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

+ **CS(OS) 758/2022 & I.A. 20401/2022**

PARUL AGGARWAL AND ANR

..... Plaintiffs

Through: Ms. Stuti Gupta, Mr. Prabhav
Ralli, Advocates.

versus

ASHOK AGGARWAL AND ORS

..... Defendants

Through: Mr. Vibhor Garg, Advocate for D-
1 and D-2.

Mr. Sumit Kumar Mishra,
Advocate for D-3 and D-4.

Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with
Ms. Vidhi Jain and Mr. Madhav
Bajaj, Advocates for D-6/UOI.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

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15.12.2022

1. Further to the orders dated 02.12.2022 and 09.12.2022, Mr. Vibhor Garg, learned counsel, enters appearance on behalf of defendant Nos. 1 and 2. Defendant No.1 is personally present in Court.

2. It is stated on behalf of defendant Nos. 1 and 2 that they will not forward or upload the interview of defendant No.1 with defendant No.5-NTTV Bharat Media Pvt. Ltd. ["NTTV Bharat"], to anyone in future. They also undertake not to make similar statements regarding the plaintiffs in future. Mr. Garg states that, although there are certain civil litigations and criminal proceedings already filed by the parties against



each other, none of those relate to the allegations made in the interview, which is the subject matter of the present suit. As far as the said interview is concerned, defendant Nos. 1 and 2 have no objection to the video being taken down by NTTV Bharat.

3. NTTV Bharat has been served in advance and pursuant to the orders of this Court. Ms. Stuti Gupta, learned counsel for the plaintiffs, has also filed an affidavit of service dated 14.12.2022, which contains screenshots of a WhatsApp chat between her and a representative of NTTV Bharat. The contents of the communication show that Ms. Gupta has informed NTTV Bharat of the pendency of the present proceedings and the next date of hearing. It appears that NTTV Bharat is, therefore, aware of the fact that this application is pending against it and of the date of hearing, but has chosen not to appear. In fact, the representative of NTTV Bharat has specifically asked for a copy of the order dated 09.12.2022, but his main concern appears to be with any “news” that the advocate may be able to provide.

4. The undertaking given by the defendant Nos. 1 and 2 is accepted. In view of the fact that NTTV Bharat has not appeared to controvert the contents of the application, NTTV Bharat is also directed to take down the video of the interview with defendant No.1 from YouTube and any other social media platform, as well as from its own website within three days from date of service of this order and file an affidavit of compliance within two weeks thereafter.

5. Mr. Garg submits that in view of the familial relationship between the parties, and disputes between them, the parties be referred to mediation. As NTTV Bharat is not appearing, at this stage, the plaintiffs



and defendant Nos. 1 to 4 are referred to Samadhan, Delhi High Court Mediation and Conciliation Centre, Delhi High Court, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi-110503 [“Samadhan”]. Having regard to the nature of the disputes, Samadhan is requested to depute a senior mediator for this purpose.

6. Parties will appear before mediator on 05.01.2023.

7. List before this Court on 21.02.2023.

8. Mr. Kirtiman Singh, learned counsel, enters appearance on behalf of defendant No.6- Union of India [“the Union”]. The Union is also directed to file an affidavit with regard to the steps that can be taken in view of the reliefs sought in this petition.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

DECEMBER 15, 2022

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