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S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

ITEM NO.14

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).15864-15865/2020

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 13-03-2020 in OSA No. 5/2020 13-03-2020 in OSA No. 6/2020 passed by the High Court Of Judicature At Madras)

M/S MATRIMONY.COM LIMITED

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

MALAYALA MANORAMA CO. LTD.

Respondent(s)

(With applns for exemption from filing c/c of impugned judgment, permission to file additional documents/facts/annexures)

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SLP (C) NOS.15629-15630/2020

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SLP (C) NO.15752/2020

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SLP (C) NOS.15757-15758/2020

(With applns for exemption from filing c/c of impugned judgment, permission to file additional documents/facts/annexures)

SLP (C) NOS.15755-15756/2020

(With applns for exemption from filing c/c of impugned judgment, permission to file additional documents/facts/annexures)

Date : 11-01-2021 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

In an earlier round of litigation, a learned Single Judge of the Madras High Court refused to grant interim relief in CS 832 of 2009 filed by the petitioner. The Division Bench did not agree with the learned Single Judge on certain issues but did not interfere with the order. This Court vide Order dated 04.08.2016 while disposing of C.A. Nos.908-909 of 2016 with C.A. Nos.906-907 of 2016 passed inter alia the following Order :

"However, we direct that the Trial Court shall conclude the trial of the pending cases within six months from the date of communication of this order to the trial Court. The interim order granted by this Court in these appeals on 19.10.2012 and confirmed on 02.02.2016 shall continue to operate till the trials are concluded."

In the Civil Suits filed by the petitioner interim injunction was sought to restrain the respondents from infringing its trademarks. The learned Single Judge dismissed the applications for interim relief. The Division Bench of the High Court upheld the judgment of the Single Judge. Hence, these special leave petitions.

Mr. C.A. Sundaram and Mr. Gopal Sankaranarayanan, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner agree that CS Nos. 327 of 2019, 395 of 2019, 277 of 2019, 418 of 2019 and 802 of 2018 should be tried along with CS No. 832 of 2009. However, they pressed for grant of the same interim relief which was passed in the earlier round.

After hearing the learned Senior Advocates, examining the orders of the learned Single Judge and the Division Bench of the High Court we are of the opinion that interference is unwarranted.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matters, we request the High Court to tag C.S.

Nos.327 of 2019, 395 of 2019, 277 of 2019, 418 of 2019 and 802 of 2018 along with CS No.832 of 2009 and decide them expeditiously.

The Special Leave Petitions are disposed of accordingly. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(Geeta Ahuja)
Court Master

(Beena Jolly)
Court Master