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

\+ CS(OS) 68/2021

SREI INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE LTD .... Plaintiff

Through Mr. Arjun Syal, Mr. Manjira Dasgupta, Mr. Shreyan Das & Ms. Akshita Sachdeva, Advs. with Mr. R D Khullar, AR of the plaintiff

Versus

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA CORPORATION & ORS.

.... Defendant

Through Mr. Siddharth Vardhan, Adv. for D-2
Mr. Shijo George & Mr. Yash Karunakaran, Advs. for D-3
Mr. Deepak Gogia & Mr. Jithin George, Advs. for D-4
Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Mr. Abhishek Kumar Singh & Mr. Saurabh Kumar, Advs. for D-6
Mr. Vikrant N Goyal, Adv. for UOI

CORAM:
SHARAD GUPTA (DHJS), JOINT REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL)

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% 27.05.2021

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing in terms of directions vide Circular no.223/RG/DHC/2021 dated 08.04.2021, Circular No.3/R/RG/DHC/2021 dated 19.04.2021, Circular No.4/R/RG/DHC/2021 dated 23.04.2021 and Circular No.305/RG/DHC/2021 dated 15.05.2021.

CS(OS) 68/2021, IA No.1499/2021 (u/O XXXIX R 1&2 r/w O XXVI R 9&10 r/w Section 151 CPC) and IA No.2985/2021 u/O XXXIX R 2A CPC moved by plaintiff

Matter is listed for completion of service of defendant no.1 and completion of pleadings.

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Perusal of records shows that amended memo of parties has been filed in the meantime by defendant no.2. Same is taken on record.

Written statements on behalf of defendant no.2 M/s Google LLC, defendant no.4 Twitter INC and defendant no.5 LinkedIn Corp. are on record. However, replication to the same has not been filed by the plaintiff. It is stated by learned counsel for the plaintiff that replication could not be filed due to the emergent situation caused by Covid-19 pandemic and that appropriate steps will be taken as per law. Plaintiff is at liberty to proceed as per law.

It is stated by learned counsel for defendant no.3 Facebook that written statement alongwith appropriate applications was filed vide diary no.388004 dated 25.05.2021. However the same is not on record. Learned counsel for defendant no.3 undertakes to check up the same with the registry and get the same placed on record after removing the objections, if any. It is clarified that written statement of defendant no.3 shall be made part of the record as per law.

As per office note, email has been sent to defendant no.1. However there is no report regarding service of defendant no.1 or otherwise. Let report be called from the registry in this regard for next date.

At this stage, it is pointed out by learned counsel for defendant no.6&7 that said defendants are pro-forma defendants only and as such written statement on behalf of said defendants is not required to be filed.

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Replies to the captioned IAs if not filed earlier, be filed by the defendants within 4 weeks with copy to the plaintiff, who may file rejoinder if any within two weeks thereafter with copies to be exchanged.

Re-notify the matter for completion of service qua defendant no.1 and completion of pleadings on next date of hearing.

IA No.5575/2021 u/O XI R 12&14 CPC moved by plaintiffs

The captioned IA is listed for completion of pleadings.

At request, reply on behalf of defendant no.2 be filed within two weeks with copy to opposite side, who may file rejoinder, if any, within two weeks thereafter with copy to opposite side.

In the meantime, reply, if any, on behalf of remaining defendants be also filed within the same timeline with copy to the applicant, who may file rejoinder, if any, within two weeks thereafter with copy to opposite side.

Re-notify the matter for completion of pleadings on 20.07.2021.

SHARAD GUPTA (DHJS)
JOINT REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL)

MAY 27, 2021/ab

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