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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ CS(OS) 513/2026 & I.A. 15470/2026, I.A. 15471/2026, I.A.
15472/2026
L.P. NIRMALPlaintiff

Through: Mr. Samrat Nigam, Senior Advocate
with Mr. Vaibhav Tomar, Mr.
Prabhjot Singh Dhillon, Mr. Hriman
Dhaka and Ms. Arpita Rawat,
Advocates

versus

SUNIL GUPTA & ORS.Defendants
Through:

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

ORDER
29.05.2026

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1. The instant Suit has been filed with the following prayers:

“i. Pass a decree of permanent injunction in favour of the Plaintiff restraining the Defendants, its employees, agents, officers, assigns, representatives, group companies from in any manner airing/publishing/televising or propagating in any mode or manner either orally/writing/telecasting the impugned book “black warrant”, the impugned interview and the audiobook published on Defendant No. 7 website any material/article/news/views/report/video etc. on their websites/webpages/channels by the Defendants which are false and/or misleading and/or defamatory and/or disparaging which relates to the Plaintiff and lowers the goodwill and reputation of the Plaintiff in the eyes of the



general public.

ii. Pass a decree of permanent and mandatory injunction in favour of the Plaintiff restraining the Defendant, their employees, agents, officers, assigns, representatives, group companies from in any manner publishing/airing/posting/uploading/sharing/selling or propagating the impugned book “black warrant”, audiobook and the impugned interview and any mode or manner either orally/writing/telecasting any material / article/ news/ views/report, etc. across the globe on their news channel/websites/webpages/portals including ‘YOUTUBE’, ‘LALLANTOP’, ‘LOTUS COLLECTION’ ‘AUDIBLE’ and any other social media platform/website/outlet, which are false and/or misleading and/or defamatory and/or derogatory and/or disparaging which relates to the Plaintiff including the impugned post and/or which lowers the goodwill and reputation of the Plaintiff in the eyes of the general public;

iii. Pass a decree of permanent injunction whereby directing the Defendants to permanently take down, remove, or block/restrict access to the news/post/weblinks/URLs/books mentioned in the list of documents attached with the present Plaint and/or any other active or similar posts which contain or purport to contain, the defamatory, derogatory and denigrating content or part thereof posted/aired/distributed/sold on their respective website/channels/page/stores, and also from all media in the control of the Defendants across the globe, including but not limited to Defendants website, webpages, mobile application, across the globe.

iv. Pass a decree of mandatory injunction in favour of the Plaintiff directing the Defendants, their employees, agents, officers, assigns, representatives, group companies to forthwith block/remove the news/post/URLs/Weblinks containing or purporting to



contain in part or whole the contents of the impugned book/audiobook/video recording including but not limited to the impugned URLs/ Weblinks across the globe from channels/websites, webpages, mobile application on receipt of a complaint by the Plaintiff;

v. Pass a decree of rendition of accounts of the Defendants whereby conducting an enquiry as to assess the exact quantum of revenue generated by the Defendants by airing/publishing/ televising or propagating the impugned book/audiobook/ interview/post/ articles/ weblinks/ URLs, defaming the Plaintiff;

vi. For costs of this suit;

vii. Any other and further reliefs as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper to meet the ends of justice”

2. It is the case of the Plaintiff that the Defendant has indulged in maligning and defaming the Plaintiff, a distinguished officer, in a book titled “*Black Warrant: Confessions of a Tihar Jailer*”.
3. It is stated that the book alleges that, while the Plaintiff was serving as the Deputy Superintendent of Jail No. 4, Tihar Jail, certain inmates escaped from the prison owing to his negligence. The Plaintiff contends that no such incident ever took place.
4. It is further stated that the Plaintiff came to know of the aforesaid allegations only upon being informed by certain friends residing not only in India but also abroad. The Plaintiff asserts that no departmental inquiry was ever initiated against him, as the alleged incident itself never occurred.



5. Let the Plaint be registered as a Suit.
6. Issue summons.
7. On taking steps, let summons be issued to the Defendant(s) through all permissible modes.
8. Written Statement(s) be filed by the Defendant(s) along with the affidavit(s) of admission/denial to the Plaintiff's documents within the time stipulated under the Delhi High Court (Original Side) Rules, 2018.
9. Replication, if any, be also filed along with the affidavit of admission/denial to Defendant(s) documents within the time stipulated under the Delhi High Court (Original Side) Rules, 2018.
10. List before the learned Joint Registrar on 24.08.2026.

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1. This is an application under Order XXXIX Rule 1 & 2 CPC for *ex-parte* ad-interim injunction against the Defendants restraining them from creating any third-party interest in the suit property.
2. Issue notice.
3. On Plaintiff's taking steps, let notice be served on the Defendants through all permissible modes, including *Dasti*.
4. Let reply to the Application be filed by the Defendants within a period of four weeks of receipt of the notice. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within a period of three weeks thereafter.
5. List before the Court on 04.08.2026.

SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J

MAY 29, 2026

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