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W.P.No.7683 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02.03.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

W.P.No.7683 of 2026
and W.M.P.No.8296 of 2026

Mangala Gowri

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Kanchipuram District,
Collectorate Office,
Kanchipuram-631 501.

2.The Tahsildar,
Walajabad Taluk,
Kanchipuram District-631 605.

3.The Revenue Inspector,
Walajabad Taluk,
Kanchipuram District-631 605.

... Respondents

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Mahendran

For Respondents : Mr.Rajesh, Government Advocate

ORDER

The petitioner is the only daughter of one Late Thiyagarajan, a native of Srivaikundam, Thoothukudi District. Her mother namely Santha predeceased her father on 03.09.1989. The death was duly registered with the competent authority and the death certificate was issued on 20.01.1989. Thereafter, the petitioner had obtained legal heirship certificate in respect of her deceased mother from the Headquarters, Deputy Tahsildar, Srivaikundam on 10.11.1989. Since the petitioner was residing in

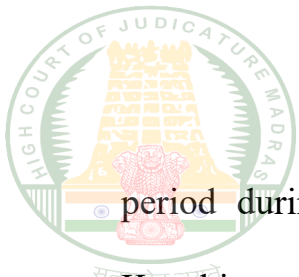


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abroad pursuing her higher studies, as there was no one to take care of her father, he continued to reside at Nandhavanam Home (Old Age Home), Kizh Perumanallur, Walajabad Taluk, Kanchipuram District till the date of his demise. The death was duly registered and the death certificate was also issued in respect of him. Thereafter, the petitioner submitted an application before the 2nd respondent seeking issuance of legal heirship certificate, however, the said application was rejected by the present impugned order directing the petitioner to apply for the same in her native place. Aggrieved by the order of rejection, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that, the Headquarters, Deputy Tahsildar, Srivaikundam had already issued the death certificate, in respect of the petitioner's deceased father however, without adverting to the said fact and without proper consideration, the 2nd respondent had mechanically rejected the claim of the petitioner for issuance of legal heirship certificate in respect of her father which is wholly unsustainable. Therefore, this Court may pass appropriate orders.

3. It is not in dispute that the native place of the petitioner's father is Sri Vaikundam. However, only for the purpose of staying, the petitioner's father had been staying in the Old Age Home at Kanchipuram. Therefore, for all purposes, the status of the petitioner's father would be known only at his native place and for the short



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period during which the petitioner's father had been at the Old Age Home in Kanchipuram, the authority at Kanchipuram would not be in a position to ascertain the legal heirs of the deceased so as to give the certificate to the petitioner. Therefore, the proper place where the legal heir certificate should be applied at the native place of the petitioner's father.

4. In such view of the matter, this Court directs the petitioner to make an online application seeking issuance of legal heirship certificate before the Headquarters, Deputy Tahsildar, Sri Vaikuntam within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and upon filing of such application, the Headquarters, Deputy Tahsildar, Sri Vaikundam is directed to consider the same and issue legal heirship certificate in terms of the death certificate and also the earlier Legal heirship certificate pertaining to the mother of the petitioner and file report before this Court on or before 23.03.2026. The petitioner, for the purpose of enquiry, if required, shall be permitted to appear before the authority concerned, through Video Conference. ,

5. For reporting compliance, post the matter on 23.03.2026.

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