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

+ CS(OS) 887/2023

## SAINT GURMEET RAM RAHIM SINGH INSAN SHISHAYEVA GADDINASHIN SHAH SATNAM SINGH JI MAHARAJ

..... Plaintiff

Through: Mr. Mohit Mathur, Sr. Advocate with

Ms. Shriya Chanda, Advocate. Sh. Rajat Aneja, Sh. Yachanda,

Sh. Bhaskar Bhardwaj,

Ms. Chandrika Gupta, Sh. Shreyuss S. Joshi, Ms. Komal Vats, Sh. Shekhar Chauhan, Ms. Vandana Aneja, Mr. Saurabh Jha and Ms. Deepali

Gupta, Advocates

versus

YOUTUBE LLC AND ANR

..... Defendants

Through: Mr. Raunaq Kamath, Advocate for

defendant No.1.

Mr. Kapil Madan, Mr. Gurmukh Singh Arora, Mr. Saurabh Gauba and

Mr. Manu Garg, Advocates for

defendant No.2.

**CORAM:** 

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

ORDER 30.12.2023

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1. Learned counsel for the plaintiffs has brought to the notice of the Court that on 29.12.2023, Sh. Rajat Aneja, Sh. Yachanda, Sh. Bhaskar Bhardwaj, Ms. Chandrika Gupta, Sh. Shreyuss S. Joshi, Ms. Komal Vats, Sh. Shekhar Chauhan, Ms. Vandana Aneja,

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Mr. Saurabh Jha and Ms. Deepali Gupta, Advocates had appeared for plaintiff but, apparently, due to some oversight, their appearance is not reflected in the order and it is rather mentioned that appearance has not been given. They also state that they would take further steps in this regard.

- 2. Pursuant to the summons and notice issued in terms of order dated 29.12.2023, the defendants have been served.
- 3. Sh. Raunaq Kamath, Advocate appears on behalf of defendant No.1 and Sh. Kapil Madan and Sh. Gurmukh Singh, Advocates appear on behalf of defendant No.2.
- 4. It is informed by learned counsel for defendant No.1 Youtube LLC that the correct entity would be 'Google LLC' instead of 'Youtube LLC through Google LLC' as Youtube platform is operated by Google LLC.
- 5. It is undertaken by the plaintiffs that appropriate steps shall be taken to carry out corrections in the Memo of Parties. Let it be done.
- 6. Learned counsel for defendant No.2 seeks time to file a detailed reply to the application under disposal. He submits that defendant No.2 is a responsible journalist and the contents of impugned video are extensively based on one book '*Dera Sacha Sauda*' authored by Anurag Tripathi which is available on online platforms.
- 7. Sh. Mohit Mathur, learned senior counsel for the plaintiff has

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cited acute urgency in the matter. It is contended that the impugned video is highly defamatory in nature. The transcription of the contents of the video has though been annexed with the petition but the related clickable Youtube link is not functional on the intranet, probably due to in-house restrictions.

- 8. A soft copy of such video be submitted in the Registry today itself.
- 9. Registry is directed to make it part of the e-record so that the same is accessible by the Court.
- 10. Sh. Mohit Mathur, learned senior counsel for the plaintiff has submitted that despite the fact that defendant No.2 had come to know about the filing of the present suit, there are several tweets from him which are not only objectionable but highly contemptuous in nature.
- 11. Learned counsel for defendant No.2, on instructions, submits that such tweets would be deleted by defendant No.2 today itself. The Court expects defendant No.2 to display requisite restraint in future while tweeting anything.
- 12. Let reply to the application be filed by defendants.
- 13. List on 04<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 for further consideration.

MANOJ JAIN, J (VACATION JUDGE)

**DECEMBER 30, 2023/st** 

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