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

+ **CS(OS) 425/2025 & I.A. 15781-82/2025**

CHANDRA SHEKHAR

.....Plaintiff

Through: Mr. Sanjeev Sagar, Sr. Adv. with Mr.
K. K. Sharma, Mr. M.S. Arya, Mr.
Mohit, Mr. Harshit Agarwal, Mr.
Tusahar Batra, Mr. Pratham and Ms.
Nazia Parveen , Advs.

versus

ROHINI GHAVARI AND ORS.

.....Defendants

Through: Ms. Ameer Rana, Mr. Yash
Karunakaran, Ms. Charu Sharma,
Advs. for D-2.
Mr. Akhil Anand, Ms. V. Sahni and
Ms. Muskaan Gupta, Advs. for D-4.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV

ORDER

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14.07.2025

1. Heard Mr. Sanjeev Sagar, learned senior counsel appearing for the plaintiff.
2. Mr. Sagar has placed reliance on various judgments to indicate that the cause of action has arisen within the jurisdiction of this Court. He has further referred to paragraph Nos. 56 and 62 of the plaint, which read as under:-

"56.That the plaintiffs' supporters, employees, fellow member parliamentarism all are reading the social media posts of defendant no.1 in Delhi and each day are questioning the plaintiff about the issue, the



plaintiffs peace of mind, social status and image has been completely tarnished. His stay and function as parliamentarian Delhi are being affected due to acts of the Defendant. Not only in Delhi these posts are being read across country and are being reposted and shared by people in Delhi and across the country. That the plaintiff is presently residing at Bungalow no-02, New Moti Bagh, New Delhi which is being allotted to the plaintiff by the govt through allotment. That the copy of allotment letter is already annexed herewith as ANNEXURE-B.

62. That in the present case the cause of action has firstly arose on 09.03.2025 and thereafter the defendant no-01 she again posted on 03.06.2025 and lastly on dated 02.07.2025 till date. That the defendant no-01 is till posting defamatory and derogatory post which tarnished the reputation of plaintiff from publication and circulation of defamatory material against the Plaintiff from the social media platforms of Defendant no.2-4. The cause of action has further originated owing to damage and loss of reputation caused to the Plaintiff. Plaintiff is member of Parliament and resides in Delhi, this substantial damage has been caused in his official circle in Delhi amongst other member of parliaments and parliamentary staff in Delhi, social circle and also amongst his official staff and public in Delhi besides across India and his parliamentary constituency.

That the original affidavit of the few people for the kind perusal is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE- N”

3. Reserving all the rights and contentions of the parties, at this stage, the Court deems it appropriate to direct for issuance of summons to the defendants.
4. Though Mr. Sanjeev Sagar, learned senior counsel submits that advance notice has already been issued to the defendants, however, a formal issuance of summons to the defendants is necessary.
5. The plaint be registered as a suit. Issue summons. Ms. Ameer Rana and Mr. Akhil Anand, learned counsel on behalf of defendant Nos.2 and 4, respectively, are present. They confirm the receipt of the suit paperbook, and waive the right of formal service of summons.
6. Let summons be issued to defendant Nos.1 and 3 by all permissible modes on filing of process fee. Affidavit of service be filed within two



weeks.

7. Written statement(s) shall be filed within thirty days from the receipt of summons. The defendant(s) shall also file affidavits of admission/denial of the documents filed by the plaintiffs, failing which the written statements shall not be taken on record.

8. The plaintiffs are at liberty to file replications thereto, within thirty days after filing of the respective written statements. The replications shall be accompanied by affidavits of admission/denial in respect of the documents filed by the defendant(s), failing which the replications shall not be taken on record.

9. It is made clear that any unjustified denial of documents may lead to an order of costs against the concerned party.

10. Any party seeking inspection of documents may do so in accordance with the Delhi High Court (Original Side) Rules, 2018.

11. List before the learned Joint Registrar for completion of service and pleadings, marking of exhibits and admission/denial of documents on 22.09.2025.

12. At this stage, Mr. Akhil Anand, learned counsel appearing for defendant No.4, submits that defendant No.4 will have to be arrayed as Google LLC instead of YouTube India Pvt. Ltd.

13. In view of his submission, Mr. Sanjeev Sagar, learned senior counsel appearing for the plaintiff submits that amended memo of parties shall be placed on record.

I.A. 15781/2025 (filed on behalf of the plaintiff for issuance of urgent directions and interim relief)

14. Mr. Sanjeev Sagar, learned senior counsel appearing for the plaintiff



points out that during the pendency of the instant civil suit, defendant Nos.1 and 2 be directed to take down all defamatory content, posts, and screenshots against the plaintiff published or circulated by them.

15. Issue notice.
16. Learned counsel appearing for defendant Nos.2 and 4 accept notice.
17. On the plaintiff taking necessary steps, let notice be issued to defendant Nos.1 and 3 through all permissible modes, returnable on 29.07.2025.
18. In addition, *dasti* service is also permitted.
19. Let the requisites be filed within two working days.
20. Notice be handed over within two working days thereafter.

PURUSHAINDRA KUMAR KAURAV, J

JULY 14, 2025/p/mj