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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

+ CS(OS) 293/2025

TFI MEDIA PVT. LTD.

.....Plaintiff

Through:

Mr. Jai Anant Dehadrai, Mr. Abhijeet Kushagra Pandey, Mr. Ved P. Singh and Mr. Siddhartha Sharma, Advs.

versus

AJEET BHAARTI AND ANR. Through: None.

.....Defendants

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PURUSHAINDRA KUMAR KAURAV <u>O R D E R</u> 27.05.2025

I.A. 11753/2025 (BY PLAINTIFF U/O 39 R 1 & 2- EX PARTE AD INTERIM RELIEF)

1. Heard Mr. Jai Anant Dehadrai, learned counsel for the plaintiff on the

instant application which is an application seeking following reliefs:

"(a) Allow the present application and grant ex parte ad interim injunction in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants by directing Defendants Nos. 1 and 2 to immediately suspend/block/take down the impugned defamatory post dated 22.03.2025 posted at 09:44 PM by Defendant No. 1 from his official and verified 'X' handle '@ajeetbharti' which is available at <u>https://x.com/ajeetbharti/status/1903480340632727881</u> containing allegations against the Plaintiff which have been made with the intention to malign the reputation of Plaintiff and defame it; (b) Pass ex parte ad interim injunction in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants Nos. 1 and 2 directing them to immediately

suspend/block/take down the cryptic post dated 23.03.2025 posted at 11 :18 PM by Defendant No. 1 from his official and verified 'X' handle '@ajeetbharti' which is available at available at https://x.com/ajeetbharti/status/190386649293

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8326163?t=xbqLaOtKqmyCxdBOwqN1tA&s=08; (c) Pass any other or further order or orders as this Hon 'ble Court may deem fit in the facts of the case."

2. Mr. Jai Anant Dehadrai has pointed out various tweets by defendant no.1 specifically from document nos. 6, 7 and 8, and submits that if the aforesaid contents are considered in right perspective, the same clearly constitutes defamation by defendant no.1 and is causing great prejudice to the plaintiff. He also submits that the plaintiff, very politely, even responded to one of the tweets of defendant no.1 and requested him to not to make any baseless assertions against the plaintiff.

3. Having considered the nature of the controversy, the Court deems it appropriate to issue notice on this application.

4. The prayer for grant of interim injunction shall be considered after the notice is served on the other side.

5. Accordingly, on plaintiff taking steps, let notice be issued to the defendants through all permissible modes, returnable on 07.07.2025.

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6. Heard.

7. The instant plaint is for the following reliefs:

"(i) Grant relief in the nature of permanent injunction against the Defendant Nos. 1 and 2 restraining them from posting/publishing, reposting/re-publishing, sharing, or circulating the contents of the impugned post dated 22.03.2025 posted at 09:44 PM by Defendant No. 1 from his official and verified 'X' handle '@ajeetbharti' which is available at <u>https://x.com/ajeetbharti/status/1903480340632727881</u> containing allegations against the Plaintiff which have been made with the intention to malign the reputation of Plaintiff and defame it;

(ii) Grant relief in the nature of mandatory injunction against Defendant No. 2 directing it to take down and/or remove the impugned defamatory post which is available at https://x.com/ajeetbharti/status/1903480340632727881 containing allegations

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against the Plaintiff which have been made with the intention to malign the reputation of Plaintiff and defame it;

(iii) Grant the relief in the nature of mandatory injunction directing Defendants Nos. 1 and 2 to also take down/remove the cryptic and malicious post published by Defendant No. 1 from his official X handle '@ajeetbharti' on 23.03.2025 at 11: 18 PM on X (under the regulation and control of Defendant No. 2) which contains cryptic and unsubstantiated allegations, such post being available at <u>https://x.com/aieetbhat1i/status/1903866492938326163?t=</u>xbqLaOfKqmyCxdBOwqN 1 tA&s=08;

(iv) Award damages to the tune of INR 2,10,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Ten Lakhs Only) as compensation for the mental agony, economic loss, and injury suffered by the Plaintiff due to Defendant No. 1 's malicious conduct;

(v) Direct the Defendant No. 1 to pay the costs of this suit and any other incidental expenses incurred by the Plaintiff in pursuing this litigation; and

(vi) Pass such other and further reliefs as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case."

8. The plaint be registered as a suit. Summons be issued to the defendants by all permissible modes on filing of process fee. Affidavit of service be filed within two weeks.

9. The summons shall indicate that the written statements must be filed within thirty days from the date of receipt of the summons. The defendants shall also file affidavits of admission/denial of the documents filed by the plaintiff, failing which the written statements shall not be taken on record.

10. The plaintiff is at liberty to file replications thereto within thirty days after filing of the written statements. The replications shall be accompanied by affidavits of admission/denial in respect of the documents filed by the defendants, failing which the replications shall not be taken on record.

11. It is made clear that any unjustified denial of documents may lead to an order of costs against the concerned party.

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12. Any party seeking inspection of documents may do so in accordance with the Delhi High Court (Original Side) Rules, 2018.

13. List before the concerned Joint Registrar for marking of exhibits on 22.09.2025.

14. Thereafter, list before the Court on the date to be assigned by the Joint Registrar.

PURUSHAINDRA KUMAR KAURAV, J

MAY 27, 2025 aks/mj

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