

BEFORE THE ADDITIONAL MASTER-III
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.
C.S. No. 581 OF 2015

Date: 28.04.2025

Time: 11.35 A.M.

Name : Mr. V.Ramachandran (DW1)

Continuation of cross examination by Ms.S.Subbiah, learned Senior counsel for the Plaintiff.

Solemnly affirmed:

Q22: Did you check with your legal team relating to this dealership agreement dated 10.04.2006?

A: Yes, I checked with my legal team.

Q23: What do you mean by legal team?

A: My company has legal officers, so I called them as legal team.

Q24: Can you name the persons in the legal team?

A: I interacted with one Mr.Venkatesh.

Q25: What is the qualification of Mr.Venkatesh?

A: I knew that he is an Advocate.

Q26: Is there any legal department in your company?

A: Yes, there is a legal team.

Q27: Can you assign any reason for the non production of agreement dated 10.04.2006 even after you consulted with your legal team?

A: Since it is a very old document, as and when it is retrieved it shall be produced.

Q28: Can you specify any time for the retrieval of the document?

A: Since it is very old and more than 15 years document I am not in a position to say the time to produce the document.

Q29: For which document you are referring to the document dated 10.04.2006?

A: I am referring to the show cause notice and also the termination notice.

Q30: (Exhibit P1 shown to the witness) Can you say how this date 10.04.2006 came to be made in the show cause notice as Ex.P1?

A: The date is referred as per the records available at that point in time.

Q31: (Exhibit P1 shown to the witness) Can you say who has signed this Ex.P1?

A: I think then Zonal Manager signed in this document.

Q32: Can you name the Zonal Manager?

A: I think Mr.Y.S.Lee.

Q33: Did you find any name as Y.S.Lee in this Ex.P1?

A: No. Witness adds: based on my memory, I told this name.

Q34: Have you ever seen the signature of Mr.Y.S.Lee?

A: Yes. Witness adds: based on my memory, I told this name.

Q35: Do you remember the names of the Local Regional Officers, Area Manager, Regional Manager and Zonal Manager who were working at that point of time?

A: I do not remember the names of the Local Regional Officers, Area Manager, Regional Manager and Zonal Manager who were working at that point of time. Because they were appointed before my appointment.

Q36: Among the all four officers who is the higher authority?

A: Zonal Manager is the highest authority.

Q37: What were the powers of the Zonal Manager?

A: I am not in a position to define the power of the Zonal Manager.

Q38: What is his function?

A: Again I repeat that this is a case of defamation. I am not in a position to define the power and functions of the Zonal Manager.

Q39: (Proof affidavit is shown to the witness) In your proof affidavit para 1, you have stated that “I joined the 1st Defendant company on 05.11.2003 as Regional Manager (South) and from that period onwards handles dealerships at Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh (including Telangana area), Karnataka till 2008 and from the year 2009 to 2013 worked as Regional Manager (South Region-2)” I put it to you that you were the Regional Manager for the South Region only for the then Andhra Pradesh and not for Tamil Nadu and other areas?

A: When I joined in 2003, I was handling Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

Q40: Prior to joining the 1st defendant company you were working in Eicher Motors at Indore?

A: Yes.

Q41: Which was the year that you joined in the 1st defendant company Hyundai?

A: 05.11.2003

Q42: What were you in Eicher Motors?

A: I was working as Area sales Manager in Eicher Motors from 1999 to 2001 and later for one year at Eicher factory at Indore.

Q43: When you were working in Eicher motors the 1st plaintiff was also a dealer in Eicher Motors for Vellore?

A: Yes.

Q44: Even at that time, did you know Mr.S.Manivannan / 2nd plaintiff ?

A: Yes, I knew him as a dealer of Eicher.

Q45: During your employment in Eicher motors you also went to Vellore?

A: Yes.

Q46: Have you met Mr.Soundarrajan, father of 2nd plaintiff during your visit?

A: Yes, once I have met.

Q50: The 1st plaintiff was the dealer of Eicher motor from the year 1992.
Am I right?

A: I am not sure from when he was the dealer for Eicher motors.

Q51: So, do you know the ability of 1st and 2nd plaintiff financially and the ability to develop the marketing?

A: Yes, I know their abilities.

Q52: Even today do you know if they continue to be the dealers for Eicher Motors?

A: I do not know.

Time : 12.25 P.M.

Taken down in open Court, read over and explained to the witness and the same is admitted by the witness to be correct and signed before me.

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