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

+ **CS(OS) 676/2021 and IA Nos.16483/2021, 5208/2024**

RITU BANSAL & ANR.

.....Plaintiffs

Through: Ms. Beenashaw N. Soni (Sr. Adv.)
along with Mr. Rahul Shukla, Mr.
Bachita Barauah Shukla, Mr. Harsh
Ahuja, Ms. Mansi Jain, Mr.
Ramandeep Singh, Ms. Katyani
Malhotra, Mr. Rishabh Saxena, Ms.
Ridhima Bansal, Advs. & Mrs. Ritu
Bansal, Mr. Rajesh Bansal (In Person)

versus

PUESH GUPTA & ANR.

.....Defendants

Through: Mr. Anil Sharma, Mr. Gagan, Advs.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

27.07.2026

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**I.A. 15257/2022 (ON B/O PLAINTIFFS AGAINST D-2 FOR
WILLFUL DISOBEDIENCE OF ORDER DT. 13-12-2021)**

1. The present application has been filed by the plaintiffs seeking action against the said defendant for contempt/ willful disobedience of the statement/ undertaking contained in the order dated 13.12.2021 passed by this Court in CS(OS) 676 of 2021. The said order reads as under:-

CS(OS) 676/2021 & I.A.No.16483/2021

3. This suit has been filed seeking damages to the tune of Rs.5.00 crores against the defendants for inflicting injury on the reputation by defaming the plaintiffs through various messages and publishing defamatory content against the plaintiff. Along with the suit an application under Order XXXIX Rule 1 and 2 CPC is also filed to restrain the defendants from publishing any defamatory content against the plaintiff. The reference is made to document 18 (colly) at page 322 of the paper book which contains a series of messages relied upon by the plaintiff to file a suit for damages against the defendants.



4. Issue notice. The learned counsel for the defendants is present and accepts the notice and submits the defendants had not given such messages and have no intention to make such statements or circulate such messages in public in future.
5. Let the written statement be filed within the statutory period and reply to I.A.No.16483/2021 be filed within four weeks from today. Rejoinder, if any, be filed within four weeks thereafter. The affidavit of admission/denial be also filed within two weeks from today.
6. List on 10.03.2022 before the learned Joint Registrar for completion of pleadings. The defendants shall be bound by the submissions made by the learned counsel for the defendants.

2. It is submitted that, contrary to the submission / undertaking incorporated in paragraphs 4 and 6 of the aforesaid order dated 13.12.2021, the defendant no.2 has made certain defamatory imputation/s against the plaintiffs on social media platform/s. In particular, attention is drawn to the Facebook Post of the defendant no.2 as referred to in Paragraphs 8 & 9 of the present application. The said paragraphs read as under:-

8. And whereas the defendant no. 2 (the contemnor herein) namely Mr. Vipul Gupta , instead of contesting the case on merits in the Court of law on dated 21.06.2022 published following defamatory contents of the Facebook platform to threat and malign the image of the plaintiffs in society, which was viewed by thousands of friends and relatives of the plaintiff/applicant/petitioner- The contents are- "तूने मुझ पर झूठा case क्यों करा राजेश, रीतु?" translated to 'Why have you filed false case against us Rajesh, Ritu ?' That the order dated 13.12.2021 is neither vacated not modified till date, therefore the acts and conduct of the defendant no. 2 attracts consequences of



disobedience and breach of injunction by way of detention of the defendant no. 2 in civil imprisonment upto 03 months.

9. That, the language “तूने मुझ पर झूठा case क्यों करा राजेश, रीतु?” while roping in plaintiffs was in a derogatory and taunting tone which has not only caused serious damage to the reputation of plaintiff but also in sheer violation of the undertaking of the defendant no. 2 and the directions of this Hon’ble Court on 13.12.2021 in CS(OS)- 676/2021 & I.A.No.16483/2021. Plaintiff no. 1 having approx. 1000 Facebook friend and plaintiff no. 2 having more than 4,000 Facebook Friends and more than 10,000 Followings on digital platform who further have further thousands of friends and following causing the dent to plaintiffs’ reputation in millions of peoples. The Facebook friends, colleagues and relatives of the plaintiffs seen the post and enquired about the same, causing humiliation to the plaintiffs in society as if plaintiff has filed a false case against the contemnors.

3. The plaintiffs / applicants submit that significant prejudice has been caused to them as a result of the contumacious conduct on the part of the defendants.
4. *Vide* order dated 21.07.2026 passed in the present proceedings, the defendant no.2 was directed to remain present in Court on the next date of hearing (i.e. today).
5. Today, the defendant no.2 is personally present in Court, and tenders an unconditional apology for his aforesaid conduct. He assures and unequivocally undertakes that such conduct shall not be repeated, and that he shall refrain from making any defamatory or negative imputations whatsoever against any of the plaintiffs.
6. The aforesaid undertaking is taken on record.



7. It is agreed that any breach of the aforesaid undertaking shall be treated as egregious breach of an undertaking given to this Court, entailing severe action under Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971.

8. Considering the aforesaid undertaking and the unconditional apology, this Court is refraining from taking any action against the defendant no.2. However, it is made clear that any future infraction shall entail consequences under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, *inter-alia* punishment by way of imprisonment.

9. The defendant no.2 submits that to atone for his conduct, he will deposit a sum of Rs. 50,000/- in favour of the Delhi High Court Bar Association. Let the same be deposited within a period of two weeks from today, and proof of deposit be filed within a period of four weeks.

10. Application stands disposed of in the above terms.

I.A. 17917/2022 (ON B/O PLAINTIFFS U/O VII RULE 14 FOR FILING ADDL. DOCUMENTS)

I.A. 20647/2023 (ON B/O D-1 AND D-2 U/O VI RULE 17 FOR THE AMENDMENT OF W.S)

I.A. 5179/2024 (U/O VI RULE 17 ON B/O D-1 AND D-2 FOR AMENDMENT OF I.A. NO. 20647/2023)

11. List before the Joint Registrar (Judicial) on 15.09.2026 for further proceedings.

I.A. 15240/2022 (ON B/O PLAINTIFFS SEEKING JUDGMENT ON ADMISSIONS)

12. List before Court on 13.01.2027.

JULY 27, 2026/uk

SACHIN DATTA, J