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

+ W.P.(C) 6790/2021

ASHUTOSH KAUSHIK Petitioner

Through Mr.Amit George with Mr.Akshat Bajpai, Mr.Ishanee Sharma, Ms.Shreya Gupta, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondents

Through Mr.Arvind Nigam, Sr.Adv. with Ms.Mamta Jha, Ms.Shruttima Ehersa, Mr.Vatsalya Vishal, Advs for R-5.

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HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA PALLI

ORDER

22.07.2021

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1. At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioner prays for amending the memo of parties by removing Google India Pvt. Ltd., who has been shown as a subsidiary of Google LLC/respondent no.5. Learned counsel for Google LLC, who appears on advance notice, has no objection to the said request. Accordingly, at the oral request of the learned counsel for the petitioner, the respondent no.5 shall partly stand deleted by removing Google India Pvt. Ltd. Amended memo of parties be filed within three days.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, who is a renowned public figure and reality show celebrity, is aggrieved by the fact that posts, videos and articles relating to the past events of his life are still available on various online platforms and search engines, including the respondent no.5 even after a decade. He submits that the

petitioner is, therefore, seeking a direction to the respondent no.1 to direct the respondent no.5 to remove all offending posts, videos, articles etc., regarding the petitioner by recognizing his right to be forgotten. In support of his plea, he seeks to rely on an interim order dated 12.04.2021 passed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in W.P.(C)3918/2021.

3. Issue notice. Ms.Mamta Jha, Adv. accepts notice on behalf of the respondent no.5. Upon the petitioner taking steps, issue notice to the respondent nos.1 to 4 through all permissible modes.
4. Let counter affidavit, if any, be filed within four weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within four weeks thereafter.
5. List on 01.12.2021.

REKHA PALLI, J

JULY 22, 2021

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