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

+ **W.P.(C) 5921/2021 & CM APPL. 18677/2021**

ADITYA SINGH DESHWAL

..... Petitioner

Through Mr. G Tushar Rao, Sr. Adv. with Mr.
Ayush Saxena, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

..... Respondents

Through Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr.
Harish Vaidyanathan Shankar, CGSC
with Ms. S. Bushra Kazim, Adv. for R-1.
Mr. Mukul Rohatgi, Sr. Adv. with Mr.
Tejas Karia, Mr. Ajit Warrier, Mr. Pavit
Singh Katoch, Mr. Gauhar Mirza, Mr.
Shayamal Anand, Mr. Divyanshu
Srivastava, Ms. Malika Mehra & Mr.
Threesh Rajendran, Adv. for R- 2 to 4.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA PALLI

ORDER

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11.06.2021

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1. Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Court fee be filed within two weeks of the Court resuming physical hearing.
3. The application stands disposed of.

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4. The present writ petition has been preferred primarily with a grievance that certain users of the social network platform – Instagram, maintained by

respondent nos.2 to 4, have posted certain highly objectionable content on the said platform which ought to be removed at the earliest.

5. Issue notice. Mr. Harish Vaidyanathan Shankar, CGSC and Mr. TejasKaria, Adv. accepts notice on behalf of respondent no.1 and respondent nos. 2 to 4 respectively. Let counter affidavit be filed within four weeks. Rejoinder thereto, be filed within four weeks thereafter.

6. Mr. MukulRohatgi, learned senior advocate appearing on behalf of respondent nos.2 to 4 submits that the impugned content, which is referred to in “Annexure P2” of the petition, has already been removed from its platform respondent nos. 2 to 4. He further assures the Court that keeping in view the grievance raised by the petitioner, the said respondents will not disseminate the copies of the petition to any unrelated third party.

7. He further submits that a Grievance Officer, in terms of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021, has already been appointed by respondent no.4 who is also functioning as a Grievance Officer for respondent no.2.

8. List before the Roster Bench on 16.08.2021.

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9. In view of the statements made on behalf of respondent no.2 to 4, no orders are called for in the present application which accordingly stands disposed.

(REKHA PALLI)
VACATION JUDGE

JUNE 11, 2021/kk