

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

SUIT NO. 156 OF 2024

Prashant Mehta & anr. .Plaintiffs
Versus
K. Ashar & Co. & ors. .Defendants

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (L) NO. 28394 OF 2024
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (L) NO. 32673 OF 2023
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (L) NO. 1860 OF 2024
IN
SUIT NO. 156 OF 2024

Prashant Mehta & anr. .Applicants

IN THE MATTER OF

Prashant Mehta & anr. .Plaintiffs
Versus
K. Ashar & Co. & ors. .Defendants

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (L) NO. 27406 OF 2024
IN
SUIT NO. 156 OF 2024

Prashant Mehta & anr. .Applicants

IN THE MATTER OF

Prashant Mehta & anr. .Plaintiffs
Versus
K. Ashar & Co. & ors. .Defendants

WITH

**INTERIM APPLICATION (L) NO. 5486 OF 2024
IN
SUIT NO. 156 OF 2024**

Vidhi Partners & anr. .Applicants

IN THE MATTER OF

Prashant Mehta & anr. .Plaintiffs

Versus

K. Ashar & Co. & ors. .Defendants

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (L) NO. 23896 OF 2024
IN
SUIT NO. 156 OF 2024**

K. Ashar & Co. & ors. .Applicants

IN THE MATTER OF

Prashant Mehta & anr. .Plaintiffs

Versus

K. Ashar & Co. & ors. .Defendants

Mr. Devashish Trivedi a/w. Mr. Monish Bhatia & Mr. Manish Chanchlani, Advocates, for the Plaintiffs

Mr. Pradeep Sancheti, Senior Advocate (Through VC) a/w. Ms. Pallavi Bali, Mr. Aakash Sinha i/b. Mr. Satyan Israni, for Defendant Nos. 1 to 5

Mr. Dharam Juman i/w. Mr. Mihir Nerurkar, Ms. Prapti Kedia, Ms. Neha Rautela & Mr. Rushikesh Dusane i/b. Agama Law Associates, Advocates, for Defendant No. 6

Mr. Ameya Gokhale a/w. Ms. Kriti Kalyani, Mr. Chintan Gandhi i/b. Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., Advocates, for Defendant Nos. 7 to 10

Mr. S. C. Naidu (Through VC) a/W. Mr. T. R. Yadav, Advocates, for Defendant Nos. 11 & 12

Mr. Aditya Udeshi a/w. Mr. Rahul Sanghvi i/b. M/s. Sanjay Udeshi & Co., Advocates, for Defendant No. 19

CORAM : MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.

DATE : 13.09.2024

P C.

1. At the outset, Mr. Trivedi, learned Counsel for the Plaintiff states that he has instructions to delete the names of Defendant Nos. 1 to 5 and Defendant Nos. 11 & 12 from the array of the Defendants. He further states that it may be clarified that this deletion is without prejudice to the merits of the case against other Defendants, as correspondence issued by the Defendant Nos. 1 to 5 and Defendant Nos. 11 & 12 will be used in the suit which has been filed seeking various reliefs on the ground that the Plaintiffs have been defamed.

2. Accordingly, leave to delete the names of the Defendant Nos. 1 to 5 and Defendant Nos. 11 & 12 is granted subject to above submission raised on behalf of the Plaintiffs. Amendment be carried out forthwith. Re-verification is dispensed with, as learned counsel for the Plaintiffs has produced a copy of an Email received by him from the Plaintiffs. Said copy of the Email is taken on record and marked as “X” for identification.

3. As the Defendant Nos. 1 to 5 and the Defendant Nos. 11 & 12 have addressed several letters/communications which are subject matters of the suit on instructions of their respective clients, it is

clarified that the deletion of the said Defendants from the array of the Defendants is without prejudice to the merits of the case filed against other Defendants.

4. Stand over to **20.09.2024**. To be shown fairly **High On Board**.

[MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.]