



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06-04-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 12630 of 2026

Mrs.P.Sumathi

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Revenue Officer,
collectorate office, master plan
complex, NH-205, Tiruvallur - 602 026.

2.The Tahsildar,
Uthukottai Taluk Office, Near
Elementary School, Uthukottai,
Tiruvallur District - 602 026.

3.The Revenue Officer,
Uthukottai Taluk Office, Near
Elementary School, Uthukottai,
Tiruvallur District - 602 026.

4.The Village Administrative Officer,
Uthukottai Taluk Office, Near
Elementary School, Uthukottai,
Tiruvallur District - 602 026.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, calling for the records relating to the legal heir certificate application No.TN-7202601301201 dated 30.01.2026 reject by the 2nd and 4th respondent, quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to issue a fresh legal heir certificate of the deceased V.Pandian.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.D.Ramesh

For Respondent: Mr.A.Selvendran,
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.



2. This petition has been filed challenging the order of rejection of the petitioner's application seeking for issuance of legal heir certificate of her husband V.Pandian, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioner is the first wife of the deceased V.Pandian and their marriage was solemnised on 14.09.1998 and they have begotten a girl child namely P.Elvarasi. The petitioner's husband died on 19.01.2017. It is the grievance of the petitioner that the petitioner's husband had developed relationship with one Dhayamani, married and two girl children are born through them. The second wife also died on 31.05.2021. Thereafter, the daughters of the second wife without arraying the petitioner and her daughter have fraudulently obtained legal heir certificate in their favour on 23.06.2021, hence, the petitioner applied for legal heir certificate which was rejected vide the impugned order. Challenging the said order, the present writ petition has been filed.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that there is an effective appeal remedy before the Revenue Divisional Officer as against the rejection order passed by the second respondent, hence, seeks for a direction.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials placed on record.



6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court without going into the merits of the case directs the petitioner to file an appeal as against the order of the Tahsildar/second respondent before the concerned Revenue Divisional Officer within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this Order and thereafter, the concerned Revenue Divisional Officer shall conduct enquiry and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law after giving opportunity of hearing to the petitioner as well as the interested persons. Such exercise shall be completed within a period of eight weeks thereafter.

7. Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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