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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-07-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

WP No. 31984 of 2023

1. S.Dhakshayani
W/o. Late. R. Suresh Kumar

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
Chennai District,
Singaravelar Maaligai,
Chennai 01

2.The District Revenue Officer
Office Of The District Collector,
Singaravelar Maligai, Chennai 01

3.The Sub Divisional Magistrate Cum-
North Chennai Revenue Divisional
Officer,
New Washermenpet,
Chennai 81

4.The Tahsildar
Tondiarpet Taluk,
New Washermenpet, Chennai 81

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5.S.Abhinaya
D/o. Late. Sureshkumar

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

Calling for the entire records culminated in the impugned order rejection passed by the 2nd respondent vide Se.Mu. Aa. No. Vu6/ 30868/ 2022 dated 02.06.2023 in the Legal Heir certificate Application No. TN- 7202012141101, dated 14.12.2020 and quash the same and direct the respondent to issue the Legal Heirship Certificate to the petitioner.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.J.B.Solomon Peter Kamal Doss

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Neelakandan
asst by Mr.R.Murthi,
Government Advocate for R1-4

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed challenging the impugned proceedings of the 2nd respondent in Se.Mu. Aa. No. Vu6/ 30868/ 2022 dated 02.06.2023 and for a consequential direction to the respondents to issue a legal heirship certificate to the petitioner.

2.Heard Mr.J.B.Solomon Peter Kamal Doss, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.R.Neelakandan, assisted by Mr.R.Murthi, learned Government Advocate for the respondents 1 to 4.

3. The 2nd respondent has rejected the application submitted by the

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petitioner mainly on the ground that there was absolutely no document to establish that the petitioner has married Late Sureshkumar. Apart from that, there was also opposition from the 5th respondent.

4. The status of the petitioner is now in question. The same cannot be decided by the District Revenue Officer, and more so since the petitioner was not able to produce before the authority any valid document to prove the marriage. Therefore, the petitioner has to necessarily approach the competent Civil Court and seek a declaration of her status. That exercise cannot be done by the District Revenue Officer.

5. Therefore, liberty is granted to the petitioner to work out her remedy in the manner known to law. This writ petition stands disposed of in the above terms. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions, if any, are closed.

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