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WP No. 23433 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-06-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

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1. V.Gowri

W/o Late. Varadhan Residing At No
175 Kalidasan Street, Annai Sathya
Nagr, Ambattur, Chenani 600053

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Registrar Of Births And Deaths
Division 098, Zone 08, Department Of
Public Health, Greater Chennai
Corporation, Chennai

2.The District Revenue Officer
Ambattur, Chennai District, Chennai
600 053

3.DEVIKA
Residing At No 53 Kuttiyappan Street,
Medavakkam Tank Road,
Chennai 600 01

Respondent(s)



PRAYER

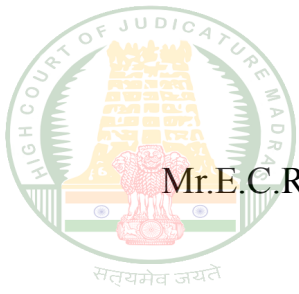
Writ petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for the issue of writ of Mandamus Directing the 1st respondent to dispose of the petitioners representation dated 26.10.2024 rectifying the erroneous entry by removing the name of one Devika from the death certificate in Registration No D2024.33-16422-000176dated 27.09.2024 as the deceased wife and to issue a fresh death certificate by registering petitioners name as his legal wife in the death certificate, within the time framed by this Court.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. Elanjechezhen J
For Respondent(s): Mr.G.Velu
Additional Government Pleader
for R1
Mr.E.C.Ramesh, learned
Standing counsel for R2

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for the issue of writ of Mandamus directing the 1st respondent to deal with the representation made by the petitioner on 26.10.2024 wherein the petitioner is seeking for rectification of the name of the wife mentioned in the death certificate as Devika and to replace that name with the name of the petitioner, who is the wife of the deceased.

2. Heard Mr.Elanjechezhen, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.G.Velu, learned Additional Government Pleader for 1st respondent and



Mr.E.C.Ramesh, learned Standing counsel for 2nd respondent.

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3. The case of the petitioner is that she was married to one Varadhan on 03.03.1977. The petitioner's husband was also allotted a residential plot in the year 1992 under the Tamil Nadu Sub Urban Development Scheme. The House was constructed and the petitioner and her family members were in possession and enjoyment of the property.

4. The case of the petitioner is that her husband had developed a relationship with one Devika and co-habiting with her. He died on 16.09.2024. While issuing the death certificate, instead of mentioning the name of the petitioner as the wife, the name of said Devika has been mentioned in the death certificate. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner submitted a representation before the 1st respondent to remove the name of the said Devika and to incorporate the name of the petitioner. Since the same did not evoke any response, the present writ petition has been filed before this Court.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the various documents that were placed before this Court viz., the Settlement Deed dated 31.03.1994, EB card in the name of the petitioner's husband, Aadhar Card of the petitioner and the voters ID card of the petitioner, there shall be a direction to the 1st respondent to deal with the representation made by the petitioner dated 26.10.2024 after affording an opportunity to the



3rd respondent and a decision shall be taken by the 1st respondent within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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6. This writ petition is disposed of with the above directions. No costs.

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