

A Civil Suit bearing no. Suit (L) No. 379 of 2019 and Notice of Motion (L) No. 801 of 2019 have been filed on March 22, 2019 in the Bombay High Court by the Company, Advani Hotels & Resorts (India) Limited and Mr. Prahlad S. Advani, against Mrs. Amrita Gujral Sachdev and Mr. Sumeet Sachdev amongst others, for intentionally making and publishing several defamatory statements on the website Change.org. and further widely circulating defamatory material by certain news and media portals / publishing houses on their web portals and also through WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn, etc.

The suit has been filed seeking damages from both Mrs. Amrita Gujral Sachdev and Mr. Sumeet Sachdev for intentionally planning and committing defamation and for directions against the other defendants to remove all objectionable material that is currently available on internet, which is harming the reputation of the Company and Mr. Prahlad S. Advani, not just domestically, but globally as well.

On April 3, 2019, all defendants were served copies of the Suit and Notice of Motion. The matter was listed for hearing on ad-interim reliefs on April 8, 2019.

On April 8, 2019, Mrs. Amrita Gujral Sachdev and Mr. Sumeet Sachdev were personally present in the High Court. The advocates of certain online news and media platforms / publishing houses were also present.

After hearing all the parties, the Hon'ble High Court was pleased to grant reliefs in favour of the Plaintiffs (our Company Advani Hotels & Resorts India Limited and Mr. Prahlad S. Advani).

Mrs. Amrita Gujral Sachdev and Mr. Sumeet Sachdev gave an undertaking to the Hon'ble Court that they will not precipitate the matter or publish any further material concerning the Plaintiffs.

They sought time from the High Court to file their reply.

The Hon'ble Court directed ALL other defendants to forthwith block / take-down and not to circulate the objectionable material as set out in the Plaint.

Most of these online defamatory articles and videos have been removed or blocked by the concerned publishers / web portals in compliance of the Hon'ble High Courts order dated April 8, 2019.

Failure of any / all the Defendants to forthwith block / take down the defamatory articles / URL's / videos etc. shall amount to Contempt of the Order passed by the Hon'ble Court.

After reviewing the matter, Change.org has removed the defamatory petition of Mrs. Amrita Gujral Sachdev and Mr. Sumeet Sachdev in entirety on April 19, 2019.

The matter will next be heard by the Hon'ble High Court in June 2019, once the Defendants file their reply, if any.

A copy of the Plaint in Suit (L) No. 379 of 2019, (including exhibits), are attached herewith for information and record.

The Hon'ble High Court Order dated April 8, 2019 is also attached herewith for information and record.