

BEFORE THE ADDITIONAL MASTER IV,
HIGH COURT, MADRAS
OP (TM).No. 36 & 41 OF 2024

Date: 22.07.2025
Time : 01.03 P.M.

Name : Ashtavaidyan Dr. E.T. Yadu Narayanan Mooss (PW1)

Cross examination by Mr. W.M. Abdul Azeez, Counsel for the 1st respondent.

Solemnly affirmed:

Q1: Please tell me, what is your full name?

A: Ashtavaidyan Dr. E.T. Yadu Narayanan Mooss.

Q2: Are you a doctor?

A: Yes.

Q3: How do you claim yourself as a doctor?

A: I am qualified Ayurveda Doctor with a degree of BAMS and M.D.

Q4: Have you filed any proof to show that you are an Ayurvedic Doctor?

A: I have not filed my personal documents.

Q5: Are you an Ashtavaidyan?

A: Yes.

Q6: How do you call yourself as an Ashtavaidyan?

A: Ashtavaidyan is an identity use to show that I belong to a certain family groups who are trained in 8 branches of Ayurveda focused on a text book call Ashtangahridaya.

Q7: Are you a practicing Ashtavaidya?

A: Yes.

Q8: Have you filed any documents to prove that you are practicing Ashtavaidya before this Hon'ble Court?

A: No.

Q9: Have you filed any proof to substantiate that you belong to the family of Thaikattu Mooss?

A: No.

Q10: Please see para 3 in your proof affidavit, you have stated in your proof affidavit that only 18 families were designated as families of Ashtavaidya. Through which document you can prove that?

A: Ex.P4, Aithiyamaala (Book), Volume 2, chapter 79, page No.65.

Q11: Apart from Ex.P4, is there any other document to prove that there are only 18 families designated as families of Ashtavaidya?

A: Ex.P13, Hereditary Physicians of Kerala (Book), page No.161, referring to the chapter with the title "Ashtavaidyan Families".

Q12: You have stated in your proof affidavit that the petitioners are the members of one of the 8 families of Ashtavaidya, have you filed any proof to substantiate your claims?

A: No.

Q13: Please see para 7 of your proof affidavit, you have stated that Ashtavaidyans are consider to have learned all 7120 odd verses of Ashtangahrdayam. Can you please tell me what are those 7120 odd verses of Ashtangahrdayam?

A: Ashtangahrdayam is a text book that contains 6 parts, each part represents each areas of medical learning. All together it is 7120 slogas as a part of our academic learning and informal learning, we have learned all these slogas. 1) Ayushkameeyam and witness adds: I unable to recite all the slogas. But I can recite the slogas that I remember. But I have learned all the slogas.

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Q14: Please see para 7 of your proof affidavit, you have stated that with these 7120 odd verses of Ashtangahridayam contains medical formulations through which an Ashtavaidyan identifies the disease and prescribes medication. Can you please tell about those medical formulations?

A: One portion of this text book mentions about each disease and medicines for the same. For Jwara chikitsa talks about medicines advised in fever.

Q15: Can you give the details of entire medical formulations?

A: Yes.

Q16: How many medical formulations are there in 7120 odd verses of Ashtangahridayam?

A: I do not remember the exact number of formulations. In each disease management, there are number of medications told.

Q17: How many could you remember?

A: I can remember around 100.

Q18: Can you say those 100 formulations?

A: Yes.

Q19: Please see para 8 of your proof affidavit, you have stated that your ancestors are your Guru and transmitted the preparation and the use of the class of powerful single herb remedies, is it correct?

A: Yes.

Q20: Can you name those single herb remedies?

A: Yes. 1) Punarnava – this is a drug we are using in the management of anemia, it is a speciality preparation transmitted through the legacy.

2) Amrita - used in the management of rheumatic diseases.

Q21: Whether these herbs are ayurvedic medicine?

A: Yes.

Q22: Please see para 9 of your proof affidavit, you have stated that Ashtavaidyans have to recite the Ashtangahridayam at the family temple, is it correct?

A: Yes.

Q23: Have you recited it?

A: Yes, every year we do it for 12 days.

Q24: Where is your family temple situated?

A: Situated at Thaikkattussery adjacent to my home.

Q25: Have you produced any document to show that you had recited Ashtangahridayam?

A: No.

Q26: Please see para 13 of your proof affidavit, have you produced any documents to show that you and your family have been manufacturing Ayurvedic medicines since 1941?

A: Ex.P17, it is the website of the company. Ex.P32, it is ESI Corporation letter.

Q27: (Ex.P17 is shown to the witness.) What are all stated in the document is your company website, is it correct?

A: Yes.

Q28: The contents of this website, Ex.P17 has been given by you, is it correct?

A: Yes, it is prepared by the company.

Q29: Please see Ex.P32, can you tell the court, whether it is stated that your company Vaidhyaratnam Oushadhasala is functioning since 1941?

A: No.

Q30: Please see para 13 of your proof affidavit, you have stated that “the facilities follow stringent process control, safety and hygiene practices under the expert supervision of qualified and experienced Ayurveda Doctors”. Have you filed any proof to substantiate this statement?

A: No document is submitted to prove this. Every year we have audits from concerned departments including ISO, Drugs, etc. only if they approve we will be able to continue the manufacturing. We are getting approval every year.

Q31: Have you filed that audit reports?

A: No.

Q32: Have you filed that ISO certification?

A: No.

Q33: Please see in para 13 of your proof affidavit, you have stated that the Vaidyaratnam Oushadhasala was upgraded as a GMP certified manufacturing unit, have you filed any documents to prove that effect?

A: No. If required I can produce the document.

Q34: Please see in para 13 of your proof affidavit, you have stated that the second unit of Vaidyaratnam Oushadhasala was established in 1987, have you filed any proof to prove that effect?

A: I have filed only website copy, Ex.P17.

Q35: Other than Ex.P17, you have not filed any documents, is it correct?

A: Yes.

Q36: Please see in para 13 of your proof affidavit, you have stated that the third unit of Vaidyaratnam Oushadhasala was established in 2009, have you filed any proof to prove that effect?

A: I have filed only website copy, Ex.P17.

Q37: Is it correct to state that your Ayurvedic products are well known to the public as Vaidyaratnam products?

A: Yes, it is correct. Witness adds: People identify our products as Ashtavaidyan Thaikkattu Mooss Vaidhyaratnam products.

Q38: Please see para 14 of your proof affidavit, have you filed any document to prove that your Vaidyaratnam Group had exported medicines to around 15 countries?

A: I have not produced.

Q39: Please see para 14 of your proof affidavit, you have stated that the Vaidyaratnam Oushadhasala manufactures around 500 classical and over 150 proprietary products, have you filed any documents to prove that?

A: I have not filed any documents. If required I can produce product license and proof of manufacturing.

Q40: What do you mean by classical products and proprietary products?

A: The Ministry of Ayush has accepted a list of books and medicines which are coming under these books and they are generic and classical products. The proprietary products are of two types, 1) the products which have come through the experiential wisdom of Ashtavaidya legacy and 2) new patent products that we have developed.

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

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