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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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FAO 156/2020

COL. (RETD.) A.S.BEDI

.....Appellant

Through: Mr Darpan Wadhwa, Senior
Advocate with Ms Vidisha Kumar,
Mr Nayantara and Mr Arjun Syal,
Advocates.

versus

MS ARADHANA VIKRAM SINGH

..... Respondent

Through: Ms Sonali Chopra and Ms Aradhana
Vikram Singh, Advocates.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER

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17.08.2020

The hearing was conducted through video conferencing.

CM APPL. 19104/2020 (Exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions. The application stands disposed off.

FAO 156/2020 & CM APPL. 19103/2020 (stay)

2. Issue notice.
3. Learned counsel named above accepts notice on behalf of the respondent.
4. The e-copy of the petition be supplied to the learned counsel for the respondent by the petitioner through email during the course of the hearing. The case is passed-over for her to obtain instructions. Having done so, she sates upon instructions, that whatever has happened in the past was only an expression of the respondent's public spiritedness and her concern for sharing what she thought was right;

her expression should not be construed as being actuated by malice against the appellant. She states that she cannot retrieve her posts that are in the public domain. Now she would rather put all that behind her. She states that: i) without prejudice to her rights and contentions, ii) to freedom of expression and iii) to her right to make fair comment, she would in the spirit of live, she would refrain from posting anything, which could be construed as malicious or defamatory apropos the appellant. In the same breath though, she would expect the appellant to carry all his duties as would be befitting as former soldier and a gentleman.

5. The learned Senior Advocate for the appellant submits that the aforesaid proposal is acceptable to the appellant.
6. In view of the above, the appeal, alongwith pending application, is disposed-off in terms of the above. Accordingly, the appellant undertakes to withdraw the pending suit.
7. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith. Copy of the order be also forwarded to the counsels through e-mail.

NAJMI WAZIRI, J

AUGUST 17, 2020/rd