



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY

**A No. 5060 of 2025
in
C.S(Comm.Div) No. 153 of 2025
and O.A.No.612 of 2025**

Vimal alias Vimalavelan
No. 46, Sangupuram 4th Street, Sankarankovil
Tenkasi District 627 756.

..Applicant/Plaintiff

Vs

1. Naveen Babu Ghanta @ Nani
Co-Founder, Wall poster Cinemas,
2. Sailesh Kolanu
Director, HIT 3 Movie,
3. Prashanti Tipirneni
Producer & Co Founder,
4. Phanikumar Raju Pericherla
Director,
(Respondents 1 to 4 are at Wall Poster Cinema
Private Limited No 403, DVS Apartments, Plot
B6 Road No 2 Film Nagar Site 2, Hyderabad
500096 Telangana, India.)
5. M/s. Netflix Entertainment Services India LLP
11th Floor, Godrej BKC, Plot C 68, G Block
Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai
Maharashtra 400051, India.
6. M/s.South Indian Film Writers' Association
Rep. by its General Secretary, L 33, Flat 1,
2nd Floor, LIG, Bharathidasan Colony,
K K Nagar, Chennai 78.



7. Niharika Entertainment

Niharika Cinemas Private Limited 8-2-309/1
Flat No.E-1, Trendset Ville, Road No.2,
Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana 500 034.

8. Los Gatos Production Services India LLP

11th Floor, Godrej BKC, Plot C-68, G Block,
Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai,
Maharashtra 400 051.

..Respondents

Prayer : Application is filed under Order I Rule 10(2) of the CPC & Order XIV Rule 8 of the O.S.Rules, to implead the following proposed 7 and 8 respondents/defendants in C.S.(Comm.Div) No.153 of 2025.

(i) Niharika Entertainment having its registered address at Niharika Cinemas Private Limited B-2-309/1, Flat No.E-1, Trendset Ville, Road No.3, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana 500 034 and

(ii) Los Gatos Production Services India LLP having its registered address at 11th Floor, Godrej BKC, Plot C-68, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400 051.

For Applicant:

Mr. M.Sheik Allaudin
for M/s.Isaac Chambers

For Respondents:

Mr. R.Anand
for M/s.P.Giridharan for R8/D8

Ms. Ashwini Vaidialingam
for Mr.Adithya Reddy for R7/D7

ORDER

The suit was instituted for remedies in respect of alleged breach of copyright in the plaintiff's script Agent 11 and for both injunctive and monetary



relief relating thereto. Originally, the suit was against defendants 1 to 6 and relief was limited to defendants 1 to 5. By this application, the plaintiff seeks to implead respondents 7 & 8 as defendants 7 & 8.

2. Learned counsel for the 7th respondent submits that said respondent is neither a necessary nor proper party. It is submitted that said respondent is sub-licensee of defendants 1 to 4 and that any verdict entered in relation to the dispute between the plaintiff, on the one hand, and defendants 1 to 4, on the other, would be binding on the 7th respondent.

3. Learned counsel for the 8th respondent has no objection to being impleaded.

4. Learned counsel for the plaintiff submits that the 8th respondent is an affiliate of the 5th respondent. As regards the 7th respondent, it is submitted that said respondent is at least a proper party on account of being the licensee under whom the 5th defendant asserts rights in relation to the movie broadcast on the streaming platform of the 5th defendant.

5. In view of the fact that the 5th defendant asserts that it was entitled to broadcast the movie on the basis of a contract entered into by the 7th respondent with the 8th respondent, it appears that the 7th respondent is a party whose



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presence may be necessary for the effective and complete adjudication of all issues arising in the suit. As regards the 8th respondent, it is admittedly an affiliate of the 5th respondent and there is no objection to the party being impleaded.

6. For reasons aforesaid, this application is allowed as prayed for. Consequently, the plaintiff is directed to carry out the amendments in the plaint on or before 03.06.2026 and serve a copy of the amended plaint on the other parties within a week therefrom.

7. List the original application and suit on 17.06.2026.

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