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

+ **CS(OS) 660/2025 with I.A. 23160/2025**

ASTER MIMS HOSPITAL

.....Plaintiff

Through: Ms. Binisa Mohanty, Mr. Ramesh Babu and Mr. Sagar Roy, Advocates.

versus

JOHN DOE AND ORS.

.....Defendants

Through: Ms. Ameer Rana, Mr. Akhil Shandilya and Ms. Anannya Gogoi, Advocates for D-4/Meta Platforms Inc.
Mr. Mrinal Bharti, Mr. Jayesh Srivastava, Mr. Swapnil Srivastava, Mr. Santosh Kumar and Mr. Rishabh Periwal, Advocates for D-8 & 9.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

ORDER

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26.09.2025

I.A. 23163/2025 (exemption from filing translated copies etc.)

1. Allowed, subject to the plaintiff filing legible/translated copies of documents within four (4) weeks from today.
2. The application stands disposed of.

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3. Ms. Binisa Mohanty, counsel appearing on behalf of the plaintiff, submits that the requisite court fees shall be paid within ten (10) days from today.
- 3.1 The aforesaid statement of counsel for the plaintiff is taken on record.
4. The application is disposed of.



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5. Let the plaint be registered as a suit.
6. Counsel appears on behalf of the defendant no.4 and submits that defendants no.6 and 7 have been wrongly impleaded as parties in the suit as defendant no.4, i.e. Meta Platforms, is the concerned entity which owns and runs 'Instagram' and 'Facebook'.
- 6.1 In view thereof, defendants no.6 viz. Instagram and defendant no.7 viz. Facebook are deleted from the array of parties.
7. The plaintiff shall also correctly implead the defendant no.5, i.e. WhatsApp, with complete particulars.
8. The defendant no.2 viz. Google LLC, owns and runs YouTube, i.e. defendant no.3. Hence, defendant no.3 is also deleted from the array of parties.
9. Counsel appears on behalf of the defendant no.8 viz. Network 18, and submits that defendant no.9 is a channel owned and run by defendant no.8. Hence, defendant no.9 is also deleted from the array of parties.
10. Amended memo of parties be filed within one (1) week from today.
11. Issue summons.
12. Summons are accepted by counsel appearing on behalf of the defendants no.4 and 8 who waive the issuance of formal summons.
- 12.1 Written statement shall be filed by aforesaid defendants within thirty (30) days from today.
13. Summons be issued to the remaining defendants through all permissible modes.
14. The summons shall state that the written statement(s) shall be filed by the defendants within thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of



summons. Along with the written statement, the defendants shall also file affidavit(s) of admission/denial of the documents of the plaintiff, without which the written statement(s) shall not be taken on record.

15. Liberty is given to the plaintiff to file replication, if any, within thirty (30) days from the receipt of the written statement(s). Along with the replication filed by the plaintiff, affidavit of admission/denial of the documents of the defendants be filed by the plaintiff.

16. It is made clear that any unjustified denial of documents may lead to an order of costs against the concerned party.

17. If any of the parties wish to seek inspection of any documents, the same shall be sought and given within the timelines.

18. List before the Joint Registrar on 29th October, 2025 for completion of service and pleadings.

19. List before the Court on 12th November, 2025.

I.A. 23159/2025 (u/O-XXXIX R- 1 & 2 of CPC)

20. The present suit has been filed seeking relief of permanent injunction against the defendants from making defamatory statements against the plaintiff.

21. By way of present application, the plaintiff seeks *ad interim* injunction against the defendants.

22. Issue Notice.

23. Notice is accepted by counsel appearing on behalf of the defendants no. 4 and 8.

24. Notice be issued to the remaining defendants through all permissible modes.

25. Reply(ies) be filed within four (4) weeks.



26. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within two (2) weeks thereafter.
27. The defendant no.4 is directed to disclose to the plaintiff the Basic Subscriber Information ('BSI') and IP Login details in respect of the uploaders of the posts as detailed in paragraph 15 of the plaint (except the post at serial no.7), within one (1) week from today. Thereafter, the plaintiff shall take steps to implead the aforesaid persons as defendants in the present suit and for issuance of summons thereto.
28. List before the Joint Registrar on 29th October, 2025, for completion of service and pleadings.
29. List before the Court on 12th November, 2025.

AMIT BANSAL, J

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

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