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A.No.5870 of 2025 in  
C.S.No.7 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 09.12.2025

CORAM :

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.DHANABAL**

**A.No.5870 of 2025 in**  
**C.S.No. 7 of 2023**

D.Bright Joseph

... Applicant

Vs.

1. D.Sunildas  
(Synod Council Member – Church of  
South India)
2. S.Jayaraj  
(Synod Council Member – Church of  
South India)
3. Church of South India (CSI)  
Synod Secretariat  
No.5, Whites Road, Royapettah  
Chennai – 600 014
4. The Most Rev.A.Dharmaraj Rasalam  
Moderator, Church of South India (CSI)  
Synod Secretariat,  
No.5, Whites Road, Royapettah,  
Chennai – 600 014
5. Rt.Rev Reuben Mark  
Deputy Moderator  
Church of South India (CSI)  
Synod secretariat,  
No.5, Whites Road, Royapettah,  
Chennai – 600 014
6. Adv C.Fernandas Rathina Raja  
General Secretary  
Church of South India (CSI)  
Synod secretariat,  
No.5, Whites Road, Royapettah,  
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7. Prof. Dr.Vimal Sukumar  
Honorary Treasurer  
Church of South India (CSI)  
Synod secretariat,  
No.5, Whites Road, Royapettah,  
Chennai – 600 014
8. The CSI Diocese of Medak  
Cathedral Compound, Mission  
compound, Medak, Telangana  
- 502110, rep. By its Bishop
9. The CSI Diocese of Coimbatore  
56, Race Course Road, Opp.  
to RK Photo Centre, Coimbatore  
Tamilnadu 641 018  
rep. By its Bishop
10. The CSI Diocese of Kanyakumari  
71-A, Dennis Street, Thingal Nagar  
Weavers colony, Nagercoil, Tamilnadu  
Nagercoil, Tamilnadu – 629 001  
rep. By its Bishop
11. Sunil Kumar Lingala
- 12.Samuel Devarajan
13. Rusvelt

...Respondents

**Prayer :** Application filed under Order XIV Rule 8 of the Original Side Rules r/w Order 1 Rule 10(2) of Civil Procedure Code to implead the applicant as a party/12th defendant in the above suit in C.S.No.7 of 2023

For Applicant : Mr.K.Harinath Babu



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## **ORDER**

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This application has been filed by the applicant to implead him as as one of the defendant to the suit.

2. According to the applicant, he is the communicant member of the CSI Church and he rendered service to the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant / Church of South India for the past several decades and held various posts in the said Church. The applicant being a communicant member of Church of South India and elected and functioned as office bearer in various capacities in the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant institution for several years. Further, various materials and facts have to be brought to the attention of this Court regarding various fraudulent activities occurred in the management and administration of the Church of South India. If the applicant is permitted to be impleaded in the suit, he will effectively participate in the suit proceedings and assist this Court for proper adjudication of the issues raised in this suit for ultimately protecting the interest of the public religious charitable institution, Church of South India, therefore, the applicant has to be impleaded in the main suit.

3. Heard the learned counsel for the applicant and perused the documents placed on record. The respondents have not filed counter resisting the application.

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4. Considering the reasons stated in the affidavit and the respondents also have not filed counter resisting the application and this applicant is also proper and necessary party to this suit, the present impleading application deserves to be allowed.

Accordingly, this application is allowed.

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Index : Yes/No  
Speaking Order : Yes/No  
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