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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**  
+ **CS(OS) 3597/2014**  
**M/S CHOPRA MARKETING PVT LTD** ..... Plaintiff  
Through Mr. Diwakar Singh, Adv.  
versus  
**SALMAN RUSHDIE & ORS** ..... Defendant  
Through Mr. T. P. S. Kang & Ms. Upasana  
Kang, Adv. for D-7,8&9

**CORAM:**  
**ASHUTOSH KUMAR (DHJS), JOINT REGISTRAR**  
**(JUDICIAL)**

**ORDER**

% **03.08.2016**

**IA No.3980, 3982/2016 & 3981/2016 by defendant no.7,**  
**IA No.4018/2016, 4020/2016 & 4019/2016 by defendant no.8, and**  
**IA No.4021/2016, 4023/2016 & 4022/2016 by defendant no.9 for**  
**condonation of delay of 78 days in filing of written statement, for**  
**condonation of delay of re-filing the applications for condonation**  
**of delay of 78 days in filing of written statement and for**  
**exemption from filing of certified copies of documents**  
**respectively**

Learned counsel for plaintiff has no objections to the captioned IAs except that condonation may be allowed subject to payment of cost.

In view of the same, in view of reasons mentioned in the applications and in order to do substantive justice between the parties, the captioned IAs are allowed and delay in filing of written statements is condoned, subject to payment of cost of Rs.5000/- each by said defendants to the plaintiff and IA Nos. 3981/2016, 4019/2016 and 4022/2016 are allowed subject to all just exceptions. All the captioned IAs are accordingly disposed of.

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Written statement of defendant no.7,8&9 be brought on record. Plaintiff may file replication to the same within four weeks with advance copies thereof be supplied to opposite side.

Written statement of defendant no.5 is already on record. Written statement of defendant no.2&6 have been filed but plaintiff has opposed the taking of the same on record and in this regard IA No.2090/2016 & IA No.2089/2016 respectively are pending before the Hon'ble Court.

Since neither any written statement has been filed by defendant no.10, 11 & 12 till date even after expiry of stipulated statutory period nor anyone is present on their behalf to explain in this regard, therefore their right to file written statements is closed and the said defendants are liable to be proceeded ex-parte.

Learned counsel for plaintiff has submitted that since defendant no.1,3&4 are yet to be served, therefore they may be permitted to be served by all permissible modes through Ministry of Law and Justice. Ordered accordingly. Learned counsel for plaintiff has submitted that Ministry of Law and Justice taken about four months of time in service of process. Steps be taken within one week.

Accordingly, re-notify the matter for further proceedings on 22.12.2016, subject to further directions by the Hon'ble Court on date already fixed there i.e. 21.09.2016.

**ASHUTOSH KUMAR (DHJS)  
JOINT REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL)**

**AUGUST 03, 2016/ab**