



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

CRP No. 2740 of 2026

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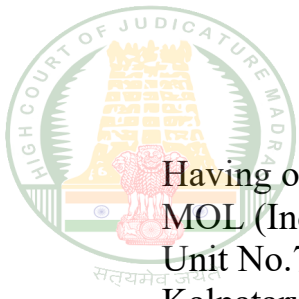
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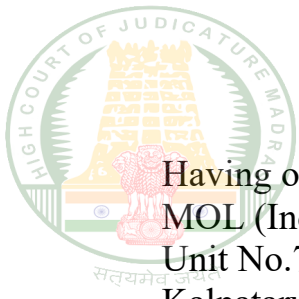
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To set aside the condition imposed in the Order dated 08.04.2026 passed in IA.No.03 of 2026 in COS.No.645 of 2025 Commercial Court, Egmore and grant unconditional leave to defend the suit and thus render justice

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To stay the proceedings filed in COS.No.645 of 2025 pending on the file of the Honble Commercial Court,(District Judge Cadre) Egmore

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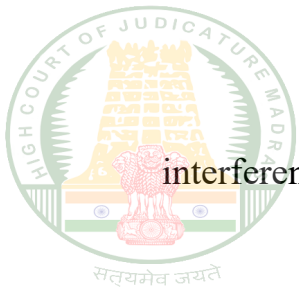
For Petitioner(s): MR.Abitha Banu

For Respondent(s): Mr. P.Giridharan

Order

This Civil Revision Petition is filed challenging the conditional order dated 08.04.2026 imposed by the learned Trial Judge in I.A.No.03/2026 in COS No.645 of 2025, while granting leave to defend the suit.

2. The learned counsel for the revision petitioners/defendants submitted that the condition directing to deposit of the entire suit claim, as a pre-condition for granting leave to defend, is onerous and unsustainable, and hence warrants



interference by this Court.

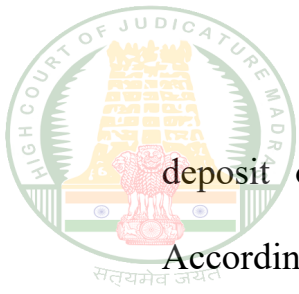
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3. Per contra, the learned counsel for the respondent/plaintiff raised a preliminary objection, contending that the revision petitioner had, in the reply notice dated 08.06.2024, categorically admitted the liability. It is therefore submitted that the condition imposed by the Trial Court is justified and does not call for any interference.

4. This Court has carefully considered the submissions and perused the materials available on record. A perusal of the reply notice dated 08.06.2024 would indicate that the revision petitioner has stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they suffered losses and sought time to settle the dues. However, as rightly pointed out by the learned counsel for the revision petitioner, there is no specific or unequivocal admission of the exact claim amount.

5. In such circumstances, though there is an indication of liability, the same cannot be construed as a clear and unambiguous admission of the entire suit claim. Further, the revision petitioners are presently contesting the claim on merits and seeks to raise triable issues.

6. Considering the above facts and circumstances, this Court is of the view that the condition imposed by the (Commercial) Trial Court directing to



deposit of the entire suit claim is excessive and requires modification.

Accordingly,

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(i)the impugned order is modified, and the revision petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs only) before the Trial Court within a period of six (6) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

(ii)upon such deposit being made, the learned Trial Judge (Commercial Court- District Judge cadre) shall permit the revision petitioners to defend the suit and proceed with the matter in accordance with law.

7. With the above modification and direction, this Civil Revision Petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is also closed.

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To
1.The Judge, Commercial Court, Egmore

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