



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

A No. 4530 of 2026

1. Bharath Lajhna Multi State Housing Co-operative Society Limited (BLM)
Represented by its Authorised Signatory
K.Manoharan
A Multi-State Co-operative Society registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, Registration
No.MSCS/CR/235/2006
Having its registered office at
No.48/1, Salmas Royal Residency, Muthu Kumarappa Street, T-6, Arcot Road, Saligram, Chennai 600 093.
2. Premkumar R
S/o.Ravindranathan,
9/10, MM Residency, Bhattachary Street,
Kaliyammann Kovil Street, Sanjay Gandhi Nagar,
Virugambakkam,
Chennai 600 092.

..Applicant(s)

Vs

1. Shajan Skariah
S/o.Skariah, TC 17/3164(11) Pattam Palace PO,
Pattom Village, Thiruvananthapuram Taluk,
Trivandrum, Kerala 695 004.
2. M/s.Google LLC
Having branch office at
Unit No.26, The Executive Centre, Level 8,
DLF Centre, Sansad Marg, Connaught Place,
New Delhi 110 001.



3. M/s.YouTube India
Resident Grievance Officer for YouTube,
Google LLC - India Liaison Office,
Unit No.26, The Executive Centre, Level 8,
DLF Centre, Sansad Marg Connaught Place,
New Delhi 110 001.

..Respondent(s)

To grant leave to sue the Respondents/ Defendants who reside outside the jurisdiction of this Honble Court.

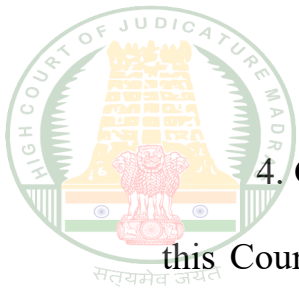
For Applicant(s): Mr.T.Mohan
Senior Advocate
for Ms.Swetha Sridhar

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This application has been filed seeking leave under Clause 12 of the Letters Patent to institute the suit before this Court against the defendants, who reside outside the territorial jurisdiction of this Court.

2. The plaintiffs state that the suit has been filed seeking damages from the defendants for allegedly making defamatory remarks and publishing offensive allegations against them on various social media platforms. They further state that a substantial part of the cause of action arose within the territorial jurisdiction of this Court, though the defendants reside outside its jurisdiction.

3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the applicants.



4. Clause 12 of the Letters Patent governs the original civil jurisdiction of this Court. Where the defendants reside outside the jurisdiction of this Court, leave under Clause 12 is required if the suit is to be instituted on the basis that a part of the cause of action arose within its jurisdiction.

5. Having considered the averments in the affidavit filed in support of this application and the plaint, this Court is satisfied, for the limited purpose of deciding this application, that sufficient grounds have been made out to grant leave under Clause 12 of the Letters Patent.

6. Accordingly, Application No.4530 of 2026 is allowed, and leave is granted under Clause 12 of the Letters Patent to institute the suit against the defendants, subject to the other requirements of law.

7. Liberty is granted to the plaintiffs to approach the Vacation Court, if necessary.

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