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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 24-11-2026**

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**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH**

**CRP No. 7343 of 2026**

*CNR: {HCMA012614652026}*

D.William George

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Yudhishter Gopalkrishna
2. Indrani Gopalkrishna

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: This Civil Revision Petition has been filed under Article 227 of the Constitution of India praying to set aside the order dated 10.02.2026 passed by learned District Munsif, Coonoor in I.A.No.8/2026 in O.S.No.11/2017.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.A.Immanuel

**ORDER**

This Civil Revision Petition has been filed under Article 227 of the Constitution of India against the fair and decretal order dated 10.02.2026 passed in I.A.No.8 of 2026 in O.S.No.11 of 2017 on the file of District Munsif Court, Coonoor, wherein the application filed by the respondents/defendants to impound the lease agreement and to direct the petitioner/plaintiff to pay additional stamp duty, came to be allowed by the court below.



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2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and perused the materials available on record.

3. The petitioner is the plaintiff who filed the suit in O.S.No.11 of 2017 seeking for the relief of permanent injunction. The suit reached the stage of trial and the lease agreement was marked as Ex.A1. The respondents/defendants filed I.A.No.8 of 2026 to impound the lease agreement on the ground that the lease amount is fixed at Rs.40,000/- per month and the lease was for a period of 11 months and the stamp duty was payable for Rs.4,80,000/-, and hence, there is a deficit stamp duty to the extent of Rs.14,400/-, which has to be paid by the plaintiff after impounding the document.

4. The petitioner/plaintiff contested this application on the ground that this application has been filed with enormous delay and the lease agreement is relied upon only for collateral purposes and the suit itself has been filed only for permanent injunction and not for declaration.

5. The court below allowed the application on the ground that there is deficit stamp duty payable and Ex.A1 has not been duly stamped. Therefore, the court below proceeded to impound the document marked as Ex.A1.



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6. The order passed by the court below does not suffer from perversity warranting interference of this Court. The petitioner/plaintiff has relied upon the lease agreement to sustain the relief and this lease agreement was found to be inadequately stamped. Therefore, the court below has to necessarily impound the document and send it for valuation to pay additional stamp duty along with penalty. Unless the same is done, this document cannot be acted upon. In view of the same, the order passed by the court below is sustained and this Civil Revision Petition is dismissed. No Costs. CMP.No.31630 of 2026 is closed.

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To
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**N.ANAND VENKATESH, J.**

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