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**Delhi High Court begins hearing suit by #Bollywood Production Houses against 'Bollywood drugs mafia' reportage.**

**The suit seeks to curb irresponsible and derogatory remarks against the film industry.**

**The matter is before Justice Rajiv Shakdher.**

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Senior Advocate Rajiv Nayar for the plaintiff.

Entire schedule has been disrupted because if pleadings not been filed. Republic filed on Saturday and may not be on record : Nayar

Because of*

There are some applications for condonation of delay: Court

Yes, we are seeking condonation: Senior Adv Sandeep Sethi for Times Now.

@TimesNow

Adv Malvika Trivedi for @republic also seeks condonation of delay.

Court observes some applications are not on record.

Mr Sethi, I'll condone the delay. Mr Nayar can file rejoinder: Court

I have a suggestion.. one is that court asked them to follow programme code and not broadcast defamatory content. The court may dispose of the suit on this term: Nayar

I object to it. The suit itself is not maintainable: Sethi

It was just a suggestion. We're not on merits: Nayar

Written statement is more like written submissions : Court

I've not seen it : Sethi

Mr Nayar, I'll condone the delay. You file a replication. I said something last time for your client also.. but it has fallen on deaf ears : Court

No Your lordship! We were waiting for the responses: Nayar

Court dictates the order.

Delay in filing responses is condoned.

Written statement are formally taken on record: Court

Court grants three weeks' time to Plaintiff to file replication.

Matter to be listed before joint registrar for completion of pleading and admission-denial. The previous order will continue to operate: Court

I'm not taking a roll call. Just give your appearances: Court

The matter would be heard by the joint registrar on January 18, 2021.

Matter to be heard by court on March 23,2021.

There's no hurry: Court

Yes: Nayar

Hearing over.