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

+ **CS(OS) 21/2022**

SH KAMAL KUMAR HARLALKA & ORS. Plaintiffs
Through: Mr. Rajesh Rai, Advocate.

versus

**PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK THROUGH ITS
MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER & ANR. Defendants**
Through: None.

**CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL**

ORDER

% 17.01.2022

[VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING]

I.A. No. 784/2022 (for exemption)

1. Subject to the plaintiffs filing legible and clear copies within two weeks of any dim or illegible documents on which they may seek to place reliance, exemption is granted for the present.
2. The application is disposed of.

I.A. No. 783/2022 (u/s 80(s) of CPC)

3. For the reasons stated in the application, the application is allowed and the plaintiffs are given leave to file the present suit without serving notice under Section 80(1) of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (CPC).

I.A. 785/2022 (u/s 149 CPC)

4. Counsel for the plaintiffs states that the deficient court fees would be paid within two weeks. The time for depositing court fees is accordingly



extended by two weeks.

5. The application is allowed.

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6. Let the plaint be registered as a suit.

7. Issue summons by all modes to the defendants.

8. Written statement(s) be filed within four weeks along with the documents relied upon. Along with the written statement(s), the defendants shall also file an affidavit of admission/denial of the documents of the plaintiff, without which the written statement(s) shall not be taken on record.

9. Liberty is given to the plaintiffs to file replication(s), if any, within two weeks from the receipt of the written statement(s). Along with the replication(s) filed by the plaintiffs, an affidavit of admission/denial of the documents of the defendants, be filed by the plaintiffs.

10. List before the Joint Registrar on 30th March, 2022 for competition of service and pleadings.

I.A. 782/2022 (O-39 R-1 & 2)

11. The present suit has been filed by the plaintiffs against the defendants seeking damages for defamation caused to the plaintiffs on account of the acts of the defendants and the relief of permanent injunction restraining the defendants from publishing any imputation to the general public averring wilful default by the plaintiffs.

12. This application has been filed seeking interim injunction against the defendants from publishing photographs and names of the plaintiffs as wilful defaulters in newspapers or any other media, including electronic and internet without any legal justification and contrary to the RBI Master Circular.



13. Counsel for the plaintiffs submits that there is no justification by the defendants to publish the notice dated 4th November, 2021 in the newspapers against the Directors of RSH Agro Products Limited.
14. Issue notice.
15. Notice be issued to the non applicants through all modes.
16. Reply be filed within four weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, two weeks thereafter.
17. List before the Joint Registrar on 30th March, 2022 for competition service and pleadings.

AMIT BANSAL, J.

JANUARY 17, 2022
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