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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

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Rathika

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
District Collectorate
Chennai 600001.
2. District Revenue Officer
Chennai District
Chennai 600001.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Chennai District
Chennai 600032.
4. The Tahsildar
Madhavaram
Chennai 600060.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for a writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to forthwith consider petitioners appeal dated 30.06.2025 and consequently cancel the earlier legal heirship certificate issued in Certification No. TN-10790-2012-A5 dated 03.09.2012 and further direct the respondents to issue a fresh legal heir ship certificate recognizing the petitioner as the legal heir of the petitioners deceased husband P.Rajmohan or pass.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.V.Lakashai Sajin Kumar



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For Respondent(s):

Mr.R.Neelakandan, Additional Advocate General
assisted by Mr.Yogesh Kannadasan, Special
Government Pleader for R1 to R4

Order

The petitioner has filed the writ petition to direct the respondents to consider her appeal dated 30.06.2025 to issue a fresh legal heir ship certificate recognizing the petitioner as the legal heir of the petitioners deceased husband P.Rajmohan.

2. The contention of the petitioner is that she was married to one Mr.P.Rajmohan, who was employed as an Office Assistant in the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board. Unfortunately he passed away while in service on 09.08.2012. After her husband's demise, her mother-in-law suppressing the fact of the presence of the petitioner as his legally wedded wife, had made an application before the 3rd respondent and obtained the legal heirship certificate and also attempted to claim all monetary benefits. Aggrieved by the act of the petitioner's mother in law, she had submitted an application dated 21.04.2025 before the Sub Divisional Executive Magistrate cum Revenue Divisional Officer, seeking cancellation of the legal heirship certificate and also for issuance of a fresh legal heirship certificate. However, the 3rd respondent has rejected the petitioner's application on the ground of delay. Challenging the said rejection order, the petitioner has preferred an appeal dated 30.06.2025 before the 1st respondent. Since the said appeal was not considered, the petitioner has



preferred this writ petition.

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3. Heard the learned counsel on either side and this Court also perused the records available before it.

4. Considering the limited request made by the petitioner, this Court without going into the merits of the case, directs the respondents to consider the petitioner's appeal dated 30.06.2025 on merits and in accordance with law and pass a speaking order after affording an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above directions, the writ petition is allowed. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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