

O.S. 1699/2026

ORDER ON IA NO. 1

This is the suit filed by the plaintiff against the defendants seeking to pass a Judgment and Decree of permanent injunction restraining them from publishing broad casting, distributing or disseminating any defamatory material in whatsoever form in respect of the plaintiff.

2. Along with the plaint the plaintiff has filed IA No. 1 U/o 39 R 1 and 2 of CPC and prays to grant temporary injunction restraining the defendants from publishing broad casting, distributing or disseminating any defamatory material in whatsoever form in respect of the plaintiff.

3. In the affidavit supported by the application, the plaintiff submits that he is the duly ordained pontiff of Kudala Sangama Lingayath Panchamasali Peeta who is a widely respected spiritual leader of a community. It is submitted that the defendant No 1 has published defamatory articles by insinuating that the plaintiff is involved in immoral and illicit conduct without verifying the authenticity of the information. Hence, prays to allow the applications.

4. On perusal of the pleadings, application, accompanied affidavit and all other documents placed by the plaintiff before this Court, it appears that the materials produced by the plaintiff reflect that the defamatory contents are made against the plaintiff though his name is not mentioned in the said derogatory contents. Further, the defamatory contents reasonably identify or point to the plaintiff. Therefore, at this juncture, this Court is of the opinion that the plaintiff has made essential requisite grounds in his favour.

5. Hence, this Court is of the considered opinion that granting ex-parte ad-interim relief of temporary injunction against the defendants is necessary to preserve and further damage of the reputation of the plaintiff till the next date of hearing. If this Court, instead of granting

exparte ad-interim order of temporary injunction, orders for the issuance of notice to the defendants then the very purpose of granting temporary injunction would be defeated by delay. Hence, for the following:

ORDER

The defendants, their henchmen, agents, servants, assigns, attorneys and anybody claiming through them are hereby restrained, by way ad-interim exparte order of temporary injunction, from publishing, broad casting, distributing or disseminating any defamatory material in whatsoever manner in respect of the plaintiff till the next date of hearing.

The plaintiff is hereby directed to comply the order 39 R 3(a) of CPC.

Further, the plaintiff shall furnish copies of plaint, I.A, documents and required PF which shall not fall deficit for issuance of summons within seven days from this date, failing which, the above order of granting of temporary injunction will automatically stands vacated.

Issue notice of TI order on IA No. 1, notice on IA No. 1 and suit summons to the defendants by 27/4/26.

(06-03-2026)

XXX Addl.CC & SJ Bengaluru.