



**Revenue and Disaster
Management
[RA3(2)] Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.**

Letter (Ms) No.457, dated 27.04.2026

From

Thiru. D.Nadarajan, M.A.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

The Additional Chief Secretary/
Commissioner of Revenue Administration,
Chepauk, Chennai-5.

Sir,



Sub: Certificates – Legal Heir Certificate – W.P.Nos.29970/2025 –
Filed by Thiru.B.Prakash – Before the Hon'ble High Court of
Madras – On the issue of Legal Heir Certificate –
Pre-deceased mentioned in the legal heir – Revised format
prescribed – Regarding.

- Ref:**
1. G.O.(Ms).No.478, Revenue and Disaster Management
RA3(2) Department, dated 29.09.2022
 2. G.O.(Ms).No.110, Revenue and Disaster Management,
Revenue Administration wing, RA3(2) Section, dated
13.03.2024.
 3. Hon'ble High Court of Madras order dated 08.08.2025 in
W.P.No.29970 of 2025.
 4. From the Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of
Revenue Administration Letter No.R.A.5(3)/17167/2022,
dated 06.10.2025.

I am directed to invite your attention to the references cited and to state that in the reference fourth cited in the Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue of Administration has stated as follows:-

- i. In the Government orders first and second cited, the Government have issued orders for the guidelines and procedures for issuance of Legal Heir Certificate based on the various orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras.
- ii. At present, the status of the legal heir is determined by the competent Authority only as on the date when the application is made, where it will be shown that those legal heirs who are alive and all those legal heirs who have already died will be brought within the head pre-deceased legal heir in the existing online legal heir certificate.

- iii. In this regard, the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in the W.P.No.29970/2025 filed by one Thiru.B.Prakash have ordered the government to make the necessary amendment in the present format in order to include the names of legal heirs who were alive at the time of the demise of the concerned person but who thereafter died by the time the legal heirship certificate is applied.
- iv. Therefore, the Hon'ble High Court of Madras have made the following observations with the format that have three headings with regard to pre-deceased mentioned the legal heir certificate.
- 1st heading must be those persons who are alive.
- 2nd heading must include those persons who were alive when the concerned person died but died before the application was submitted.
- 3rd heading must be those persons, who are pre-deceased.
- v. Besides, it has also been ordered therein to act upon the above observations made by the Court and carry out the necessary amendment.

2. The Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration has requested the Government to issue amendment order for incorporation of proposed tabular column in the existing legal heir online certificate as ordered in the Hon'ble High Court of Madras dated 08.08.2025 in W.P.No.29970 of 2025 with regard to pre-deceased mentioned in the legal heir.

3. In this connection, I am directed to state that, based on the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in W.P.No.29970/2025, dated 08.08.2025 and the proposal of the Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, the format for issue of legal heir online certificate is prescribed as annexed with this letter.

4. In this regard, I am directed to request you to issue necessary instruction to the District Collectors and TNeGA.

Yours faithfully,

NM Nishank

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy to:

All District Collectors,

The Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency,
Chennai-600 002.

The Senior Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Chennai-9.

All Departments of Secretariat, Chennai-9.

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1. The following Legal heirs/ persons are alive:

உயிடன் உள்ள வாரிசுதாரர்கள்

வ.எண்/ Sl.No	பெயர்/ Name	வயது/Age	இறந்தவரின் உறவு முறை/ Relationship for deceased	திருமண நிலை/Martial status	Dead/ Alive	If dead date of death

2. The following persons heirs died after the deceased but before applying for the legal heir certificate

வாரிசு சான்று கோரப்படும் நபர் இறந்த நாளில் உயிரோடு இருந்து: சான்று கோரி விண்ணப்பித்த நாளுக்கு முன் இறந்த வாரிசுதாரர்கள்

வ.எண்/ Sl.No	பெயர்/ Name	வயது/Age	இறந்தவரின் உறவு முறை/ Relationship for deceased	திருமண நிலை/Martial status	Dead/ Alive	If dead date of death

3. The following are the pre-deceased legal heirs:

வாரிசு சான்று கோரப்படும் நபருக்கு முன் இறந்த வாரிசுதாரர்கள்

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ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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