



W.P.(MD)No.18875 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 06.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

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K.Gunalakshmi

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Union of India,

Rep. by its Secretary to Government,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block, New Delhi – 110 001.

2.The Government of India,

Rep. by its Secretary to Government,
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block, New Delhi – 110 001.

3.The Regional Officer,

Foreigners Regional Registration Officers, Chennai,
No.26, Shastri Bhawan Annexe Building,
Haddows Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600 006.



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4.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Secretary to Government,
The Home Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.

5.The District Collector,
Collectorate,
Tirunelveli District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to issue Indian Citizenship Certificate to the petitioner based on her Marriage Registration Certificate issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu by invoking the Section 5(1)(c) of the Citizenship Act, 1955 by considering the petitioner's representation dated 21.06.2025 within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.I.Pinaygash
For Respondents 1 to 3 : Mr.K.Govindarajan,
Deputy Solicitor General of India
For Respondents 4 & 5 : Mrs.K.Malathi
Additional Government Pleader



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ORDER

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This Writ Petition has been filed seeking to direct the respondents to issue Indian Citizenship Certificate to the petitioner based on her Marriage Registration Certificate issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu by invoking Section 5(1)(c) of the Citizenship Act, 1955 and by considering the petitioner's representation dated 21.06.2025.

2.By consent, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

3.The learned Counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner got married to an Indian citizen and she intends to apply for the Indian Citizenship Certificate. In this regard, the petitioner had already made a representation to the respondents on 21.06.2025. Since the said representation is pending consideration, the petitioner has come up with the present Writ Petition.

4.Learned Deputy Solicitor General of India appearing for the respondents 1 to 3 would submit that the representation of the petitioner would be considered in accordance with law.



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5. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is disposed of, by directing the respondents 1 to 3 to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 21.06.2025, in accordance with law, as soon as possible. However, it is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the matter. There shall be no order as to costs.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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KRISHNAN RAMASAMY, J.

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