CS SCJ :1033/23 Naresh Baliyan Vs M/s Times Now Navbharat

17.08.2023 (At 5.18 pm)

Fresh suit received by way of assignment. It be checked and registered.

Present : Sh Balbir Singh Jakhar, Sh N.C. Sharma, Sh Jai Singh Yadav, Sh Vikram Singh Jakhar, Sh. Karamvir Tyagi, Ld counsels for plaintiff. Plaintiff. (through VC)

Heard. Perused.

Additional copy of plaint filed. Taken on record.

The case of the plaintiff is that plaintiff is engaged in social work and reforms since last two-three decades and is elected as member of Delhi Legislative Assembly in 2015 and again in 2020 & has achieved a great reputation in the vicinity due to his hard work and good conduct. It is stated that plaintiff has received threats from gangsters Sh Kapil Sangwan @ Nandu of Nandu Gang for which plaintiff has lodged police complaints. It is stated that in the noon of 17.08.2023 plaintiff and family of plaintiff were shocked on the news broadcasted by the defendant on news channel under heading 'Sarji ka Vidhayak Gangster ka Sahayak' and the said news is also available on Youtube channel of defendant and is still broadcasted on the channel as well as other electronic social media contents. It is stated that the said false news has caused great loss to the reputation of plaintiff as well as his family.

During course of arguments it is submitted by ld counsels that the defendant is promulgating/broadcasting the news arbitrarily. It is also submitted that criminal Sh Kapil Sagwan @

Nandu is not traceable even for entire Delhi Police and Police has also issued Red Corner notice against Sh Kapil Sagwan @ Nandu. It is further submitted by ld counsel that the defendant has no source or reason to get in touch with a person against whom a red corner notice has been issued by the police and the defendant has also not verified the authencity or veracity of the allegations/ statements made by Sh Kapil Sagwan @ Nandu against the present plaintiff. Further broadcasting of any such news by electronic media or by print media will badly hamper the reputation of plaintiff and also, the faith and confidence of public at large living in the constitutency of the plaintiff towards the integrity and public spirit of the plaintiff.

In view of above submissions, defendant M/s Times Now Navbharat/Times Group Media Channel is hereby directed to not to broadcast/telecast/print the news/statement/opinion under the heading of operation 'PAAP' against the plaintiff till next date of hearing.

Issue summons for settlement of issues and notice of interim application to the defendant through electronic mode, PF/RC, returnable on **18.08.2023**.

The plaintiff shall comply with the provisions of Order 39 Rule 3 CPC by serving copy of this order to the defendant. Copy of this order be given dasti to the Ld counsel for plaintiff for compliance. Plaintiff is also directed to file e-mail address and official whatsapp number of the defendants.

> (Ajay Kumar Malik) ASCJ cum JSCC cum Guardian Judge Dwarka Courts: New Delhi 17.08.2023