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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

A No. 4808 of 2026
in C.S.Dr.No.191921 of 2026

Splus Media Limited
Represented by its Director
Mr.J.Kumaran,
Old No.145, New No.4, Rukmini Lakshmipathy
Street, Marshalls Road, Egmore, Chennai 600 008.

..Applicant(s)

Vs

1. The Editor / Editor-in-Chief
South First Website, owned by M/s.Dakshin
Digital Media Private Limited, Flat No.501,
Manbhum Venkys Apartment, Raj Bhavan Road,
Somajiguda, Hyderabad 500 082.
2. X Corp/X India, Formerly Twitter,
Represented by its Authorized Officer
8th Floor, The Estate, 121 Dickenson road,
Karnataka, Bengaluru 560 042.

3.Meta Platforms,
Inc Unit 28 and 29 The Executive Center,
Level 18, DLF Cyber City,
Building NO.5, Tower A, Phase III,
Gurgaon – 122 002, India.

4.You Tube (Google),
Google, RMZ Infinity,
No.3 Tower E, Old Madras Road,
Sadanandanagar, Bennigana Halli,
Bengaluru, Karnataka 560 016
5. John Doe/s @ Ashok Kumar/s.

..Respondent(s)

To grant leave to sue all the Respondents/Defendants 1 to 4 herein.

For Applicant: Mr.Babu R

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ORDER

This application is filed by the plaintiff under Clause 12 of the Letters Patent, to grant leave to institute the present suit as against the defendants No.1 to 4.

2. The suit is for defamation and for granting damages to the plaintiff as against the 1st defendant.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant/plaintiff submits that the defendants No.1 to 4 are residing outside the jurisdiction of this Court and it is necessary to implead them, to avoid multiplicity of proceedings.

4. In view of the above, this application is allowed.

5. Registry is directed the number the suit forthwith and post the main case on 10.11.2026.

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