CS SCJ No. 1479/26
CNR No. DLWT03-002469-2026
Vineeta Vs. X Cort & Ors.
16.10.2026

Present: Ms. Vrinda Grover, Ms. Naman Kumar and Ms. Devika Tulsiani, Ld. counsel for plaintiff.
Ms. Swati Aggarwal and Ms. Saumya Pawar Ld. counsel for defendant no. 2.
Sh. Abhishek K. Singh and Ms. Chitrangla Saini, Ld. counsel for D3
Sh. Yash Karunakaran and Ms.Bhavnish Kaur, Ld. counsel for D-4.

1. An application under Order VII Rule 14 read with Section 151 CPC, filed on behalf of the plaintiff for placing additional documents on record, is taken up for consideration.

2. Heard. Perused the application and the documents filed along with it. The plaintiff seeks permission to place on record additional URLs and the corresponding documents relating to the alleged defamatory content published and circulated on social media platforms, which could not be filed along with the plaint.

3. In view of the averments made in the application and the nature of the documents sought to be placed on record, the application is allowed. The additional documents, along with the URLs mentioned therein, are taken on record.

4. The amended memo of parties, as filed, is also taken on record.

5. At this stage Ld. counself or plaintiff has pressed upon the application under Order XXXIX Rules 1 and 2 read with Section 151 CPC seeking an ex-parte ad-interim injunction against the defendants in respect of allegedly defamatory, abusive and

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threatening content circulated on social media platforms. It is the case of the plaintiff that she is an Associate Professor of Economics at Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, and that various posts published on X (formerly know as twitta), Instagram, LinkedIn and WhatsApp contain false allegations, sexually derogatory remarks and threats of physical violence against her. The plaintiff has apprehended harm to her reputation, dignity and personal safety due to the continued circulation of the impugned content. The plaintiff has placed on record the relevant URLs and supporting documents.

6. This Court has considered the averments made in the application and the material placed on record. The impugned publications, prima facie, contain derogatory and abusive remarks, including statements allegedly advocating violence against the plaintiff. The continued circulation of such content may cause irreparable harm to the plaintiff's reputation and dignity. Accordingly, a prima facie case is made out, and the balance of convenience also lies in favour of granting limited interim protection, subject to the rights of the defendants and the freedom of lawful expression. Accordingly, the application is allowed by way of an ex-parte ad-interim injunction, and the following directions are issued:

(i) Defendant No. 1, X Corp., is directed to remove or disable access to the impugned content available at the URLs specifically identified in the plaint and accompanying documents and to preserve the relevant electronic records.

(ii) Defendant No. 2, WhatsApp LLC, is directed to take appropriate steps in accordance with law concerning the identified WhatsApp group in which the alleged impugned

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messages concerning the plaintiff have been circulated, including suspension or restriction of the group, as warranted by the material on record.

(iii) Defendant No. 3, LinkedIn Corporation, is directed to remove or disable access to the specifically identified impugned content concerning the plaintiff available on its platform.

(iv) Defendant No. 4, Meta Platforms, Inc., is directed to remove or disable access to the specifically identified impugned content available on Instagram at the URLs mentioned in the plaint and accompanying documents.

(v) Defendant No. 5 is restrained from publishing, reposting or circulating the specifically identified impugned content concerning the plaintiff, including the content alleged to have been published through the X account identified in the plaint.

(vi) Defendant Nos. 1 to 4 shall preserve the relevant available electronic records pertaining to the identified accounts and publications, subject to applicable law.

7. The aforesaid directions shall remain operative until the next date of hearing, subject to further orders of this Court. In the event of publication or circulation of any further content substantially similar to the impugned content, the plaintiff shall be at liberty to bring the same to the notice of Defendant Nos. 1 to 4, who shall address the grievance of the plaintiff within 48 hours of receipt of such complaint. In the event the grievance is not addressed within the aforesaid period, the plaintiff shall be at liberty to approach this Court for appropriate directions in accordance with law.

8. Issue fresh summons to the defendants on filing of requisite PF within 07 days from today, returnable for NDOH.

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9. Put up for compliance of Order XXXIX Rule 3 CPC on **14.12.2026.**

10. Copy of the order be given dasti to the plaintiff, as prayed.

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