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

+ **W.P.(C) 4529/2021 & CM APPL. 13842/2021**

BHAKTIVEDANTA BOOK TRUST Petitioner
Through: Mr. Kuriakose Verghese and Ms.
Vaishali Goyal, Advocates.

versus

RAJA RAM MOHAN ROY NATIONAL AGENCY & ANR.
..... Respondents
Through: Mr. Pradeep Kumar Sharma,
Advocate. (M:9968976612)

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

ORDER

% **13.04.2021**

1. This hearing has been done through Video Conferencing.
2. The Petitioner in the present petition is stated to be a public charitable trust and is a book publisher. The case of the Petitioner is that it has published a large number of books for which it has also obtained the International Standard Book Number (*hereinafter* 'ISBN') from the Respondent, which shows the Petitioner as the "Publisher".
3. The grievance of the Petitioner in this petition is that the system of granting issuance of ISBN is being changed by the Respondents. As per the existing system, the actual "Publisher" is shown as the Publisher for the ISBN, however, in the new system, the name of the Applicant, i.e. the authorized person of the Publisher, is being purportedly shown as the "Publisher" for the ISBN. This according to Petitioner creates an enormous difficulty as the authorised person may be changed from time to time, and

the name of the “Publisher” itself being recognised for the purposes of the issuance and earmarking of the ISBN would be more crucial.

4. This issue is one which concerns not just the Petitioner but many other similarly placed parties as well and could create some confusion. Accordingly, issue notice. Ld. Counsel for the Respondent accepts notice, and wishes to seek instructions in this matter. On the next date, the Respondent may explain as to whether there is any change in the system of issuance/ earmarking of ISBNs and if so, for what reason.

5. List on 22nd April, 2021.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J

APRIL 13, 2021

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