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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

\+ CS(COMM) 116/2026

VIANET MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED .....Plaintiff

Through: Mr. Shwetank Tripathi, Advocate *via* video-conferencing with Mr. Devangiri Rai, Advocate.

versus

ATIQ UR REHMAN & ANR. .....Defendants

Through: Mr. Rajiv Shukla with Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Mr. Manish Bhardwaj, Mr. Anand Prakash, Advocates for D-1.
Mr. Aditya Gupta with Ms. Sunidhi Agrahari, Advocates for D-2.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI

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% 30.07.2026

I.A. 8478/2026

By way of the present application filed by defendant No.1 under section 5 of the Limitation Act, 1963 defendant No.1 seeks condonation of 36 days' delay in *filing* the reply to I.A.3293/2026.

2. Issue notice.

3. Mr. Shwetank Tripathi, learned counsel appearing for the plaintiff accepts notice; and does not oppose the prayer made in the application.

4. The application is allowed.

5. The delay of 36 days' in *filing* the reply is condoned.

6. Reply to I.A. No. 3293/2026 be brought on record.

7. Application stands disposed-of.

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I.A. 18450/2026

8. By way of the present application filed under Order VIII Rule 1 read with section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure 1908 ('CPC'), defendant No.1 seeks condonation of 54 days' delay in *filing* the written statement.

9. Notice on the present application was issued on 17.07.2026.

10. No reply has been filed so far.

11. Mr. Tripathi submits, that they do not oppose the prayer made in the application, subject to it being allowed with costs.

12. The written statement has been filed within the 120 days statutory period.

13. For the reasons stated in the application which is duly supported by affidavit, the application is allowed.

14. The delay of 54 days in filing the written statement is condoned.

15. Written statement is taken on record *subject to the* plaintiff paying costs of Rs. 15,000/- to the '*Nai Disha Educational and Cultural Society*', Plot No.33-B/9, Kishangarh Near Bhattewala Chowk, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, within 02 weeks.

16. Proof of payment of costs be placed on record within 01 week thereafter.

17. The Registry is directed to verify compliance; and to bring to the notice of this court any default in respect thereof.

18. Let replication to the written statement be filed within 30 days thereafter, alongwith affidavit of admission/denial of the documents filed by defendant No.1.

19. Application stands disposed-of.

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I.A. 7273/2026

20. By way of the present application filed under section 151 of the CPC, the plaintiff seeks a direction to close defendant No.1's right to file written statement and reply to I.A. No.3293/2026.

21. In view of the order passed above, the present application is disposed-of as infructuous.

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22. Learned counsel appearing for defendant No.1 requests, that a copy of the pendrive that was taken on record *vide* order dated I.A. No.3298/2026 be supplied to them.

23. Mr. Tripathi would do the needful within 01 week.

24. Furthermore, as prayed-for by Mr. Tripathi, the plaintiff is granted 03 weeks' time to file their rejoinder, with copy to the opposing counsel.

25. Re-notify before the learned Joint Registrar for completion of pleadings on 04th November 2026.

26. List before court thereafter.

ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI, J

JULY 30, 2026
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