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

\+ EX.P. 112/2024 & EX.APPL.(OS) 2081/2024 EX.APPL.(OS) 876/2025

LAKSHMI MURDESHWAR PURI .....Decree Holder

Through: Mr. Maninder Singh, Sr. Adv. with Ms. Meghna Mishra, Mr. Vishal Gehrana, Mr. Shreyansh Rath, Ms. Palak Sharma, Mr. Rohit Kumar, Advs.

versus

SAKET GOKHALE .....Judgement Debtor

Through: Mr. Naman Joshi, Ms. Priya Goyal, Mr. Aakash Deep Singh, Advocates
Mr. Sandeep Kumar Mahapatra, Mr. Tribhuvan, Advocates for Rajya Sabha Secretariat

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HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA

O R D E R

% 28.05.2025

1. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of Rajya Sabha Secretariat states that a compliance report vis-à-vis attachment of salary will be filed during the course of the day after giving copies to the parties.

2. Mr. Maninder Singh, learned senior counsel appearing for the decree holder states that decree holder has also filed a Contempt Case bearing CONT. CAS(C) 2029/2024 and vide order dated 09.05.2025, the Coordinate Bench of this Court has directed the judgment debtor to publish the apology within two (2) weeks, which stands expired on 23.05.2025.

3. Learned counsel for the judgment debtor states that judgment debtor has not complied with the order dated 09.05.2025 passed by the Coordinate

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Bench of this Court. He states that he has no instructions qua the reasons for not complying with the said order.

4. This Court finds that the nonchalant stand of the judgment debtor in not complying with the direction of publishing an apology within the timelines set out in the judgment/decree dated 01.07.2024 passed in CS(OS) 300/2021, which is a subject matter of the present execution petition; by not complying with the extended timeline granted by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in exercise of the contempt jurisdiction on 09.05.2025, is deliberate, disrespectful and undermines the legal process. It almost appears to this Court that the judgment debtor is mocking at the Court and the judicial process.

5. For this willful non-compliance of the directions passed by the Coordinate Benches of this Court vide judgment dated 01.07.2024 passed in CS(OS) 300/2021 and order dated 09.05.2024 passed in CONT. CAS(C) 2029/2024, the Judgment Debtor is put to notice as to why he should not be committed to civil detention as per Order XXI Rule 32(1) of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 or principles analogous thereto.

6. Learned counsel for the judgment debtor states that he will file his reply to this show cause notice within one (1) week.

7. List on 26.08.2025.

MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA, J

MAY 28, 2025/mt/MG

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