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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY

A No. 271 of 2026
in C.S.(Comm.Div)No.295 of 2025

R. Ayubkhan, Proprietor of Mass Audio,
2nd Floor, Door No. 9, Goodwill Court,
No. 16, Bhagavantham Street,
T. Nagar, Chennai 600017.

..Applicant/Proposed fifteenth defendant

Vs

1. Dr. Ilaiyaraaja,
   New No. 2C, Old No. 38, Murugesan Street,
   T.Nagar, Chennai-17.

2. John Doe Ashok Kumar

3. Amazon.In,
   Represented By Its Managing Director,
   Plot No. 40, S P Infocity, 3rd Floor,
   MGR Salai, Veeranam Road, Perungudi,
   Chennai 600096.

4. Saavn Media Ltd.,
   Represented By Its Managing Director,
   8th Floor, Innov8 by OYO, 1181, 1182,
   Solitaire Corporate Park,
   Cardinal Gracious Road, Mumbai,
   Maharashtra 400093.

5. Youtube (google LLC)
   Represented By Its Managing Director
   Signature Towers III, Tower B SIGD,
   Silokhera, Sector-15, Part 2, Gurugram,
   Haryana-122002, India.

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6. Gaana.Com,
   Entertainment Network India Ltd.,
   Represented By Its Managing Director,
   FC-6, Film City, Sector 16A, Noida,
   Uttar Pradesh - 201301, India.

7. Apple Music Co Inc.,
   Represented By Its Managing Director,
   13th Floor, Prestige Minsk Square,
   Municipal No. 6, Cubbon Road,
   Bengaluru - 560001, Karnataka.

8. M/s. Five Star Audio,
   Represented By Its Partner
   Mr. Kalyana Sundaram, No. 3/66, 7th Street,
   Sree Sayee Nagar, Virugambakkam,
   Chennai 600092.

9. SUN TV NETWORK LIMITED,
   Corporate Office, Represented By Its Vice
   President Programming,
   Murasoli Maran Towers, 73,
   MRC Nagar Main Road, MRC Nagar,
   Chennai - 600028, Tamilnadu, India.

10. M/s. Music Master Audio Video LLP,
    Represented By Its Designated Partner
    Mr. Ganshyam Hemdev, No. 5/3,
    Muktha Garden, Spurtank Road, Chetpet,
    Chennai 600031.

11. STAR VIJAY TV CHANNEL,
    Represented By Its Channel Head 25A,
    South Phase, Ambedkar Nagar,
    SIDCO Industrial Estate, Guindy,
    Chennai - 600032, Tamil Nadu.

12. M/s.INDIAN RECORD MANUFACTURING
    CO. LTD., Represented By Its Managing
    Director TNK House, 4th Floor, No. 48,
    Mount Road, Chennai 600002.

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LIMITED,
Represented By Its Managing Director
Olympia Platina, No. 33b, 2nd Floor,
SIDCO Industrial Estate, Guindy,
Chennai 600032.

14. META PLATFORMS INC,
Represented By Its Managing Director,
DLF ATRIA, Gulmohar Marg, DLF Phase 2,
Sector 25, Gurugram, Haryana 122002.

15. M/s. SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT
INDIA PRIVATE LTD.,
Represented By Its Managing Director,
2nd Floor, First International Financial Centre,
Bandra Kurla Complex Road, Mumbai,
Mumbai Suburban, Maharashtra 400098.

..1st Respondent/
Plaintiff
.. Respondents 2 to 15/
Defendants

Prayer : Application is filed to implead the Applicant herein as 15th Defendant in C.S. (Comm Div) No. 295 of 2025.

For Applicant: Ms. S.Gayathri

For Respondents: Mr.A.Saravanan for R1

Mr.Angad Dugal
for Mr.A.R.Pradeep for R4

Mr.R.Bharadwaja Ramasubramaniam for R5

Mr.M.Narendran
for M/s. King & Patridge for R6

Ms.Deepika Murali for R7

Mr.Rahul Balaji for R9

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Mr.K.Harishankar for R10

Mr.T.Saikrishnan for R12

Mr.Abishek Jenasenan for R15

ORDER

This application is filed by a third party seeking to be impleaded as the fifteenth defendant.

2. In the affidavit in support of the application, it is stated that the proposed fifteenth defendant has obtained the copyrights in the sound recordings and underlying lyrical, visual, musical, dramatic work for the songs from the cinematographic films Azhagi, Peranbum Perungobamum for worldwide territories. It is also stated that such rights have been acquired by the proposed fifteenth defendant in the movie Mayakannadi for the overseas territories. Since the sound recordings of the said cinematographic films form the subject of this suit, the applicant asserts that he is a necessary or a proper party.

3. Learned counsel for the plaintiff has no objection to the applicant being impleaded.

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4. Upon examining the basis on which the applicant seeks to be impleaded and taking note of the no objection of the plaintiff, this application is allowed as prayed for. Consequently, the plaintiff is directed to carry out the amendments in the plaint on or before 04.02.2026 and serve a copy of the amended plaint on the other parties within a week therefrom.

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