



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 9020 of 2026

Bakkiyameri

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District collector
office of the District collector,
Thanjavur District.
2. the Revenue Divisional officer
Kumbakonam
Thanjavur District.
3. The Thasildhar
Kumbakonam
Thanjavur District.
4. Arul
S/o.Palanivel
B-60, Arul Jerusalem Nagar,
Puthiya Madana Gopalapuram,
Perambalur

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of writ of Mandamus directing the 3rd respondent to issue a legal heirs certificate in respect of late Palanivel by including the names of all his legal heirs.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Rajasekar

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Balamurugan, Government Advocate for R1 to R3



Order

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The petitioner has filed the writ petition to direct the 3rd respondent to issue a legal heirs certificate in respect of late Palanivel by including the names of all his legal heirs.

2. Case of the petitioner is that she got married and reside at Perambalur District. She and the 4th respondent are the son and daughter of Palanivel and Selvi. Their mother died and after her demise, their father Palanivel contracted a second marriage. Out of the said wedlock, two children namely Sabeena and James were born. Thereafter, the said Palanivel also died on 25.07.2008, leaving behind the petitioner, 4th respondent, and his children through the second marriage namely Sabeena and James. While so, the 4th respondent by suppressing all the legal heirs, obtained a legal heir certificate mentioning only his name as the sole legal heir of the deceased father Palanivel. The petitioner made several representations and complaints before competent authorities. Since the said representations were not considered, she filed W.P.No.7609 of 2024, whereby a direction was issued to consider her complaints. Pursuant to the direction of this Court, the 2nd respondent conducted an enquiry, and cancelled the legal heir certificate issued in favour of the 4th respondent. Despite the cancellation of the fraudulent legal heir certificate, the 3rd respondent has not issued a fresh legal heir certificate by including the names of all the legal heirs



of late Palanivel. Hence the petitioner is constrained to approach this Court by filing this writ petition.

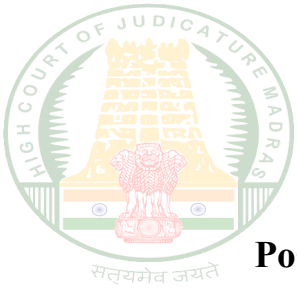
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3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that taking advantage of the cancelled legal heir certificate, the 4th respondent has created false title documents in respect of their deceased father's property. In order to protect her legal rights, it is absolutely necessary for the petitioner to obtain a legal heir certificate and hence prays for appropriate orders.

4. Learned Government Advocate who takes notice for the respondents 1 to 3 submitted that the legal heir certificate will be issued after due verification and upon satisfaction of all the required formalities in accordance with law.

5. Heard both sides and also perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the fact that earlier the 2nd respondent conducted enquiry and cancelled the legal heir certificate in favour of the 4th respondent, however failed to issue the said certificate to the legal heirs of the said Palanivel, the 3rd respondent is directed to issue legal heir certificate in respect of late Palanivel by including the names of all this legal heirs, after due verification and upon satisfaction of all the required formalities in accordance with law and file a report before this Court on 16.03.2026.



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