

BANK OF BARODA Vs. NIRAJ GUPTA

21.04.2026

Present : Sh. Arvind Kumar Tiwari, Ld. counsel for the plaintiff through VC.

Ld. counsel for the plaintiff submits that an application under Order V Rule 20 CPC (IA No. 1/26) is pending for adjudication for effecting service upon defendant no. 2 by way of publication.

It is stated in the application that the present suit for recovery of Rs. 5,92,985/- along with costs and interest is at the stage of final hearing. Vide order dated 07.07.2022, this Court directed issuance of notice to the defendants through all permissible modes, including publication in The Times of India. However, due to procedural difficulties, publication could not be effected therein, and upon an application moved by the plaintiff, this Court vide order dated 02.02.2023 permitted publication in The Statesman. The notice was deemed served on 14.04.2023, and the defendants were proceeded ex parte on 05.01.2024. It is further submitted that service upon defendant no. 2 through publication was not effective, as the publication was not made in a Hindi newspaper having wide circulation in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, where the said defendant resides, and The Statesman does not have sufficient circulation there. Accordingly, the plaintiff seeks permission to serve defendant no. 2 through substituted service by way of publication in a Hindi

daily newspaper, namely Amar Ujala, having wide circulation in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh.

In the interest of justice, the application is allowed. Defendant no. 2 be served through publication in the daily Hindi newspaper Amar Ujala, having wide circulation in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh. Publication charges and process fee be deposited.

Accordingly, the application stands disposed of.

Copy of this order be given dasti, as prayed.

Put up for further proceedings on **20.07.2026**.

(Vikas Garg)
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