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IN THE COURT OF THE VIII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL
AND SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-15) AT BENGALURU

Dated this the 4th day of July, 2026.

PRESENT:

Smt. VANI A. SHETTY, B.A.L.,L.L.B.,
VIII Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge,
Bengaluru.

ORIGINAL SUIT No.6675/2024

PLAINTIFF : Lakshmamma @
Puttalakshamma,
Aged about 64 years,
D/o. Late Venkatappa,
Residing at No.802, NGO's
Colony, Kamalanagar,
Bengaluru – 560 079.

(By Sri.Chaluvaraju.B.C,
Advocate)

–VERSUS–

DEFENDANTS : 1. State of Karnataka
represented by its Chief
Secretary, Vidhana Soudha,
Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bengaluru – 560 001.

2. Commissioner,
Head Office, BBMP, Hudson
Circle, Bengaluru – 560002.

3. Revenue Officer,
BBMP, Ward No.102, West
Zone,Vrushabhavathi Nagar
Bengaluru-560079.

(Defendant No.1 by learned II
Additional District
Government Pleader)

(Defendant Nos.2 and 3 by
Smt. N. Sudha, Advocate)

Date of Institution of the Suit : 18-09-2024
Nature of the Suit (Suit on : Declaration.
pronote, Suit for declaration
and possession, Suit for injun-
ction etc.)
Date of the commencement : 03-03-2025
of recording of the evidence
Date on which the Judgment : 04-07-2026
was pronounced

	Year/s	Month/s	Day/s
Total duration :	01	09	16

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J U D G M E N T

The plaintiff has filed the suit for declaration to declare the name of the plaintiff as Lakshamma @ Puttalakshamma.

2. The case of the plaintiff is that she has been allotted a site bearing No.1412, in Sy.No.46, measuring 40 x 30 feet from the government of Karnataka during the 28th year of Independence day by the Tahsildar, Bengaluru North situated in Saneguravanahalli Village.

In the hakkupathra, the name of the plaintiff has been entered as Lakshamma, D/o.Venkatappa. After the marriage of the plaintiff, the name of the plaintiff in her Aadhaar card and other documents was mentioned as Puttalakshamma. Both Lakshamma and Puttalakshamma are the names of the plaintiff herein. Hence, the present suit is filed for declaration.

3. On service of summons, the defendant No.1 has entered its appearance through the learned II Additional District Government Pleader. The defendant Nos. 2 and 3 have entered their appearance through the learned Counsel. But, the defendant Nos.1 to 3 have not filed their written statement.

4. In order to prove the case, the plaintiff got herself examined as P.W.1 and got marked Exs.P.1 to 10 documents.

5. Heard the arguments and examined the written arguments submitted on behalf of the plaintiff.

6. The points that arise for consideration are:-

- (1) Whether the plaintiff has made out sufficient ground to declare her name as Lakshamma @ Puttalakshamma?
- (2) Whether the plaintiff is entitled for the relief as sought for?
- (3) What order or decree?

7. My answers to the above points are:-

Point No.1 - Affirmative;

Point No.2 - Affirmative;

Point No.3 - As per final order,

for the following:-

REASONS

8. Point Nos.1 and 2 : As per the case of the plaintiff, her name has been entered as Lakshamma in the Hakkupatra issued by the Tahsildar, Bengaluru North Taluk. But, after marriage, the plaintiff was called as Puttalakshamma and her name in Aadhaar card is also mentioned as Puttalakshamma. The plaintiff has submitted that the names Lakshamma and Puttalakshamma belongs to her and has filed the suit for declaration.

9. The plaintiff got examined herself as P.W.1 and reiterated the plaint averments. To substantiate the case, the plaintiff has produced her Aadhaar card and PAN card as per Exs.P.1 and 2. Ex.P.1 And 2 reflects the name of the plaintiff as Puttalakshamma. Ex.P.2 shows that father name of the plaintiff is Venkatappa. The marriage invitation card of the plaintiff is produced at Ex.P.4. At the time of marriage, in the invitation card, the name of the plaintiff is mentioned as Puttalakshamma and her father name is mentioned as Venkatappa. The Hakkupatra is produced at Ex.P.3. In Ex.P.3, the name of the plaintiff is shown as Lakshamma and her father name is mentioned as Venkatappa. Ex.P.5 to 9 are the tax paid receipts and Ex.P.10 is the RTC. In these documents, the name of the plaintiff is mentioned as Lakshamma.

10. The plaintiff would like to declare her name as Lakshamma @ Puttalakshamma on the ground that both the names belongs to her. It is needless to mention that every person has a right to be called in a particular name. The plaintiff has pleaded that she was called by

name Lakshamma and after her marriage, the plaintiff was called as Puttalakshamma. On examination of the documents produced by the plaintiff, it appears that both the names Lakshamma and Puttalakshamma are the names of the plaintiff. Therefore, there cannot be any *mala fide* intention on the part of the plaintiff to mention her name as Lakshamma @ Puttalakshamma and it will in no way affects the administration or cause inconvenience to any of the parties.

11. It is well-settled law that our names are an incredible important part of our identity. They carry deep personal, cultural, familial, historical and religious connections. They also give us who we are, the society in which we belong and our place in this world. This is so held by our Hon'ble High Court in the case of *Srivatsa M. Subodha -versus- The Government of Karnataka* [Writ Petition No.6961/2023 (GM-RES) dated 6.6.2023].

12. In view of the reasons stated above, the plaintiff is entitled for the relief of declaration.

Accordingly, the point Nos.1 and 2 are answered in the affirmative.

13. POINT No.3 : The defendant Nos.1 to 3 are the Government and Public Officers. Admittedly, there is no any error on the part of the defendant No.1 to 3. While decreeing the suit, the plaintiff is not entitled for any cost from the defendants. Accordingly, the following order is passed:-

O R D E R

The suit is decreed without costs.

It is declared that the name of the
plaintiff is Lakshamma @
Puttalakshamma.

Draw decree accordingly.

[Dictated to Stenographer Grade-I, transcribed by her, revised by me and after corrections, pronounced in open Court on this the 4th day of July, 2026.]

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A N N E X U R E

1. WITNESS EXAMINED FOR THE PLAINTIFF:

Examined on:

P.W.1 : Lakshmamma @ Puttalakshmamma 03-03-2025

2. DOCUMENTS MARKED ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF:

Exs.P.1 : Notarized copies of Aadhaar card and
and P.2 PAN card.

Ex.P.3 : Copy of *Hakku Pathra*.

Ex.P.4 : Wedding invitation card.

Exs.P.5 : Tax paid receipts.
to P.9

Ex.P.10 : RTC

3. WITNESS EXAMINED FOR THE DEFENDANTS:

Nil.

4. DOCUMENT MARKED ON BEHALF OF DEFENDANTS:

Nil.

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Vs/-