

DEFAMATION CASE

Ramani stands by statement, says won't settle case with Akbar

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JOURNALIST PRIYA Ramani, on trial in a defamation case filed by former Union minister MJ Akbar, has through her lawyers told a Delhi court that she will not settle the case with Akbar and stands by her statement.

The submissions were made before Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Ravindra Pandey, who had urged lawyers for both Ramani and Akbar to consider settling the defamation case since the offence was compounded in nature. On Tuesday, ACMM Pandey asked the lawyers whether they had a chance to talk or "are the doors shut?" Bhavook Chauhan, appearing on behalf of Ramani, told the court, "Our stand is clear... Ramani stands by her statement. If the complainant wants to withdraw then he may bring it on record."

Senior advocate Geeta Luthra, appearing on behalf of Akbar, told the court, "If the accused was apologetic. If there was any indication from them, I will ask my briefing counsel."

Akbar's lawyers told the court to continue the case on its merits, following which the court said the issue of settlement was closed. The court set the next date of hearing on December 2.

Akbar has sued Ramani for defamation over allegations of sexual misconduct and harassment. With several other women coming forward with similar allegations, Akbar resigned as Minister of State for External Affairs.

RAJIV ASSASSINATION

Stalin meets Governor for release of convicts

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UPA ALLY and DMK leader M K Stalin met Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit Tuesday and sought the immediate release "on humanitarian grounds" of the seven persons sentenced to life in the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1991.

A decision by the Tamil Nadu government to release the seven, who have served nearly 30 years of rigorous imprisonment, is pending for approval before the Governor since September 2018.

The DMK's move comes four days after the Centre told the Supreme Court that the CBI has nothing to do with a petition for remission of sentence filed by one of the seven, AG Perarivalan.

The plea is an issue between the petitioner and the office of the Governor, it said.

Perarivalan was 19 when he was arrested in June 1991 and accused of having bought two battery cells for Sivarasan, the LTTE member who masterminded the assassination.

Speaking to reporters, Stalin said: "Yet again, we have asked the

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