

BEFORE THE ADDITIONAL MASTER-II
HIGH COURT, MADRAS
C.S.No.65 OF 2024

Date : 19.02.2026
Time : 12.00 P.M

Name : Mr.Neelakant Narayanpur (PW1)

PW1 Continuation of Cross Examination by Learned counsel for the Defendants Mr.Gowtham Kumar.

Solemnly affirmed:

Q101:Were you able to verify regarding the financial problem of Lyca group in Europe?

A:I did not verify. I am not a financial person.

Q102:If you have not verified and if you are not aware of the financial problem how are you claiming that these statements are defamatory?

A:Because they are false information thats why we are claiming that these statements are defamatory.

Q103:Who told you that these were false information?

A:Nobody said these are false information. But we discussed in the office in the board and they are not correct information.

Q104:Have you filed before this court any minutes of the board meeting or General meeting of the company were these information were discussed?

A:We have not filed any minutes of the board meeting or General meeting of the company.

Q105: Have you in the plaint or proof affidavit mentioned the names of the persons who discussed these information with you?

A:No. We have not mentioned the names of any persons in the plaint or proof affidavit.

Q106:Refer your answer to Q8 having known that what is the source of finance of the plaintiff company you are wantonly making false claim regarding lack of knowledge regarding financial matters. What do you say?

A:I deny. I am not wantonly making any false claim.

Q107:(Proof affidavit is shown to the witness) Refer your answer to Q93 & Q94, having said that you are aware of only one statement of the defendant in reply to Q93 & Q94 how did you get the knowledge regarding the other statements made by you in para 24 to 27 of your proof affidavit?

A:We have discussed with our office people. Even before I heard this information regarding other issues and other statements mentioned in Para 24 to 27 of my proof affidavit.

Q108:So, you not able to mention the persons from whom you have got the information from?

A:It is not person. We saw the video displayed by Youtube "Savukku Media Channel" we only came to know through these channels.

Q109: I put it to you that the defendant no where in the alleged speech states that every penny earned by the plaintiff is from and out of illicit income. What you do say?

A:The exact word would not be there but he has mentioned reference to drug money.

Q110:(proof affidavit and Ex.P5 are shown to the witness) Refer para 30 of your proof affidavit is it correct to state that Ex.P5 does not contain the name of the person making the statement and also does not carry any signature from any person?

A:Yes. The name and signature is not there but the seal is there.

Q111:Is it correct to state that it is only a photocopy?

A:Yes.

Q112:(Ex.P5 is shown to the witness) Pursuant to Ex.P5 did the plaintiff initiate any proceeding ?

A:We have not initiated any proceedings against the defendant.

Q113:Have you filed any document to show that any other person or General public made any statements against the plaintiff based on the impugned interview given by the defendant?

A:We have not filed.

Q114: Have you filed any document or evidence to show that any 3rd party or General public have approached the plaintiff seeking explanation for this statements made by defendant in the impugned interview?

A:We have not filed.

Q115:Have you anywhere in the plaint or proof affidavit denied that Sarvesh Raj is not part of Lyca Group?

A:We have not.

Q116: Refer para 34 of proof affidavit can you name the people who made the anxious calls referred by you thereat?

A:I cannot name those persons.

Q117:Is it that you can not remember or you do not know?

A:Some of the calls I do not remember and some of them are closely related to film industry so I do not want to name them.

Q118:Did you personally received these calls?

A:I received some of the calls.

Q119:Can you name the persons from whom you received the calls?

A:I do not want to disclose their names.

Q120:Is it correct to state that these calls were personal conversation between you and the persons who called you?

A:Yes.

Q121: I put it to you that the plaintiff cannot initiate defamation actions on the basis of claims made in personal conversation. What do you say?

A:Based on the telephone calls, I saw the video and twitter and my friends explain to me in English and based on that we initiated defamation action.

Q122:How did you ascertain the value of Rs.1,00,01,000/- as a damages suffered by the plaintiff?

A:We can not quantify the damages but modestly we ascertained the value.

Q123:Are you aware of the financial capability of the defendant as to whether they could pay damages to the tune of Rs.1,00,01,000/-?

A:I am not aware of the financial capability of the defendant.

Q124: I put it to you that you have given evidence in the present case based on information that is not available with you personally. What do you say?

A:It is the company which has filed the case and not me personally. Some information I had personally and others also contributed to file the present case.

Q125: I put it to you that you have given false evidence in the present matter. What do you say?

A:I deny.

Time : 12.55 PM

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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