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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25-11-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

OP(CR) No. 5 of 2025

and

CR(A) No.12 of 2025

1. Noise and Grains Private Limited
Represented by its Authorised
Signatory Mr.Shanmugasundaram,
3, 1st Floor, North Boag Road, T Nagar,
Chennai 600 017, Tamil Nadu, India.

Petitioner

Vs

1. The Indian Performing Right Society
Limited
Represented by its Authorized
Signatory Mr.N.J.Venkataraman,
having Office at Flat No.D1,
Second Floor, Parsn Paradise
Residential Apartments,
109, G.N.Chetty Road, T.Nagar,
Chennai 600 017.

Respondent

PRAYER in OP(CR) No. 5 of 2025



To remove the unreasonable elements, anomalies and inconsistencies in Clause 3 of the existing Tariff Scheme relating to Tariff-LP/DJ Events-LP/DJ (Recorded Music) Performances at Venues/Premises published by the Respondent on its official website, for the reasons more fully set out in the grounds herein.

PRAYER in CR(A) No.12 of 2025

To fix a fair and reasonable interim tariff in respect of the live performance events.

For petitioner Mr.P.V.Balasubramanian,
Senior Counsel for
M/s.Kishore Balasubramanian

ORDER

The present Original Petition is filed for the following relief:-

“To remove the unreasonable elements, anomalies and inconsistencies in Clause 3 of the existing Tariff Scheme relating to Tariff-LP/DJ Events-LP/DJ (Recorded Music) Performances at Venues/Premises published by the Respondent on its official website, for the reasons more fully set out in the grounds.”

2. Claiming interim relief pending disposal of the main Original Petition, the petitioner has filed an interim Application seeking to fix a fair and



reasonable interim tariff in respect of the live performance events. .

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3. Mr.P.V.Balasubramanian learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner challenges the operation of the new Tariff Scheme published by the respondent on its website recently, whose relevant portion towards royalty/licence fee for live performance at venue/premises has been referred by the petitioner in para 5 of the Affidavit.

4. For ready reference, the tariff scheme so referred by the learned Senior Counsel is extracted hereunder:-

**"TARIFF — LP/DJ: EVENTS-LP/DJ (RECORDED
MUSIC) PERFORMANCES AT VENUES/PREMISES**

3.ROYALTY/ LICENSE FEE RATES:

The following Royalty/ License fee rates shall apply:

E. Where there is an admission charge i.e. ticketed event, the Royalty/License fee shall be calculated as per the following

Royalty/Licence fee Rates:

i) 3% on the admission charge i.e. price of the ticket and sponsorship revenue;



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ii) A standard deduction of 15% is applicable on the total capacity of the venue;

iii) Royalty/Licence Fee shall be calculated on the total capacity of the venue after applying the standard deductions as per E(ii).

iv) The minimum Royalty/License fee under this category.

a) For events held at an indoor venue is Rs.75,000/- per event.

b) For events held at open ground/outdoor venue is Rs.1,50,000/- per event."

5. The learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner specifically questions the royalty/licence fee, which has been introduced by the respondent herein. The learned Senior Counsel points out that he would continue to comply with E(iv) referred to supra in the event of any programme being organised by the petitioner and his apprehension is that the respondent should not raise an objection with regard to the other conditions viz., E(i) to E(iii). The contention of the learned Senior Counsel is that the conditions imposed by the respondent



are arbitrary.

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6. Therefore, there shall be an order that in the event of the petitioner organising any indoor event, they shall pay Rs.75,000/- and so far as the events conducted at the ground/outdoor, they shall pay Rs.1,50,000/-.

7. Issue notice to the respondent returnable by 8.1.2026. Private notice is also permitted. Post the matter on 8.1.2026.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Internet: Yes

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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