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

+ **CS(OS) 704/2024**

H.H. LOKANATH SWAMI

.....Plaintiff

Through: **Mr. Rakesh Taneja, Adv.**

versus

**MS. SARASWATI SARA RICHARDSON JONES
& ORS.**

.....Defendants

Through: **Mr. Ajay Garg, Mr. Uday Garg and
Mr. Anusha Garg, Advs for D-1 and
2.**

**Mr. Varun Pathak, Mr. Akhil
Shandilya and Mr. Tanuj Sharma,
Advs for D-3.**

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV

ORDER

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19.11.2025

**I.A. 7452/2025 (BY DEF. 1 & 2- ORDER 6, R 16- FOR STRIKING
OUT THE SALUTATION OR HONORIFIC TITLE WITH THE
NAME OF PLAINTIFF)**

1. Heard learned counsel appearing for the parties.
2. Learned counsel appearing for the plaintiff points out that in plaintiff's community, the prefix 'H.H.' stands for 'His Holiness' and such a prefix is permissible to be used as per the plaintiff's customs, and, further that the plaintiff is also a ISCKON preacher.
3. On the other hand, Mr. Ajay Garg, learned counsel for defendant nos. 1 and 2, points out from the PAN Card as well as from the Aadhar Card of



the plaintiff, that none of the documents contains such a honorific title.

4. Having considered the submissions made by the parties, the Court, without prejudice to the rights of the plaintiff, directs that for the purposes of the present suit, the name of the plaintiff shall be read as recorded in his Aadhar Card, i.e. Lokanath Swami. The expression H.H., as is used in the pleadings/suit documents, will have no bearing.

5. The aforesaid arrangement, however, shall remain without prejudice to any right of the plaintiff to use the aforesaid prefix title.

6. The application stands disposed of.

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7. List on 14.01.2026 before the concerned Joint Registrar for taking up further necessary steps in accordance with extant rules.

8. Thereafter, list before the Court on the date to be assigned by the Joint Registrar. .

PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV, J

NOVEMBER 19, 2025

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