

CS DJ 1032/22
VINAY PANDEY
Vs.
RAPHAEL SATTER AND ORS

राकेश कुमार सिंह
RAKESH KUMAR SINGH
अतिरिक्त जिला न्यायाधीश (उ.प.)
Additional District Judge-1 (NW)
कमरा नं. 317, तृतीय फ्लोर
Room No. 317, 3rd Floor
रोहिणी न्यायालय, दिल्ली
Rohini Courts, Delhi

04.12.2024

Present : Sh. Tarun Sharma and Sh Tushar Datta, Ld. Counsels
for plaintiff.
Sh. Aditya Nayyar, Ld. Counsel for the defendant no. 1
to 4.
Sh. Vaarish K. Sawlani and Mr. Aratrika Brahmachari,
Ld. Proxy counsel for defendant no. 7.
Ms. Aarti Vohra Sahni, Ld. Counsel for defendant no.
5.

Urgent hearing application, application for interim
injunction and contempt are taken on record.

Arguments heard.

I am prima-facie satisfied that the articles so published
by the title of 'How an Indian Start up hacked by Reuters' is
indicative of defamation and the website should not retain in
such article in the public domain. However, it is clarified that this
is only a prima-facie opinion and the defendants shall have
sufficient opportunity to express their views through reply,
contest in the main suit etc. and the final decision shall be taken
subsequently. I am of the opinion that even if the defendants for
some period do not retain the article on the website and on that
account they suffer any market value, they can be ultimately
compensated by money from the plaintiff but the retention of
such material on the website if allowed, the same may have
devastating effect on the general students population of India.

The balance of convenience therefore lies in directing withdrawal of the content. So far as the company Alphabet Inc, (Google global) is concerned, on 24.11.2023, the plaintiff was allowed to approach the said company. Ld. Counsel submit that they are ready to deindex the articles but needs a direction from the Court. If the Alphabet Inc.(Google global) has any policy for deindexing, it shall deindex the aforesaid Article till further orders. The URL's of the same are mentioned as under:

- i. <http://www.reuters.com/investigates/special-report/usa-hackers-appin/>
- ii. <http://www.documentcloud.org/documents/23457852-2007-appin-presentations-and-pitches#document/p277/a2194227>.
- iii. [How mercenary hackers sway litigation battles\(reuters.com\) reuters.com/investigates/special-report/usa-hackers-appin/](http://www.reuters.com/investigates/special-report/usa-hackers-appin/)

List on date fixed i.e. 23.01.2024 for further proceedings.

Copy of order be given dasti to both the sides.



*Attested
True Copy*

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(Rakesh Kumar Singh)
ADJ-02/(N-W), Rohini Courts,
जोड़ियाँ, दिल्ली-110042, 2023
Additional District Judge-I (N-W)
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