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1. This is an application filed by the plaintiff under Order V Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, seeking substituted service of summons upon the defendants.

2. Perused the application, the verification affidavit, and the bailiff's report on record.

3. The plaintiff contends that the summons and notices issued to Defendant Nos. 1 to 3 were returned unserved. The bailiff's report clearly notes that local residents were unaware of the defendants' identities or their current whereabouts.

4. The plaintiff has categorically stated on affidavit that the defendants last resided at the address mentioned in the cause title of the plaint.

5. Considering the bailiff's report and the sworn submissions

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made by the plaintiff, I am satisfied that the defendants cannot be served in the ordinary way despite due diligence, and there are sufficient grounds to permit substituted service.

6. The plaintiff has prayed for publication in the daily newspaper 'Vadalvara' and expressed readiness to bear the expenses. Substituted service by way of paper publication in a newspaper circulating in the locality where the defendants last resided is a valid and recognized mode of service under Order 5 Rule 20(1A) of CPC. Hence, the application deserves to be allowed. Hence, following order;

ORDER

1. This application (Exh. 30) is hereby allowed.
2. The plaintiff is permitted to serve the summons upon Defendant Nos. 1 to 3 by way of substituted service under Order V Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.
3. The summons be published in the daily newspaper 'Vadalvara', having circulation in the locality where the defendants are known to have last resided.
4. The plaintiff shall bear the expenses of the said newspaper publication and submit the original copy of the newspaper

on record before the next date.

5. Issue summons accordingly.

Uran,

Date – 31.03.2026

S. P. Wankhade

Civil Judge J. D. Uran