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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

A No. 2507 of 2024
in
CS SR NO. 50233 OF 2024

Dato Abdul Malik Bin Dasthigeer, Chairman of
M/s.Malik Streams Group of Companies
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Kuala Lumpur, Represented by his Power of
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..Applicant(s)

Vs

1. A.Shankar @ Savukku Shankar
   Residing at No.12/6, MMDA, TNHB Flats,
   Maduravoyal, Thiruvallur Poonamallee,
   Tamil Nadu.

2. Savukku Media (OPC) Private Limited
   Represented by its Director Mr.Shankar,
   Having Registered Offce a No.12/6, MMDA,
   TNHB Flats, Maduravoyal,
   Tiruvallur, Poonamallee.

..Respondent(s)

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To grant leave to the Applicants/Plaintiffs to sue the 1st and 2nd Defendant in this Court.

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For Applicant(s): Mr.Leelesh Sundaram
for M/s. Nathan and Associates

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Order

This application has been filed under Clause 12 of the Letters Patent seeking leave of this Court to institute the suit against the first and second defendants, who are residing and carrying on business outside the territorial jurisdiction of this Court.

2. The proposed suit is one for damages and permanent injunction. The applicants/plaintiffs allege that the first and second defendants made defamatory remarks against them during an interview conducted at Egmore, which falls within the territorial jurisdiction of this Court. It is their case that the said interview and the alleged defamatory statements constitute a part of the cause of action for the proposed suit.

3. The applicants further state that the first and second defendants are residing outside the jurisdiction of this Court and that a part of the cause of action has arisen within its jurisdiction. On this basis, they seek leave under Clause 12 of the Letters Patent to institute the suit before this Court.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the applicants and perused the affidavit filed in support of the application.

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5. The averments in the affidavit disclose that the alleged defamatory statements were made during an interview conducted at Egmore, which is within the territorial jurisdiction of this Court. Therefore, a part of the cause of action, on the basis of which the proposed suit is sought to be instituted, is stated to have arisen within the jurisdiction of this Court.

6. Having regard to the nature of the proposed suit and the averments made in the affidavit, this Court is satisfied that the applicants have made out a case for grant of leave under Clause 12 of the Letters Patent.

7. Accordingly, this application is allowed and leave is granted to the applicants/plaintiffs to institute the proposed suit against the first and second defendants before this Court.

8. It is made clear that the observations made herein are confined to the consideration of this application and shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the proposed suit.

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