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

+ **FAO 62/2023**

**PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE INDIA PVT LTD ..... Appellant**

Through: Ms. Vrinda Bhandari with Ms. Pragya  
Barsaiyan, Advocates.

versus

**RANA KAPOOR & ORS. .... Respondents**

Through: Mr. Naman Joshi with Mr. Guneet  
Sidhu and Ms. Ritika Vohra,  
Advocates for R1.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI**

**ORDER**

% **11.10.2023**

**CM APPL. 52890/2023 (for directions)**

By way of the present application filed under section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure 1908, respondent No.1 seeks a direction to the jail authorities at Taloja Jail, Maharashtra, to allow respondent No.1 to appear and attend the mediation proceedings *via* video-conferencing.

2. Respondent No.1 is stated to be in judicial custody at Taloja Jail in certain other matters.
3. The parties were referred to mediation *vide* last order dated 24.07.2023 under the aegis of the Delhi High Court Mediation and Conciliation Centre. The mediation proceedings are still on-going.
4. Mr. Naman Joshi, learned counsel appearing for respondent No.1 submits that for the mediation proceedings to be fruitful, it is necessary for respondent No.1 to join the mediation sessions *via* video-conferencing.
5. Issue notice.



6. Learned counsel is present on behalf of the appellant on advance copy; accepts notice; and does not oppose the prayer made in the application.
7. Accordingly, the Jail Superintendent, Taloja Jail, Maharashtra, is directed to permit respondent No.1 to join mediation proceedings *via* video-conferencing.
8. Let a copy of this order be communicated by the Registry to the Jail Superintendent, Taloja Jail, Maharashtra, *forthwith*.
9. Mr. Joshi is directed to inform the jail authorities of the date and time of the mediation sessions and to co-ordinate with the Jail Authorities for respondent No.1 to join the same *via* video-conferencing.
10. Application stands disposed-of, in the above terms.

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11. Re-notify on 07<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the date already fixed.

**ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI, J**

**OCTOBER 11, 2023**

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