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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05-11-2026

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

WP No. 44144 of 2026
CNR:{HCMA012394852026}

Case QR

Pappathi

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Revenue officer
   District Revenue office
   Salem Collector office, Salem

2. The Revenue Divisional officer
   Revenue Divisional office
   Sankagiri
   Salem District

3. The Tahsildar
   Sankagiri Taluk
   Salem District

4. The Village Administrative officer(VAO)
   A.Thalayur village
   Sankagiri Taluk
   Salem District

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the 1, 2nd respondent to consider petitioner's representation dated 19.8.2026 and directing the 3rd respondent issue the legal heir certificate in favour of petitioner within a time stipulated by this Court.

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For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Jaisingh

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.Senthamizh Selvan
Additional Government Pleader

Order

The writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents 1 and 2 to issue a legal heirship certificate in respect of the petitioner's father, in favour of the petitioner, by considering her online application dated 16.03.2026 and representation dated 26.09.2026.

2. The case of the petitioner is that his father, Perumal, died on 06.12.2002 and his mother died in the year 1990. The petitioner states that there are five legal heirs to his deceased parents, including himself, and that they are in joint possession and enjoyment of the ancestral agricultural property situated at Ma.Karattukadu, Vaikundam, Sankagiri Taluk. Since all the legal heirs intend to execute a partition deed, the Legal Heir Certificate of his father is required. The petitioner submitted an online application in June 2026 seeking issuance of the certificate, which was rejected by the 4th respondent on the ground that the death certificate of his

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mother and the identity cards of the legal heirs had not been produced. According to the petitioner, the application was rejected without conducting a field enquiry as contemplated under G.O.Ms.No.478, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, dated 29.09.2022. The petitioner thereafter submitted a representation dated 19.08.2026 to the respondents 2 and 3, which has not been considered. Hence, the present writ petition.

3. Heard the learned counsel on both sides and perused the materials available on record.

4. Considering the limited scope of the prayer sought in this writ petition, and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court directs the respondents 1 and 2 to consider the petitioner's representation dated 19.08.2026 and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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

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