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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010478962026**

\+ CM(M) 2201/2026 & CM APPL. 68834/2026

MRS. RANJU SAYALL .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Vikram Singh Panwar, Mr. Ambuj Tiwari, Mr. Arjun Nagrath, Mr. Fateh Raj Khanna and Mr. Aryan Bhardwaj, Advs.

versus

VIJAY KUMAR PAUL & ORS. .....Respondents

Through: Ms. Sumedha Dua, Adv. for R-1
Ms. Nitika Bhutani, Panel Counsel, GNCTD
Mr. Uday Bedi and Ms. Smiksha Singhroha, Advs. for R-3, 4 & 7

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY DIGPAUL

O R D E R

% 27.10.2026

1. This Court *vide* order dated 05.10.2026 issued notice in the present case and directed the parties to arrive at a consensus on the time of recording of the examination in chief, and cross examination of the petitioner before the learned local commissioner. Thereafter, *vide* order dated 06.10.2026, this Court directed the petitioner to file an affidavit regarding the consensus so reached, and on 09.10.2026 this Court granted time to the respondents to file their response to the petitioner's affidavit. Thus, the limited question is regarding the modality and timings of the examination and to ensure coordination between the learned Trial Court, the learned local

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commissioner, the counsel for both the parties and the petitioner who is residing in the USA.

2. The petitioner in their affidavit dated 07.10.2026 had proposed the usage of Zoom as the platform for conducting such examination, stating that it was equipped with all the necessary features required for effective examination. Furthermore, the petitioner had proposed the timings of approximately 3-8 pm IST for the examination. Lastly, it has been stated that the petitioner is an aged lady who ought not be made to travel 40 kms to the embassy, and that the sanctity of the proceedings can be secured by ensuring that the cameras are always trained on the petitioner and that the learned local commissioner has the administrative controls of the meeting.

3. In their reply to the affidavit, the respondents have stated that the petitioner is capable of travelling to India for the purpose of the examination. Furthermore, they have disputed the proposed time and have stated that the timing ought to be 3-9 pm IST and the remote point ought to be the Indian Embassy in Washington and the Court Point ought to be the Saket Courts Complex. They have also stated that the proposed platform ought to be the Webex facility used by the learned Trial Court.

4. During the course of arguments, the learned counsel for the parties have relied on Rules 8.2 and 12.7 of the Delhi High Court Video Conferencing Rules, 2021 dated 26.10.2021 and have submitted that the examination on video conferencing is to be conducted during the court hours, extendable subject to the discretion of the concerned court. Accordingly, the learned counsel for the petitioner has, on instructions, submitted that the petitioner is agreeable to the timing being 3-9 pm IST, and that if any examination is not completed on a particular day, within the

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stipulated court hours, the same shall be coordinated and managed by the parties and the learned local commissioner, upon necessary directions by the learned Trial Court adjourning the remaining examination to any other day.

5. The parties are *ad-idem* that the timing of examination shall be 3-9pm IST and all the necessary parties and the counsel shall make themselves available and ensure a seamless process.

6. Accordingly, the learned Trial Court is directed to issue necessary directions ensuring the coordination with the embassy staff, the learned local commissioner and all the concerned parties therein. The learned Trial Court is also directed to ensure that there is sufficient court staff along with technical coordinators to facilitate the examination.

7. With these directions, the order dated 22.09.2026 is set aside. It is also clarified that in view of the aforementioned directions, the learned Trial Court is directed to not restrict the RE to 31.10.2026 and to conduct the examination subject to their convenience. The present petition is allowed and disposed of.

8. Pending applications, if any, are also disposed of.

AJAY DIGPAUL, J

OCTOBER 27, 2026/ar/sg

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