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

+ **CS(COMM) 1373/2025 & I.As. 31984-86/2025**

ABHINAY SHARMA & ANR.

.....Plaintiffs

Through: Mr. Gauhar Mirza and Mr.
Syamantak Sen, Advocates

versus

JOHN DOE / ASHOK KUMAR AND ORS.Defendants

Through: Mr. Varun Pathak, Mr. Vishesh
Sharma, Mr. Mrityunjay Roy and Ms.
Komal Pathak, Advocates for D-3
Mr. Aditya Gutpa and Ms. Vani
Kaushik, Advocates for D-5

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA

ORDER

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19.12.2025

I.A. 31986/2025 (for extension of time to file court fees)

1. This is an application filed by the plaintiff under Section 149 read with Section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 seeking extension of time by one (1) week for filing court fees.
2. The application is allowed subject to the court fee being deposited within one (1) week, failing which the consequences of Order VII Rule 11(b) CPC shall follow and the plaint shall stand rejected.
3. The application is disposed of.

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4. The present suit has been filed seeking a permanent injunction restraining the infringement of Copyright, misappropriation of



personality/publicity rights, passing off and other ancillary reliefs.

5. Learned counsel for the Plaintiff submits that the Plaintiff did not approach the concerned intermediaries for redressal of its grievance in accordance with the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 (IT Rules 2021) prior to the institution of the present suit.

6. In the considered view of this Court, the Plaintiff ought to, in the first instance, avail itself of the statutory mechanism provided under the IT 2021 Rules.

7. Mr Varun Pathak, Advocate, enters appearance on behalf of the defendant no. 3.

8. Mr. Aditya Gutpa, Advocate, enters appearance on behalf of defendant no. 5.

9. None appears on behalf of the defendant nos. 2 and 4, despite advance service.

10. Defendant Nos. 3/Meta Platforms Inc and Defendant no. 5/Google LLCare directed to treat the present plaint as a complaint under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, and, within a period of 15 days from today, communicate to the Plaintiff their decision and reasons with respect to the URLs and links on the concerned accounts.

11. Similarly, defendant no. 2/Telegram FZ LLC and defendant no. 4/X Corp are also directed consider the plaint as a complaint to them and decide the same within a period of 15 days.

12. Defendant nos. 3/Meta Platforms Inc and Defendant no. 5/Google LLCwill provide BSI details and IP logs of the users on their platform which



co-relate to Defendant nos. 8 to 31 within a period of two (2) weeks.

13. Upon steps being taken by the plaintiff, issue notice in the injunction application to defendant nos. 2 and 4 through email along with the paper-book.

14. In the meantime, Plaintiff is directed to file an amended memo of parties in which it will specifically identify the platform on which defendant nos. 8 to 31 are available and advance notice be served on them through the relevant social media platform through Direct Messaging option where available.

15. List on **02.02.2026**.

16. The digitally signed copy of this order, duly uploaded on the official website of the Delhi High Court, www.delhihighcourt.nic.in, shall be treated as a certified copy of the order for the purpose of ensuring compliance. No physical copy of order shall be insisted by any authority/entity or litigant.

MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA, J

DECEMBER 19, 2025/rhc