



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS**

**DATED: 01-04-2026**

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**THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI**

**WP No. 12187 of 2026**

J.Abishek

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector  
Thirupathur District 635 601

2.The Revenue Divisional officer  
Thirupathur District 635 602

3.The Tahsildar  
Thirupathur District 635 602

4.The New India Assurance company  
Limited  
Kilnathur, Thiruvannamalai 606 601

Respondent(s)

**PRAYER:** Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, calling for the records of the 3rd respondent culminating the rejection of the petitioners online application Ref. No TNTACCBE002000056126 dated 14.06.2025 seeking issuance of Legal Heir certificate of his deceased father Jayakumar quash the same and consequently direct the 3rd respondent to forthwith issue the Legal Heir certificate by declaring that the petitioner is the sole surviving legal heir of his deceased father Jayakumar, who died on 19.05.2025 while in service as Senior Assistant with New India Assurance Company limited, Tiruvannamalai.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.B.Hari Krishnan

For Respondent: Mr.T.M.Rajangam for R1 to R3  
Government Advocate

**ORDER**

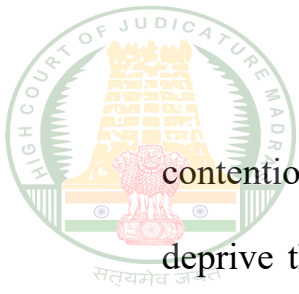
By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.



2. This petition has been filed challenging the order of the third respondent rejecting the petitioner's online application seeking issuance of Legal Heir certificate of the deceased father Jayakumar, quash the same and consequently direct the 3rd respondent to forthwith issue the Legal Heir certificate by declaring that the petitioner is the sole surviving legal heir of his deceased father Jayakumar, who died on 19.05.2025 while in service as Senior Assistant with New India Assurance Company limited, Tiruvannamalai.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioner's mother Revathi died on 02.03.2012 leaving behind the petitioner and his father Jayakumar. The petitioner's father Jayakumar died on 19.05.2025 and the paternal grandparents predeceased his father and the petitioner is the only legal heir of the Jayakumar and Revathi. Accordingly, the petitioner made an application for issuance of legal heir certificate on 14.06.2025, however, the third respondent has rejected the application of the petitioner. Hence, this writ petition.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that admittedly, the petitioner is the only son of the deceased Jayakumar and in order to prove the same, Transfer Certificate, Birth Certificate, legal heir certificate of deceased wife were produced before the third respondent, however, the same was objected by the brothers and sister of the deceased stating that the petitioner was not residing with his father and a will has been executed in their favour. It is the



contention of the petitioner that mere non residing with the father will not deprive the right of the petitioner to claim the legal heir certificate, when the petitioner is admittedly the sole legal heir of the deceased Jayakumar. Hence, seeks for quashment of rejection order.

5. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate submitted that if the petitioner submits the death certificate and other relevant documents, the same will be considered after providing opportunity of hearing to interested persons and appropriate orders will be passed within a reasonable time as fixed by this Court.

6. Heard both sides and perused the materials placed on record.

7. As rightly pointed out by the learned counsel for the petitioner, merely because the petitioner was not residing with the petitioner's father, deceased Jayakumar, that will not curtail the right of the petitioner in claiming the legal heir certificate of his deceased father and further, it is also to be noted that merely, because the other siblings of the deceased has raised objection in grant of legal heir certificate, that cannot be a ground to reject the petitioner's legal right being the son of the deceased, from claiming the legal heir certificate in his favour. Therefore, the impugned rejection of the petitioner's application for issuance of legal heir certificate dated 14.06.2025 stands set aside and the



matter is remanded back to the third respondent for consideration afresh. The third respondent/Tahsildar is directed to conduct enquiry after perusing the documents produced by the petitioner and issue legal heir certificate in favour of the petitioner on or before 16.04.2026.

8. Accordingly, this petition stands allowed. No costs.

9. Post the matter for compliance on 16.04.2026.

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