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

+ **CS(OS) 720/2022**

M/S VATIKA LIMITED

.....Plaintiff

Through:

versus

MR. RAVI LUTHRA & ORS

.....Defendants

Through: **Mr. Neeraj Grover & Mr. Angad
Deep Singh, Advs.**

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

ORDER

09.03.2026

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I.A. 953/2026

1. This is an application under Order VIII Rule 1A of the CPC on behalf of Defendant No.1 for placing on record additional documents mentioned in Paragraph 4 of the application.
2. The present suit is one for damages and compensation. It is the case of the Plaintiff that the Defendants have started a defamatory campaign against the Plaintiff which had the effect of scaring away investors. In the defamatory campaign, it is also stated that the Enforcement Directorate has started proceedings against the Plaintiff. In order to rebut the allegations, Defendant No.1 intends to bring on record the documents mentioned in Paragraph 4 of the application.
3. Learned Counsel for the Plaintiff states that these documents are primarily press releases which have been downloaded from the internet and therefore do not carry the mandatory certificate as provided under Section



63 of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 and the evidentiary value of these documents would be considered at the relevant point of time and need not be considered at this juncture.

4. In the opinion of this Court, these documents would be necessary for Defendants to demonstrate that the statements given were correct and no case of defamation is made out.

5. The fact that these documents have been permitted by the Court to be filed does not mean that this Court has accepted these documents. These documents will have to go through the rigors of admission/denial and further proof in accordance with law.

6. The application is allowed.

SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J

MARCH 09, 2026

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