioner is that her name is Revathi. The name is there in all the records. However, when the particulars were given at the time of death of her husband, especially when the petitioner was grieving, a phonetically similar name as if her the name is *Devaki* is entered into. Now, since there is no provision to change the name, in view of the rules, by the



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impugned order, the respondents have refused to change the name. Therefore, the petitioner is before this Court.

3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents and also perused the material records of the case.

4. No exception can be made to the impugned order, because as per the rules the authorities cannot change the entire name. But in this case, it is the categorical assertion of the petitioner that the deceased viz., *Janakiraman* was her husband. There is no other person in the name of *Devaki*, it is only a mistake that occurred while writing the name by a third person by a casual hearing of the name. It is only an innocuous mistake and there is no other rival claim in this regard.

5. In view of the said assertions made on behalf of the petitioner, since there is no other rival claim and the petitioner is the wife of the said



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Janakiraman and all the records of the petitioner categorically shows that her name is only *Revathi* and not *Devaki*, in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, the 2nd respondent is directed to correct the name in the death certificate bearing Registration No.2017/05/055/002395/0 dated 29.08.2017 as *Revathi* instead of *Devaki*. The said exercise shall be done within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt/production of the website uploaded copy of this order, without waiting for a certified copy.

6. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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