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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 21.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Ms. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

W.P.No. 1192 of 2026
&
W.M.P.No. 1396 of 2026

Sanjay Shreedharan

Rep. By his Power of Attorney

Mr. Shreedharan

...Petitioner

Vs.

1) The Commissioner

Greater Chennai Corporation

Rippon Building

Chennai - 600 003

Tamil Nadu

2) The Birth and Death Registrar,

Greater Chennai Corporation,

Ripon Building

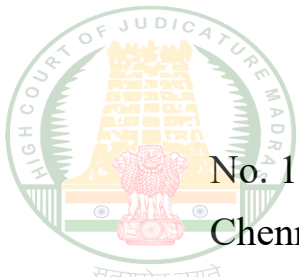
Chennai District

Tamil Nadu

3) The Health Officer - Zone 5

The Birth and Death Registrar,

Greater Chennai Corporation,



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4)The Health Officer - Zone 9
The Birth and Death Registrar,
Greater Chennai Corporation,
No.4, 4th Cross Road,
Lake View Road
Nungambakkam,
Chennai - 600 034
Tamil Nadu

...Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Section 226 of the Constitution of India for issue of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to digitalise the Birth Certificate registered on 28.03.1994 vide registration No.3987 of the petitioner and make it available on the first respondent's website, within a time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr. B.Natarajan

For Respondents : Mr. D.B.R.Prabhu
Standing Counsel



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ORDER

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This writ petition is filed for the following relief:

“To direct the respondents to digitalise the Birth Certificate registered on 28.03.1994, vide registration No.3987 of the petitioner and make it available on the first respondent’s website, within a time stipulated by this Court.”

2. The short facts are as follows.

3. The petitioner was born in the Women and Children Hospital, Chennai, on 28.03.1994 and his birth was registered on 29.03.1994 in registration No.3987. He was issued with the birth certificate on 26.11.1996.

4. The petitioner would submit that he had done his entire schooling in the DAV Boys Higher Secondary School, Gopalapuram, Chennai. Thereafter, he had studied engineering in the SSN College,



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Chennai, from 2011 to 2015. The petitioner would further submit that he had thereafter gone to the USA for higher education and is presently working in the USA. The petitioner has also been allotted H1B visa in the USA.

5. The petitioner's case is that though he had submitted his manual birth certificate for processing the H1B visa, the authorities in the USA are insisting on the production of the digitised birth certificate. The petitioner therefore applied for digitised birth certificate in India to the Registrar, Birth and Death, Greater Chennai Corporation, Zone 5, on 28.03.2025, along with manual birth certificate, Aadhar card, 10th Std mark sheet etc.

6. The petitioner submits that the Zonal Health Officer issued a non availability certificate on 16.06.2025, stating that the petitioner's birth certificate was not registered at their office. Aggrieved by this response, the petitioner sent a letters dated 26.05.2025 and 19.06.2025 to the RDO, Thirumangalam, seeking to update the records of the petitioner.



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7. The RDO, Central Chennai, issued a letter dated 25.07.2025, stating that since the manual birth certificate was already issued to the petitioner, he should approach the Chennai corporation for the digitalised birth certificate.

8. The petitioner would submit that the Registrar, Birth and Death, Greater Chennai Corporation, issued a letter dated 03.11.2025, asking the petitioner to approach the Registrar, Birth and Death, Greater Chennai Corporation, Zone 9. However, the Registrar, Birth and Death, Greater Chennai Corporation, Zone 9, had orally refused to accept the application of the petitioner. Therefore, the petitioner is before this Court.

9. Heard the rival submissions on the either side and perused the records.

10. From the records it is seen that the petitioner's request was considered by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Chennai, who had

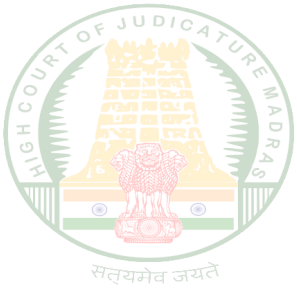


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directed the petitioner to approach the Corporation of Chennai. The petitioner had also approached the Registrar, Birth and Death, Greater Chennai Corporation, Zone 5, who had directed him to submit documents vide his communication sent dated 03.11.2025.

11. All of those documents were also submitted by the petitioner vide letter dated 06.11.2025. Despite this, the petitioner's application has not been considered to date.

12. Taking note of the fact that pursuant to the application for obtaining digitalised birth certificate documents have been asked for and received by the Registrar, Birth and Death, Greater Chennai Corporation, Zone 5, the orders on the petitioner's application shall be passed by the concerned authority, namely, the Registrar, Birth and Death, Greater Chennai Corporation, Zone 5, Chennai, within a period of 3 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



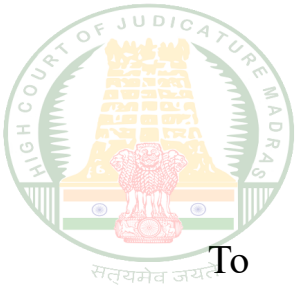
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13. With the above observation and direction, this writ petition is disposed of. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed. No costs.

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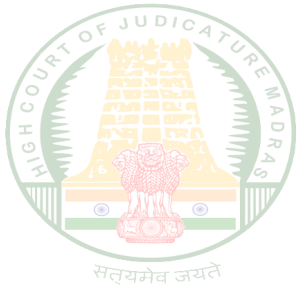
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