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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP No. 43545 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012566722026}

Vanisri.S

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
   Represented by its Secretary to Government,
   Revenue Department, Fort St. George,
   Chennai - 600 009.

2. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
   North Chennai Division Madhavaram,
   Chennai District.

3. The Tahsildar,
   Thiruvottiyur Taluk Office,
   Chennai.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the first respondent to receive the petitioner's Application No.TN-720260305165 and issue Legal Heir Certificate of Late Megala to and in favour of (i) Vanisri.S (daughter /petitioner), (ii) Swetha (daughter) and (iii) Muniyammal (mother of the deceased), within a time frame as fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.A.Shyam Ganesh

For Respondent(s): Mr.Maheshnath,
Government Advocate

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Heard Mr.A.Shyam Ganesh, for the petitioner and Mr.Maheshnath, for the respondents.

2. The petitioner states that she is the daughter born to one Narayanasamy and Megala. Her mother Megala had been earlier married to one Mathivannan. From that wedlock, Megala had given birth to two daughters. It is the plea of the petitioner that Mathivannan abandoned Megala and thereafter, she married Narayanasamy. The said Narayanasamy passed away on 15.09.2026 and Megala died on 30.04.2025.

3. The petitioner filed an application seeking legal heirship certificate for Megala. The said application was not considered. Hence, she is before this Court.

4. Mr.Maheshnath reports that the certificate was not processed further because they have doubts as regards the marriage between Megala and Narayanasamy.

5. I have applied my mind to the facts of the case.

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6. The plea of the petitioner is that she is the daughter of Megala. She is not seeking the legal heirship certificate for the deceased as the legal heir of the deceased Narayanasamy. The respondents have the power to issue a legal heirship certificate, either including the name of Narayanasamy or deleting it. Since Narayanasamy is dead, I am sure he will not trouble the respondents for a legal heirship certificate of his wife. It is only the living who require the certificate. The petitioner is alive and kicking along with her siblings. If the respondents want, they can delete the name insofar as Narayanasamy is concerned and can issue a certificate for Megala's children (including those who were born to her from her first marriage) alone. Mr.Maheshnath states that the said exercise will be completed within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. If despite the certificate, dispute persists, the aggrieved parties may approach the jurisdictional Civil Court.

7. The statement is recorded. The writ petition stands ***disposed of***. No costs.

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