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

+ **CS(COMM) 1362/2025**

RAMAN NEGI

.....Plaintiff

Through: Mr. Nishchal Anand, Ms. Tanvi Jain,
Mr. Vaibhav Jairath, Ms. Deepiksha
Bhatt, Mr. Sanchit Suri and Mr. Ajay
Thakar, Advocates.

versus

RAMIT MEHRA & ORS.

.....Defendants

Through: Ms. Swathi Sukumar, Mr. Aditya
Gupta, Ms. Geetanjali Viswanathan,
Mr. Siddharth Varshney, Mr. Shuyam
Bhattacharya, Ms. Harshita Rathod,
Mr. Ritik Raghuvanshi, Ms. Rishika
Aggarwal, Ms. Pratibha Singh and
Ms. Shrudula Murthy, Advocates for
D1 to 5.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJAS KARIA

ORDER

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18.12.2025

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1. The learned Counsel for the Defendant Nos. 1 to 4 / Caveator has entered appearance.

2. Caveat stands discharged.

I.A. 31790/2025(Exemption)

3. Exemption is allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

4. The Application stands disposed of.

I.A. 31788/2025 (for seeking discovery, production & inspection of Defendants' documents)

5. This Application has been filed by the Plaintiff under Order XI Rules 12 and 14 read with Section 30 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908

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(“CPC”), seeking discovery, production and inspection of the Defendants’ documents.

6. Issue Notice.

7. Let the Reply to the Application be filed within a period of four weeks from date. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within a period of two weeks thereafter.

8. List before the Joint Registrar on 19.02.2026 for completion of pleadings.

9. List before this Court on 23.03.2026.

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10. Let the Plaint be registered as a Suit.

11. Issue Summons. The learned Counsel for Defendant Nos. 1 to 5 accepts Summons.

12. The learned Senior Counsel for Defendant Nos. 1 to 5 further submits, on instructions that Defendant Nos. 1 to 5 shall maintain the accounts from 06.12.2025 till the next date of hearing of all the Bank Accounts of Defendant Nos. 4 and 5.

13. The above undertaking is taken on record and Defendant Nos. 1 to 5 are bound by the said undertaking.

14. In view of the above, the learned Senior Counsel for Defendant Nos. 1 to 5 submits that Summons are not required to be issued to Defendant Nos. 6 to 8.

15. Accordingly, Summons are not issued to Defendant Nos. 6 to 8 at this stage. Let the Summons be served to the Defendant No. 9 through all permissible modes upon filing of the Process Fee.

16. The Summons shall state that the Written Statement(s) shall be filed by the Defendants within 30 days from the date of the receipt of Summons.

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Along with the Written Statement(s), the Defendants shall also file an Affidavit of Admission / Denial of the documents of the Plaintiff, without which the Written Statement(s) shall not be taken on record.

17. Liberty is granted to the Plaintiff to file Replication(s), if any, within 30 days from the receipt of the Written Statement(s). Along with the Replication(s) filed by the Plaintiff, an Affidavit of Admission / Denial of the documents of Defendants be filed by the Plaintiff, without which the Replication(s) shall not be taken on record.

18. In case any Party is placing reliance on a document, which is not in their power and possession, its details and source shall be mentioned in the list of reliance, which shall also be filed with the pleadings.

19. If any of the Parties wish to seek inspection of any documents, the same shall be sought and given within the prescribed timelines.

20. List before the learned Joint Registrar on 19.02.2026 for completion of service and pleadings.

I.A. 31789/2025(Additional Documents)

21. The present Application has been filed on behalf of the Plaintiffs under Order XI Rule 1(4) of the CPC as applicable to Commercial Suits under the Commercial Courts Act, 2015 (“CC Act”), seeking leave to place on record additional documents.

22. The Plaintiff is permitted to file additional documents in accordance with the provisions of the CC Act and the Delhi High Court (Original Side) Rules, 2018.

23. Accordingly, the Application stands disposed of.

I.A. 31791/2025(permission for forensic examination of handwritten diaries, notebooks, journals and lyric-sheets)

24. This is an Application filed on behalf of the Plaintiff under Order



XXVI Rule 10A read with Section 151 of the CPC and Section 39 of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2003.

25. Issue Notice. The learned Counsel for Defendant Nos. 1 to 5 accepts Notice.

26. Notice be served to Defendant No. 9 through all permissible modes upon filing of the Process Fees.

27. Let the Reply to the present Application be filed within four weeks after service of Notice. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing.

28. List before this Court on 23.03.2026.

I.A. 31787/2025(U/O XXXIX Rule 1 and 2 of CPC)

29. Issue Notice. The learned Counsel for Defendant Nos. 1 to 5 accepts Notice.

30. Notice be served to Defendant No. 9 through all permissible modes upon filing of the Process Fees.

31. The statement made by the learned Senior Counsel for Defendant Nos. 1 to 5 as recorded in Paragraph No. 12 of this Order shall continue to operate till the next date of hearing.

32. Let the Reply to the present Application be filed within four weeks after service of Notice. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing.

33. List before this Court on 23.03.2026.

TEJAS KARIA, J

DECEMBER 18, 2025/sms