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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

**DATED: 27-10-2026**

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**THE HON'BLE MRS JUSTICE K. GOVINDARAJAN THILAKAVADI**

**WP(MD) No. 9316 of 2024**

CNR:{HCMD010417652024}

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S/o. Thamson,
Solapuram, Kotticode,
Kumarapuram post,
Kalkulam taluk,
Kanyakumari District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
   Kanyakumari,
   Kanyakumari district.

2. The Superintendent of police
   Kanyakumari,
   Kanyakumari district.

3. The Revenue Divisional Officer
   Padmanabhapuram,
   Kanyakumari district.

4. The Tahsildar
   Kalkulam Taluk,
   Kanyakumari district.

5. The Inspector of Police
   Kotticode Police Station,
   Kanyakumari district.

6. The Dean
   Kanyakumari Governmetn Medical College
   Hospital,
   Asaripallam,
   Kanyakumari district.



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..Respondent(s)

**PRAYER:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to exhume dead body of the petitioner's wife namely Sheela from the burial ground situated at Solapuram, Kotticode village, Kalkulam taluk, Kanyakumari District and conduct the postmortem in the light of the order dated 02.12.2020 (Santhosh Vs. The District Collector, Madurai District and others), within a time frame fixed by this Hon'ble Court and pass such other or further orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of this case and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): M/s R.J.Karthick

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.S.Parthiban
Govt. Advocate for RR1, 3, 4 & 6

Mr.D.Rajaboopathy
Counsel for State of TN
(Crl. Side) for RR2 & 5

**ORDER**

The petitioner seeks a direction to the respondents to exhume the body of his deceased wife, namely Sheela, from the burial ground situated at Solapuram, Kotticode Village, Kalkulam Taluk, Kanyakumari District, and conduct a post-mortem examination.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner suspects that his wife's death was caused by murdering and,



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therefore, seeks exhumation of the body and a post-mortem examination to ascertain the cause of death.

3. The learned Government Advocate, on instructions, submits that the deceased died on 28.02.2024 and that, as per the report obtained from the Medical Officer, the death was recorded as natural. It is further submitted that no post-mortem examination was conducted before the body was buried.

4. Considering the fact that the death occurred in the year 2024 and the body has already been buried, this Court is not inclined to issue the direction sought for in the present writ petition.

5. Accordingly, this writ petition is closed.

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