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**IN THE COURT OF PRL.CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC.,**  
**AT H.D.KOTE**

Present : **SRI.SANTHOSHA KOTARI**, B.A.L, L.L.B.,  
Prl.Civil Judge & JMFC.,

Dated : **This the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2026**

**Crl.Mis.No.83/2026**

PETITIONER : Smt.Javaramma  
W/o.Late.Bettaiah  
Aged about 65 years  
R/at Yarahalli Village,  
Kasaba Hobli,  
H.D.Kote Taluk,  
Mysuru District.  
(By Sri.Shankara, Advocate)

RESPONDENT : The Tahashildar  
Birth and Death Division  
H.D.Kote Taluk.  
(Ex-parte)

**ORDER**

The petitioner has filed this petition under Sec.13(3) of Registration of Births and Deaths Act 1969 seeking directions to respondent to enter the death particulars of deceased Smt.Devamma W/o Gopalaiah and issue a death certificate.

2. The summary of the case of the petitioner is as under:

The Sister of Petitioner by name Smt.Devamma W/o Gopalaiah was died on 11.05.2011 at Yarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, H.D.Kote Taluk, Mysuru District. Due to lack of knowledge the petitioner did not intimate the death of Smt.Devamma W/o Gopalaiah to the concerned authority. The petitioner has moved an application to the respondent for issuance of the death certificate of deceased Smt.Devamma W/o Gopalaiah. However, the respondent has issued a non availability certificate, informing that there is no entry found in the register of death and issued non-availability certificate. The petitioner requires the death certificate of deceased Smt.Devamma W/o Gopalaiah for the purpose of change of katha. Hence, this petition.

3. The petitioner has caused a public notice in Prajanudi and Rajyadharma a Kannada Daily news papers in its editions dated 03.03.2026 about the present proceedings. No person has appeared in response to said citation. The respondent remained absent even after the service of the notice. Hence the proceedings continued treating the respondent as exparte.

4. The petitioner adduced her evidence as PW-1 and produced as many as documents and they are marked as Ex.P1 to Ex.P7.

5. I have heard the arguments addressed by learned advocate for the petitioner. I have gone through the materials available on record. The following points arise for my consideration.

**POINTS**

- 1) Whether the petitioner has made out a case for allowing the petition?
- 2) What order?

6. My findings to the above points is as under:

Point No.1: **In the Affirmative**

Point No.2: As per final order for the following:

**REASONS**

7. **Point No.1:-** In order to prove the case, petitioner examined herself as PW-1 and filed affidavit in lieu of her examination in chief and reiterated the petition averments, hence repetition is not necessary. Further, in support of his oral evidence, she has produced as many as 7 documents and they are marked as Ex.P1 to Ex.P7. Ex.P1 is non availability certificate. Ex.P2 and 3 are the reports of Village Accountant, Revenue Inspector and certified copy of Mahazar. On perusal of the same, it discloses that the date of death of deceased Smt.Devamma W/o Gopalaiah is not registered in the register maintained by the respondent. Further, Ex.P4 is Genealogical tree of the petitioner, which discloses the relationship of the petitioner with the deceased Smt.Devamma W/o Gopalaiah. Ex.P5 and Ex.P6 are Prajanudi and Rajyadharm a Kannada daily news papers, Ex.P5(a) and Ex.P6(a) are concerned papers publications. Ex.P7 is Notarized Copy of Aadhar Card of Petitioner. It is pertinent to note that inspite of service of notice, the respondent for the reasons best known to him, has remained absent and not made any attempt to file objection

or deny the document produced by the petitioner. As such the evidence of the petitioner remained unchallenged and uncontroverted. Therefore, there is no reason to disbelieve the evidence given by petitioner.

8. It is also a trite that in a proceeding under Sec.13(1) (3) of Registration of Births and Deaths Act, Court is concerned with the factum of birth or death and date of birth or death is not relevant. This proposition finds support from the ratio laid down by Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in the matter of **State of Karnataka V/s. Smt. Annakka reported in 2000(4) KCCR 2674**, which reads thus:

***“REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS ACT 1969- Sec.13(3)- Direction to make an entry in the Birth Registration by the Magistrate-Challenged on the ground, that except the statement of applicant on oath there was no other material.***

***Held: Magistrate in a proceeding under Sec. 13(3) only ascertains the birth of the child and date is not the material consideration, as such directions bind only the Registration Office under the Act to make an entry and does not carry higher probative value”.***

9. Reverting to the factual matrix of the petitioner case, petitioner has stated in his petition as well as the PW-1 in his examination in chief that Sister of Petitioner was demised on 11.05.2011 at Yarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, H.D. Kote Taluk, Mysuru District. Therefore, in the light of the principles emerged from the decision referred to above,

petition is required to be allowed. Hence, I answer the **Point No.1 in the Affirmative.**

10. **Point No.2:-** For the foregoing reasons, I pass the following:-

**ORDER**

Petition filed by the petitioner under Sec. 13(3) of Registration of Births and Deaths Act 1969 is hereby allowed.

Respondent is directed to enter the death particulars of "Smt.Devamma W/o Gopalaiah, demised on 11.05.2011" in the concerned records and issue a death certificate accordingly, to the petitioner after collecting necessary fee.

The parties to bear their respective costs.

(Direct dictation given to the Stenographer, transcript and computerized by her, revised, corrected and then pronounced by me in the open Court, on this the **12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026**)

**(SANTHOSHA KOTARI)**  
Prl.Civil Judge & JMFC.,  
H.D.Kote.

**A N N E X U R E**

**The witnesses examined for the Petitioner:**

PW-1 : Smt.Javaramma

**The documents exhibited for the Petitioner:**

Ex.P1 : Non-availability certificate

- Ex.P2 and Ex.P3 : Reports of Village Accountant, Revenue Inspector and certified copy of Mahazar
- Ex.P4 : Genealogical tree of the petitioner
- Ex.P5 & Ex.P6 : Prajanudi and Rajyadharm  
Kannada daily news Papers
- Ex.P5(a) & P6(a) : Concerned papers publications
- Ex.P7 : Notarized Copy of Aadhar Card of the Petitioner

**The witnesses examined and documents Exhibited for the respondent:**

NIL

**(SANTHOSHA KOTARI)**  
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