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O.P. No.758 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.10.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.DHANABAL

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- 1.AL. Alagammal W/o. Late AL. Alagappa Chettiar
 2. Subramanian S/o. Late Ramanathan
 3. Meenal D/o. Late Ramanathan
 4. Nagappan (deceased) S/o. Late Ramanathan
 5. Devaki D/o. Late Ramanathan
 6. AL. Lakshmi W/o. Late RM Alagappan
 7. RM Chelappan S/o. Late RM Alagappan
 8. RM Balasubramanian S/o. Late RM Algappan
 9. RM Nagappan S/o. Late RM Alagappan
 10. Chitra Palaniappan W/o. Late RM Palaniappan
 11. P. Chellappan S/o. Late RM Palaniappan
 12. P. Alagappan S/o. Late RM Palaniappan
 13. VE Ramanathan S/o. Late VE RM Vayiravan
 14. VE Alagappan S/o. Late VE RM Vayiravan
 15. R. Meenakshi W/o. Late Ranganathan
 16. R. Meenakshi D/o. Late Ranganathan
 17. AL Chandramouli S/o. Late Alagappa Chettiar
 18. AN Meenal W/o. K. Annamalai
 19. Ramaselvi W/o. Late Nagappan
 20. Kannan S/o. Late Nagappan
 21. Chandramouli S/o. Late Nagappan
- [Petitioners 19 to 21 brought on record]



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vide order dated 05.08.2025 in A. No.3685 of 2025].

... Petitioners

PRAYER: Original Petition is filed under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act of 1925 read with Order XXV Rule 6 of the Original Side Rules praying to grant Succession Certificate to the 1st petitioner with power to collect the debts and to receive the interest and terminal and statutory benefits if any specified in the Schedule.

For Petitioners : Mr. S. Raja Ravi Varma

ORDER

This petition has been filed by the petitioners praying to grant Succession Certificate under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act read with Order XXV Rule 6 of the Original Side Rules.

2. According to the petitioners, one V.AL.AL. Meenakshi Achi died on 30.12.1992.

•The 1st petitioner is the daughter of the said V.AL.AL. Meenakshi Achi.

•2nd to 5th petitioners are the children of Late Valliammai Achi, who is the



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daughter of the said V.AL.AL. Meenakshi Achi.

•6th 9th petitioners are the the children of one Late Alagappan, who is the son of Late Valliammai Achi and grandchildren of deceased V.AL.AL. Meenakshi Achi.

•10th to 12th petitioners are the children of one Late Palaniappan, who is the son of Late Valliammai Achi and grandchildren of deceased V.AL.AL. Meenakshi Achi.

•13th to 16th petitioners are the children of late Seetha, daughter of deceased V.AL.AL. Meenakshi Achi.

•17th and 18th petitioners are the children of V.AL.AL. Meenakshi.

Except the above petitioners, there are no other legal heirs to the said deceased V.AL.AL. Meenakshi Achi. The said deceased Meenakshi Achi, during her lifetime, had purchased some equity shares in the companies viz.,

1. Premier Automobiles Limited, 2. Punjab National Bank Limited, 3. Bharath Nidhi Limited and 4. The Scindia Steam Navigation Company



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Limited in the name of the deceased. The face value of the said shares would come around Rs.4,25,625.20. The deceased V.AL.AL Meenakshi Achi died intestate. A due and diligent search has been made for a Will, but it was not found. Since the petitioners are the only legal heirs of the assets of the deceased and there is no other next of kin to the deceased and in order to get those shares, the Succession Certificate is necessary to them. All the petitioners have no objection for the grant of succession certificate in the name of the 17th petitioner AL Chandramouli. Therefore, they have filed this petition.

3. After filing of this Original Petition, the petitioners were directed to effect paper publication and the same was also effected. No any objection was received from any party. Thereafter, the matter was posted for examination of witnesses and the evidence was recorded. On the side of the petitioners, they examined PW1 and marked Ex.P.1 to Ex.P16.

4. This Court also perused the entire documents including the



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evidences. During the pendency of the petition, as the 4th petitioner died, his

legal heirs have been impleaded as the petitioners 19 to 21 as per the order of this Court. The 17th petitioner namely Mr. AL. Chandramouli has been examined as PW1 and 16 documents have been marked. On a careful perusal of the evidence of PW1 and the documents Ex.P.1 to Ex.P16, they reveal that the petitioners are the legal heirs of the deceased V.AL.AL Meenakshi Achi to succeed her estates and she died intestate, thereby, the petitioners are entitled to get the share certificates. All the petitioners have given their consent to grant succession certificate in favour of the 17th petitioner and therefore, 17th petitioner is entitled to the Succession Certificate.

5. In view of the same, this Original Petition is ***allowed. The 17th petitioner is entitled to the value of the petition-mentioned assets and a*** direction for grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the 17th petitioner with power to collect the securities and to receive the interest and dividends on and negotiate and for terminal benefits, if any, specified in the Schedule, as



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applicable till the date of withdrawal, is issued..

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Speaking Order : Yes/No

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APPENDIX:

List of Petitioner side Witnesses:

PW1 : Mr. AL. Chandramouli

List of Petitioner side Documents:

Exhibit No.	Date	Description of Documents
Ex.P.1.	11.02.1987	Photocopy of the Share Certificate issued by M/s. The Premier Automobiles Limited.
Ex.P.2	09.11.1960	Photocopy of the Share Certificate issued by M/s. The Punjab National Bank Limited.
Ex.P.3	12.10.1959	Photocopy of the Share Certificate issued by M/s.Punjab National Bank.
Ex.P.4.	04.11.1946	Photocopy of the Share certificate issued by M/s. Bharath Nidhi Limited.
Ex.P.5	01.05.1958	Photocopy of the Share Certificcate issued by The Scindia Steam Navigation Company



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		Limited.
Ex.P.6	30.12.1992	Computer generated copy of the Death Certificate of Mrs. VE AZA AZA Meenathchi Aachai.
Ex.P.7.	10.12.2013	Photocopy of the Legal Heir Certificate of Mrs. V AL AL Meenakshi.
Ex.P.8.	31.05.2017	Computer generated copy of the Death Certificate of Mrs. R. Valliammai Aachi [died on 31.05.2017].
Ex.P.9.	19.09.2020	Computer generated copy of the Legal Heir Certificate of Mrs. R. Valliammai Aachi.
Ex.P.10	28.07.2021	Computer generated copy of the Legal Heir Certificate of Mr. VE RM Vayiravan.
Ex.P.11	30.09.2022	Computer generated copy of the Legal Heir Certificate of Mrs. Seetha Vayiravan.
Ex.P.12	16.09.2015.	Computer generated copy of the Death Certificate of Mr. RM Alagappan, who died on 16.09.2015.
Ex.P.13	22.11.2018	Computer generated copy of the Legal Heir Certificate of RM. Alagappan.
Ex.P.14	15.11.2007	Photocopy of the Legal Heir Certificate of RM. Palaniyappan.
Ex.P.15	19.01.2024	One issue of paper publication effected in Tamil daily "Dhina Kural".
Ex.P.16	-	Certificate under Section 65B of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 filed for Exs.P6, P8 to P13.



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