

## Reshammiya, Boney Kapoor in a song row

Singer-composer Himesh Reshammiya is aghast that producer Boney Kapoor is claiming the rights of the song 'Tanhaiyaan', which is being used in Reshammiya's film 'Aap Ka Suroor'.

Reshammiya, in London for his concerts, reacted sharply: 'Why do I have to wake up almost every day with fingers pointing at me for one reason or another? I respect Boneyji a lot. I've composed nine songs for his Shahid Kapoor-Kareena starrer 'Milenge Milenge'. But 'Tanhaiyaan' is not one of them.'

Reshammiya is miffed with constant accusations hurled at him.

'Just throwing my name into any controversy isn't right. I'm doing my first film as a hero and it's going to be bigger than anything ever done before. Maybe that's unacceptable to some people. But it's nothing I can reverse just to please others,' Reshammiya told IANS.

'It is 100 percent my song. It's composed and sung by me, and the recording costs were also borne by me. Since I was doing Boneyji's 'Milenge Milenge', I made him hear 'Tanhaiyaan' at one of the sittings. He loved the tune.

'But it couldn't fit into 'Milenge Milenge' since all the songs had already been recorded. So where's the question of it being Boneyji's property?'

Before using it in his film, Reshammiya tried to get in touch with Kapoor to discuss the song but in vain.

'I've been trying to get in touch with Boneyji for seven months. Since there was no progress with the film, I decided to use the song in my own film. Where's the problem in that? I respect Boneyji and don't want to hurt his sentiments. But the question of the rights of the song being with him or anyone else just doesn't arise.'

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