

IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MUNSIF, PONNERI.

PRESENT: Selvi.A.Keerthana, B.A., L.L.B.,
District Munsif, Ponneri.

Wednesday, the 30th day of July 2025.

INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION NO.13 OF 2024

IN

IA.No.449 of 2018

IN

ORIGINAL SUIT NO.46 OF 2018

Komala

..... Petitioner/Petitioner/Plaintiff

Versus

1. S.Raghu
2. Ponniammal (died)
3. Krishtammal @ Krishnammal (died)
4. Venkatesan

.... Respondents 1 and 2/Respondents 1 and 4/Defendants 1 and 4

5. Athilakshmi
6. Praba
7. Gopi
8. Dharani

.... Respondents/Proposed Respondents 5 to 8/Proposed Defendants 5 to 8

This petition came on 19.07.2025 for final hearing before me in the presence of Mr.R.Krishnaswamy, Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr.E.Prabu, Learned counsel appearing for the Respondents. Upon hearing both sides, after perusing the material case records and having stood over for consideration till this day, this Court delivers the following:

ORDER

1. This petition is filed under Order 22 Rule 4 read with Section 151 of CPC to pass an order thereby recognizing the 1st respondent/1st defendant in the above application as one of the legal representative of the deceased 2nd respondent/2nd defendant and also to implead the other legal representatives of the deceased 2nd respondent/ 2nd

defendant in the above application, whose particulars are furnished hereunder, also as parties to the application, the Respondents 5 to 8/Defendants 5 to 8 in the above application.

2. Brief averments of the affidavit filed by the petitioner are as follows:

The petitioner herein is the plaintiff in the above application. The suit has been filed against defendants 1 to 3 for the relief of declaration of her right and title to the suit properties, along with consequential injunction. The 3rd defendant in the case was already deceased, and her legal heirs have already been impleaded as the 4th respondent/4th defendant in the application. While pending the application, the 2nd respondent/2nd defendant, namely Ponniammal, was also reported as dead. A memo was filed in court informing of the fact that the 2nd respondent/2nd defendant died on 18.12.2023, and her legal heirs' particulars were also furnished. One of the sons of the 2nd respondent/2nd defendant is already on record in the above application as the 1st respondent/1st defendant. This application is filed not only to recognize the 1st respondent/1st defendant in the above application as one of the legal representatives of the deceased 2nd respondent/2nd defendant, but also to implead the other legal representatives of the deceased 2nd respondent/2nd defendant as parties to the suit, specifically as respondents 5 to 8/defendants 5 to 8 in the above application. If this application is not allowed, the petitioner will be put to much hardship and inconvenience. Hence, this petition.

3. Brief averments of the counter filed by the respondents are as follows:

The 1st respondent is the 1st defendant in the above suit. The petitioner herein filed the above suit for declaration and permanent injunction. The plaintiff was well aware of the legal heirs of late Ponniammal, namely himself and respondents 5 to 8, even prior to the filing of the suit, but they were not made parties to the suit. Even in our written statement, we had specifically pleaded that the suit itself is not maintainable for non-joinder of necessary parties, as respondents 5 to 8, who are the

brothers and sisters and legal heirs of late Ponniammal, were not arrayed as parties to the suit. The petitioner did not choose to take necessary steps to implead respondents 5 to 8 herein as defendants to the suit, and only after the death of our mother, Ponniammal, did the petitioner file the above petition to implead the other legal heirs of late Ponniammal. At this stage, the petition is not maintainable and is liable to be dismissed.

4. Evidence:

Neither the petitioners nor the respondent have placed any oral or documentary evidence before this court.

5. Point for determination :

Whether this petition can be allowed or not.

6. Discussion and finds:

6.1. The petitioner filed a suit for declaration of her right and title to the suit properties, along with consequential injunction, against defendants 1 to 3. During the pendency of the application, the 2nd respondent, Ponniammal, was passed away on 18.12.2023. One of her legal heirs, her son, is already on record as the 1st defendant. This application seeks to recognize the son as a legal representative and to implead the other legal heirs of the deceased 2nd respondent as respondents 5 to 8/defendants 5 to 8 in the suit. However, the respondent argues that the petition is not maintainable. The plaintiff was aware of the legal heirs of the late Ponniammal even before filing the suit and failed to include them as parties. This omission has been specifically pleaded in the written statement, citing non-joinder of necessary parties, namely respondents 5 to 8/defendants 5 to 8, who are the brothers and sisters of Ponniammal.

6.2. Hence, this Court finds that, considering the age of the suit and speedy disposal, and in order to prevent the multiplicity of proceedings, the impleadment of the legal

heirs of the deceased defendants is not only necessary but also crucial for the effectual adjudication. Allowing this petition will ensure that all legal heirs are adequately represented, thereby upholding the principles of justice. In view of these considerations, in the interests of justice, this court is inclined to allow this petition.

7. Result:

In the result, this petition is allowed. No costs.

Dictated to Stenographer, transcriber by her in the computer, printed, corrected and Pronounced by me in open court on this the 30th day of July 2025.

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Both side witnesses and documents:- NIL

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