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HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA  
AT HYDERABAD**

MONDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF JUNE -  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-

:PRESENT:

**THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE SRI RAGHVENDRA SINGH CHAUHAN -  
AND  
THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE B.VIJAYSEN REDDY**

**W.P.(PIL) NO: 134 OF 2020**

**Between:**

Khaja Aijazuddin, S/o. Late Khaja Moinuddin Aged 40 years, Occ: Advocate R/o. Flat No.102, Moin Block, My Splendor Residency, 3-5-807/1/C, Hyderguda, Hyderabad-29. Telangana State Mobile No.9391312643 Aadhar No.6235 9823 1070 PAN No. AIWPK0242L Email Id. khajaaijaz001@gmail.com

....Petitioner

**AND**

1. The Cabinet Secretary, Govt. of India, Room No. 18, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi- 110004.
2. The Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi- 110001.
3. The Director General Of Police, Telangana State, Lakdikapul, Hyderabad-500004. Telangana State
4. The Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad Police Commissionerate, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad-500001.
5. Twitter Inc., Represented by Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Jack Dorsey, 1335 Market Street, Suite 900, San Francisco, CA 94103, United States of America And C-20, G Block, Near MCA Bandra Kuria Complex, Bandra (E) Mumbai, Mumbai City, Maharashtra-400051.

....Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through his Advocate MR.KHAJA AIJAZUDDIN, PARTY IN PERSON, presented this Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a Writ, Order of direction more particularly one in the nature of 'Writ of Mandamus' issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ/direction directing the Respondent nos. 1 to 4 to direct the respondent no. 5 to stop the illegal trending on the Social Network of Respondent No. 5 i.e. Twitter under the name Islamiccoronavirusjihad, Coronajihad, Tablighijamat, Nizamuddinidiots, TablighiJamatVirus, or Islamophobic Posts and in many ways attaching the religion to pandemic disease which is done by Social Network Users on Twitter is highly unwarranted, illegal and unconstitutional. issue further directions to the respondent nos. 1 and 2 that all online social media networks or sites operated in territorial jurisdiction of India and restrain all online social media networks operating in India not to carry any Islamophobic Posts or messages hurting or insulting the feelings of the particularly community, issue directions to the Respondent No. 2 to Register Criminal Cases against the Respondent No. 5 and the Users i.e. Social Network users who are spreading hatred messages on Twitter i.e. Respondent No. 5 under Chapter XV-Offences Relating to Religion of Indian Penal Code 1860 (IPC) and other relevant laws prevailing.;

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of MR.KHAJA AIJAZUDDIN, PARTY IN PERSON Advocate for the Petitioner, and Mr.N.Rajeshwar Rao, learned Assistant Solicitor General who accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 and 2 and Mr.B.S.Prasad, Advocate General who accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.3 and 4 and directed issue of notice to the Respondent No.5 herein to show cause as to why this PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION should not be admitted.

You viz:

Mr. Jack Dorsey, The Chief Executive Officer, Twitter Inc., 1335 Market Street, Suite 900, San Francisco, CA 94103, United States of America And C-20, G Block, Near MCA Bandra Kuria Complex, Bandra (E) Mumbai, Mumbai City, Maharashtra-400051.

are directed to show cause as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the affidavit filed therewith (copy enclosed) this PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION should not be admitted.

**The Court made the following Order:**

Mr. N. Rajeshwar Rao, the learned Assistant Solicitor General of India, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 and 2. Mr. B.S. Prasad, the learned Advocate General, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 3 and 4. They seek four weeks time to file their counters.

Issue notice to respondent No.5, returnable within four weeks.

List this case after four weeks.

**SD/- CH. VENKATESWAR**  
**ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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For ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

To

1. Mr. Jack Dorsey, The Chief Executive Officer, Twitter Inc., 1335 Market Street, Suite 900, San Francisco, CA 94103, United States of America And C-20, G Block, Near MCA Bandra Kuria Complex, Bandra (E) Mumbai, Mumbai City, Maharashtra-400051. (by RPAD- along with a copy of petition and memorandum of grounds)
2. One CC to MR.KHAJA AIJAZUDDIN, PARTY IN PERSON
3. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

HCJ & BVR.J

DATED: 22.06.2020

NOTE: LIST THIS CASE AFTER FOUR WEEKS

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