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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

+ CS(OS) 295/2018

RAKESH KUMAR & ANR

.....Plaintiff

Through: Mr. Bharat Gupta, Adv.
(appeared through VC) & Ms.
Shagun Gupta, Adv.

versus

BANK OF MAHARASHTRA & ANR

.....Defendant

Through: Ms. Kaushiki Kashyap, Adv.
Proxy for Mr. V.K. Gupta, Adv.
For D-1 (appeared through VC)
D-2 is yet to be served.

CORAM:

**JOINT REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL) SH. MANISH
SHARMA, (DHJS)**

ORDER

25.09.2025

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**I.A.No.24119/205 (under Order V Rule 20 CPC filed on
behalf of the plaintiff for substituted service of
defendant no.2)**

1. By way of captioned IA, the plaintiff seeks permission to serve defendant no.2 through substituted service through publication. It is averred that defendant no.2 could not be served through ordinary mode. Learned counsel for plaintiff submits that despite best efforts, plaintiff is unable to trace any fresh address of defendant no.2.
2. Heard. Record perused.
3. Perusal of record shows that summons was issued to defendant no.2 number of times but could not be served



on the address provided in the memo of parties with the reports 'no such person' and 'left the address'.

4. In view of the averments made in the captioned IA, the application is allowed. Let defendant no.2 be served through publication in the newspaper 'The Times of India' (English edition) and 'Veer Arjun' (Hindi edition) having circulation in Delhi, on filing of PF and deposit of necessary publication charges, returnable on **11th December 2025.**

5. IA stands disposed of.

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6. Pleadings qua defendant no.1 are complete.
7. Direction for service of defendant no.2 through publication has been passed today.
8. Re-notify the matter for completion of service of defendant no.2 on **11th December, 2025.**

MANISH SHARMA, (DHJS)
JOINT REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL)
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025/nk