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

+ **W.P.(C) 10849/2025 and CM APPL.44808/2025 (Stay)**

KUNAL BAJAJ

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Giriraj Subramaniam, Ms. Reaa
Mehta, Advs.

versus

**UNION OF INDIA THROUGH MINISTRY OF
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & ORS.**

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Sandeep Kumar Mahapatra
(CGSC) along with Mr. Tribhuvan,
Advs. for R1
Mr. Saurabh Seth (SC) along with
Ms. Neelampreet Kaur, Mr. Abhiroop
Rathore, Advs. for R2 and R3
Ms. Dyuti Ghai, Mr. Vishesh Singh
Rajput, Advs. for R9.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

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25.07.2025

CM APPL.44809/2025 (Exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. The application stands disposed of.

W.P.(C) 10849/2025

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking the following prayers:

“1. Issue of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing Respondent No. 1 herein i.e. the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Union of India to direct Respondent Nos. 4 - 12 to remove the judgement dated 03.01.2024 in Crl. MC No. 1082/2019 titled as Pooja Sharma Bajaj v. Kunal Bajaj from their respective platforms;



2. *Pass an order directing Respondent No. 2 to redact the name of the Petitioner's minor child from paragraph 6 of the judgement dated 03.01.2024 in Crl. MC No. 1082/2019 titled as Pooja Sharma Bajaj v. Kunal Bajaj;*

3. *Pass an order directing Respondent Nos. 4 - 12 to remove the judgement dated 03.01.2024 in Crl. MC No.1082/2019 titled as Pooja Sharma Bajaj v. Kunal Bajaj from their respective platforms;*

4. *IN THE INTERIM, and during pendency of the present writ petition, pass an order directing Respondent Nos. 4- 12 to remove the judgement dated 03.01.2024 in Crl. MC No. 1082/2019 titled as Pooja Sharma Bajaj v. Kunal Bajaj from their respective platforms;*

5. *Such other order/orders that this Hon'ble Court deems fit in the facts and circumstances of the present case."*

2. The petitioner in the present petition is the father of the minor whose name appears in the extracted portion of paragraph 6 of the judgment passed by a coordinate Bench of this Court in CRL. M.C. 1082/2019 and CRL.M.A 28506/2023.

3. Learned counsel on behalf of the petitioner submitted that although the name of the minor was intended to be redacted from the said judgment, however, inadvertently, the name remains unmasked/redacted in aforementioned extracted portion.

4. Further, learned counsel of the petitioner relies upon an order dated 23.02.2024 passed by the Supreme Court in W.P(C) 19/2024, whereby, the registry was directed to mask the names of parties including the name of a minor from the judgment impugned therein. The same reads as under:

".....As regards the judgment and order dated 12th September, 2017 of this Court, we direct the Registry to mask the names of the parties therein by describing the appellant as 'X' and the respondent as 'Y'. The masking be also made in the body of the judgment and also in the cause title. Even the name of the child shall be masked and described as 'C'....."



5. Issue Notice.
6. Learned counsel, as aforesaid, accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos.1, 2, 3 and 9.
7. Issue notice to the remaining respondents through all permissible modes, including electronically.
8. Let reply be filed by the respondents within a period of 4 weeks from today.
9. In the meantime, considering the facts and circumstances, and the aforesaid order passed by the Supreme Court in W.P(C) 19/2024, as an interim measure, respondent nos.2/Registrar General of the Delhi High Court and respondent no.3/ Registrar (IT & Stationary) of the Delhi High Court are directed to mask/redact the name of the minor reflected in the extracted portion of paragraph 6 of the judgment passed by a coordinate Bench of this Court in CRL. M.C. 1082/2019 and CRL.M. A 28506/2023.
10. Further, respondent nos. 4 to 12 are directed to block access to the unmasked version of the judgment, within a period of 10 days from today.
11. Respondent no.1/ Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India shall also issue direction/s for blocking access related to the unmasked version of the said judgment, within 72 hours.
12. Learned counsel for the petitioner is also directed to provide all specific URLs to the respondents.
13. List on 07.11.2025

SACHIN DATTA, J

JULY 25, 2025/sl