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WP(MD)No.27044 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 21.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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Isabella Rani

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Tuticorin District.

2.The Taluk Supply Officer,
Civil Supply Office,
Kovilpatti, Tuticorin District.

3.Nirmal Raj

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to remove the name of Minor Kanishka from the ration/smart card of the third respondent by considering the petitioner's representation dated 09.12.2024 and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Jerin Mathew

For Respondents : Mr.M.Gangadharan
Government Advocate for R1 and R2

**ORDER**

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate for the respondents 1 and 2. The third respondent has been served and his name is also printed in the cause list and he has not chosen to oppose the writ prayer.

2.The third respondent got married to one Vijayalakshmi. Through the wedlock, minor Kanishka was born. Vijayalakshmi has since passed away. The third respondent is said to be suffering from some terminal illness. The authorities have confirmed that the minor child is with the petitioner who is none other than the maternal aunt. The petitioner in her affidavit states that she is bringing up the minor child Kanishka. It is stated that the third respondent had also filed GWOP No.22 of 2022 on the file of the Principal District Judge, Thoothukudi seeking custody of the child. The GWOP was dismissed for default on 18.09.2024.

3.From this, one can come to a safe conclusion that the respondent is not interested in maintaining the child. In such matters, the interest of the child alone is paramount. I, therefore, direct the



second respondent to delete the name of the minor child from the family ration card of the third respondent and include her name in the family ration card of the petitioner herein. The minor child can very well be shown as the foster child of the petitioner herein.

4.This writ petition is allowed. No costs.

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