

NAME	COURT	CITATION	KEYWORDS
1910 - 1919			
The Englishman, Ltd. v. Lajpat Rai	West Bengal High Court	(1910)ILR 37Cal760	Critique of Canal Colonization Bill, Expression of Opinion in Public Interest
Ramakrishna Pillai v. C. Karunakara Menon	Tamil Nadu High Court	(<u>MANU/TN/0100/1913</u>)	Fair Comment, Justification, Newspaper
1940 - 1949			
Janardan Karandikar v. Ramchandra Tilak	Maharashtra High Court	(<u>MANU/MH/0054/1946</u>)	Newspaper, Qualified Privilege
1950 - 1959			
Banka Behari Singh v. O.M. Thomas and Ors.	Orissa High Court	(<u>MANU/OR/0037/1960</u>)	No presumption can be taken as to name printed on book as its author.
1960 - 1969			
Chellappan Pillai v. Karanjia	Kerala High Court	(<u>MANU/KE/0157/1961</u>)	Blitz magazine, Photograph, Editorial Responsibility
Gour Chandra Rout and Anr. v. The Public Prosecutor, Cuttack	Supreme Court	AIR 1963 SC 1198	Newspaper, Congress, Ram Manohar Lohia
M.B. Kanwar, Editor, Printer and Publisher of 'Rana Pratap', Ambala	Punjab and Haryana High Court	AIR 1963 P&H 201	Newspaper, Public servant, No justification

v. The State			
G. Chandrasekhara Pillai v. K. Karthikeyan	Kerala High Court	(<u>MANU/KE/0090/1964</u>) (AIR 1964 Ker 277)	Defamatory article in evening daily "Pothujanam", Fair comment, No protection under any of the exceptions to Sec.499.
Vishan Sarup v. Nardeo Shastri and Anr.	UP High Court	(<u>MANU/UP/0124/1965</u>) (AIR 1965 All 439)	Newspaper, Second Exception to Sec.499 public conducts of public servant.
Ramesh Chander v. The State	Punjab & Haryana High Court	(AIR 1966 Punjab 93)	Newspaper Hind Samachar, Presumption of the liability of printer and publisher.
Sahib Singh Mehra v. State of Uttar Pradesh	Supreme Court	(<u>MANU/SC/0067/1965</u>)	Imputation was made against body of public prosecutors.
Abid Ali Khan and Anr. v. Prabhakara Rao H. Mawle and Anr.	A.P. High Court	(<u>MANU/AP/0200/1966</u>)	
State of Maharashtra v. Dr. R.B. Chowdhary and 2 Ors.	Supreme Court	(<u>MANU/SC/0085/1967</u>)	Members of the Editorial Board responsible for the publication of defamatory article, Sec.7 PRB Act.
Shivage Gowda v. T. Narayana and Anr.		(1968 CriLJ 836)	Libel, Mere exaggeration will not make a comment made in public interest unfair.
Perspective Publications (P) Ltd. and Anr. v. State of	Supreme Court	(<u>MANU/SC/0302/1968</u>)	Defamation of judge and contempt of court.

Maharashtra			
Master Girdhari Lal, Editor, Printer and Publisher of Naya Bharat v. The State		<u>(MANU/PH/0157/1968)</u>	
Sodhi Gurbachan Singh Koshan v. Babu Ram and Anr.	Punjab & Haryana High Court	<u>(MANU/PH/0026/1969)</u> AIR 1969 PUNJAB AND HARYANA 201	Duty of the editor to verify before publication.
1970 -1979			
Narayan Choudhury v. RadhaGobindaDutta	West Bengal High Court	AIR 1971 Cal 53	False malicious imputation offence under Sec.500, IPC.
K.D. Ghouri v. Nanik Ram K. Israni	Rajasthan High Court	<u>(MANU/RH/0196/1972)</u>	Newspaper, Claim want of knowledge and absence in goodfaith
K.D. Ghouri v. Bhoio Motawani and Anr.	Rajasthan High Court	1972 CriLJ 1658	Newspaper, Article alleging traitorous activities of the complainant.
John Manjooran v. C.M. Stephen and Ors.	Kerala High Court	1973 CriLJ 1722	Justification of truth, Liberal standard of criticism allowed against politians.
R. Palaniswamy v. M. RasuChettiar and Ors.	Tamil Nadu High Court	<u>(MANU/TN/0317/1974)</u>	Question of paternity.
Asha Parekh and Ors. v. The State of Bihar and Ors	Bihar High Court	<u>(MANU/BH/0112/1975)</u>	Defamatory statement against lawyers as a class.

O. Ramalingam and Ors. v. The Director, Daily Thanthi, Madras and Anr.	Tamil Nadu High Court	(MANU/TN/0225/1975)	Malice, qualified privilege
Bala Ram v. Sukh Sampat Lal and Ors.	Rajasthan High Court	(MANU/RH/0012/1975)	Libel, special damages
1980 - 1989			
Bandopant Satyappa Sangle v. Raghunath Ramchandra Bide and Anr.	Maharashtra High Court	(<u>MANU/MH/0251/1980</u>)	Industrial Dispute, Defamatory articles about owner of company
Ram Krishna Avasthi v. Bhawani Dutt Upreti and Anr.	UP High Court	(<u>MANU/UP/0632/1981</u>)	Section 200 IPC
RamnathGoenka v. A.R. Raji	Tamil Nadu High Court	(<u>MANU/TN/0026/1981</u>)	Complaint against Government Officer
Charanjit Singh v. Arun Purie and Ors.	Delhi High Court	(<u>MANU/DE/0163/1982</u>)	India Today, Injunction
S. Nihal Singh and others v. Arjan Das, New Delhi	Delhi High Court	(<u>MANU/DE/0044/1982</u>)	Indian Express
Dr. Mahipatray M. Mehta v. Haji JumaValimamad and Anr.	Gujarat High Court	(<u>MANU/GJ/0198/1983</u>)	False Criminal Accusation against Complainant
Smt. ArunaAsaf Ali and Ors. v. Purna Narayan Sinha	Assam High Court	(<u>MANU/GH/0040/1983</u>)	Link News Magazine, Attempt to stop talks between Government and agitators

Dr. SubramaniamSwamy v. Prabhakar S. Pai and another	Maharashtra High Court	(<u>MANU/MH/0019/1983</u>)	Newspaper report on Defamatory speech
Narottamdas L. Shah v. Subanali Nazarali and Anr.		(<u>MANU/GJ/0280/1984</u>)	Impugned article titled “Was Ayatolla Khomaini born in India” not specifically directed against the petitioner
Indian Express Newspapers (Bombay) Pvt. Ltd. and Anr. v. Jagmohan Mundhara and Anr.	Maharashtra High Court	(<u>MANU/MH/0257/1985</u>)	Indian Express, Film
Radheshyam Tiwari v. Eknath Dinaji Bhiwapurkar and Ors.	Maharashtra High Court	(<u>MANU/MH/0189/1985</u>)	Newspaper, Allegations against Block Development Officer
DasariNarayana Rao v. R.D. Bhagvandas and Anr.	Andhra Pradesh High Court	(<u>MANU/AP/0013/1985</u>)	Telegu Daily
Mohan CharanNaik v. Swayambhu Nath Khandagiri	Orissa High Court	(<u>MANU/OR/0208/1985</u>)	Defamatory Statements and Question Paper set by Lecturer
Konath Madhavi Amma v. S.M. Sherief and Anr.		(1985 CriLJ 1496)	Newspaper, Article imputing complainant’s immorality
Dr. Radhanath Rath and Ors. v. Balakrishna	Orissa High Court	(<u>MANU/OR/0287/1985</u>)	Samaja, Sunday newspaper, Construction of Orissa

Swain			Chief Minister's House
George v. K.V. Joseph and Ors.	Kerala High Court	<u>(MANU/KE/0249/1986)</u>	Kerala Times, Exception 4 of Section 499: publications that are untrue or mutilated
A.K. Subbaiah v. B.N. Garudachar	Karnataka High Court	(MANU/KA/0194/1986)	Statements made on the floor of the House, published in Hindustan Times
Ashokkumar Jain and others v. State of Maharashtra and another	Maharashtra High Court	<u>(MANU/MH/0017/1986)</u>	Navbharat Times, Article Alleging Corruption
V. Subair v. P.K. Sudhakaran	Kerala High Court	<u>(MANU/KE/0285/1987)</u>	Al Ameen, Article portraying medical practitioner as lecherous
Pijush Kanti Datta v. Mangilal Gidia	West Bengal High Court	(MANU/WB/0028/1987)	Nominal damages - mental agony is the only consequence of defamation in this matter
Nishi Prem v. Javed Akhtar and Ors.	Maharashtra High Court	(MANU/MH/0342/1988)	Star Dust, Defence of Truth
M. Somashekar and Ors. v. S.A. Subbaraju	Karnataka High Court	<u>(MANU/KA/0017/1988)</u>	Newspaper, Defamatory statements following cheque bounce
PrabhuChawla and Ors. v. ShivnathSoni and Anr.	Rajasthan	<u>(MANU/RH/0406/1988)</u>	India Today, Article defamatory to the President and Prime Minister
Gurushanthappa Veerappa Kulkarni v. Parappa Fakirappa	Karnataka High Court	<u>(MANU/KA/0222/1988)</u>	Statements made before Counsels in Court and in Public, Protected under 9 th

Ayathi			exception of Section 499 IPC
T. Kunhambu v. A. Sojath	Kerala High Court	<u>(MANU/KE/0373/1989)</u>	Newspaper, Allegations against President of Cannanore Co-operative Clinic and Nursing Home
J.B. Patnaik v. Bennett Coleman & Co. Ltd. and Ors.	Orissa High Court	<u>(MANU/OR/0024/1990)</u>	Illustrated Weekly, Allegations regarding perverted sexual character of the Orissa Chief Minister
1990 – 1999			
Pratap Kumar Roy and Ors. v. State of West Bengal and Ors.	West Bengal High Court	<u>MANU/WB/0243/1990</u>	Liability of company for defamation, liability of joint editor
Ramesh Gour, Press Correspondent, Nav Bharat Times and Ors. v. Chiranji Lal Sharma	Punjab & Haryana High Court	<u>MANU/PH/0347/1990</u>	Defamation complaint Nav Bharat times, Apology is sufficient or not upto the complainant.
DainikBhaskar and Anr. v. MadhusudanBhargava and Anr.	Madhya Pradesh High Court	(MANU/MP/0031/1991)	Newspaper, justification.
K. Ramachandra Murthy v. Bobbili Rama Rao (Complainant) and Anr	Andhra Pradesh High Court	<u>(MANU/AP/0300/1991)</u>	Allegations made against youth and elders of Kakileru
K.M. Mathew v. State of Kerala and another	Supreme Court of India	<u>MANU/SC/0434/1992</u>	Newspaper, No person should be tried without prima facie case.

Navin Parekh v. Madhubala Shridhar Sharma and Ors.	Maharashtra High Court	(<u>MANU/MH/0883/1992</u>)	Misuse of court process.
Balaram Rout v. Bhartuhari Mahatab and Anr. (<u>MANU/OR/0156/1993</u>)	Orissa High Court	1994 I OLR 320	Newspaper "prajatantra", misappropriation.
Barun Sengupta and Ors. v. Shiba Prasad Mukhopadhyay and Ors.	West Bengal High Court	(<u>MANU/WB/0176/1993</u>)	Imputation against Marxist leader for infliction of torture, Qualified privilege.
Dr. Madhav Chandra Ransingh v. Bijoy Kumar Tripathy and Ors. Dr. Mrs. Pratibha W/o Prabhakar Gulhane v. State of Maharashtra and other	Orissa High Court	(<u>MANU/OR/0271/1994</u>) (<u>MANU/MH/0112/1994</u>)	Plea of fair report of public proceedings. Newspaper "Lokmat", article imputing lady doctor
Dr. H.R. Othmording alias Dr. Henizo Othmording v. Sri Amar Sinha and Ors.	West Bengal High Court	(1994) 2 CALLT 320 HC	"Person aggrieved" has to file a suit for defamation.
P. Lankesh and another v. H. Shivappa and another	Karnataka High Court	1996 (1) ALT Cri 231, 1994 CriLJ 3510, ILR 1994 KAR 2410	Defamatory article with respect to conduct of Chairman,

(<u>MANU/KA/0077/1994</u>)			question of jurisdiction of court.
D.K. Paliwal and Ors. v. Editor, DainikBhaskar and Ors.	Madhya Pradesh High Court	1994 CriLJ 2933	Newspaper, contempt of court, freedom of press
Bhartu v. Indian Express Newspapers and Ors.	Delhi High Court	1995 (32) DRJ 246	Newspaper”jansatta”, Imputation against a priest.
C.B. Solanki, Major, Proprietor, Fancy Silk Centre v. SrikantaParashar and others	Karnataka High Court	(<u>MANU/KA/0106/1996</u>)	Defamatory Article regarding torture to the marwari community
ThangavelUdayar v. R.K. Raju Mudaliar	Tamil Nadu High Court	(1997) 1 MLJ 19	Defamation ,Damages for mental agony
Dr. S.D. Khetani v. Heer Singh	Rajasthan High Court	<u>MANU/RH/0306/1997</u>	Presumption about the liability of the published matter on the Editor.
D.P. Choudhary and Ors. v. Kumari Manjulata	Rajasthan High Court	AIR 1997 Raj 170	Dainik navjyoti , general damages
Jawaharlal Darda and Ors. v. ManoharraoGanpatrao Kapsikar and Anr.	Supreme Court of India	(<u>MANU/SC/0251/1998</u>)	“Daily Lokmat”, Misappropriation of govt. funds, defense public conduct of public servant.
	Karnataka High Court	1999 (1) ALD Cri 638, ILR 1999 KAR 674, 1999 (6) KarLJ 645	The Indian Express, article affecting reputation of judge, contempt of court.

M. Malla Reddy v. T. Venkatrama Reddy and Anr.		<u>MANU/AP/1024/1999</u>	Defamation by Deccan Chronicle for conspiring against Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University.
T. Venkatram Reddy v. Sri M. Malla Reddy and another	Andhra Pradesh High Court	<u>MANU/AP/0161/1999</u>	Defamatory Article published in the Newspaper, Non bailable warrant against partner quashed
Ganesh Narayan Hegde v. S. Bangarappa And Others	Karnataka High Court	1995 SCC (4) 41, JT 1995 (4) 124	Sec.482 CrPC inherent power of HC to quash the charge.
Shri Vijay VishwanathKuvalekar v . Shri Suresh RaghunathraoKalkundri kar and another	Maharashtra High Court	2000 (5) BomCR 402	Newspaper “Daily Sakal’, question as to who can be an aggrieved person(sec. 199 CrPC)
2000 – 2009			
I. Venkata Rao v. Afghankhasim Sab and Anr. (<u>MANU/AP/0802/2000</u>)	Andhra Pradesh High Court	<u>MANU/AP/0802/2000</u>	Delay no grounds for refusing discharge in a criminal case when no prima facie evidence is made out.
SwamyAroopananda v. BagmisriNilamadhabaB ramha and Ors.	Orissa High Court	2000 CriLJ 4296, 2000 II OLR 159	Newspaper “ The Sambad”, Defamatory article imputing the Commissioner of Endowments.
Jacob Mathew v. AdangamPurathKallada Gangadharan Nair and	Kerala High Court	<u>MANU/KE/0690/2001</u>	Executive or Chief Editor cannot be proceeded against in the absence of clear

Anr.			allegations.
John Thomas v. Dr. K. Jagadeesan	Supreme Court of India	((2001) 6 SCC 30)	Newspaper, article imputing hospital being an abattoir of human kidneys for trafficking purposes.
Gautam Adhikari and Anr. v. Jagir Singh	Delhi High Court	<u>MANU/DE/1401/2001</u>	Summons issued against the Executive Director was quashed in the absence of allegations or evidence.
K.M. Selvaraj v. A. Amarlal	Tamil Nadu High Court	<u>MANU/TN/1020/2001</u>	Allegations regarding misappropriation of funds
K.M. Mathew v. K.A. Abraham and Ors.	Supreme Court of India	<u>MANU/SC/0698/2002</u>	The presumption u/s 7 of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 is a rebuttable presumption and the same could be proved otherwise.
Radhakrishnan Nair v. Chathunni	Kerala High Court	2003 (1) KLT 180	Imputation on grounds of misappropriation of govt. funds, qualified privilege
Dilip Kr. Hazarika and Anr. v. Nalin Ch. Buragohain	Assam High Court	2002 CriLJ 1608	Imputation as to misappropriation of govt funds by executive engineer, Jurisdiction.
R. Rajagopal @ R.R. Gopal and A. Kamaraj v. V. Sathyamoorthy	Tamil Nadu High Court	<u>(MANU/TN/0702/2002)</u>	Defamatory article against Jayalalitha, Question as to “aggrieved person”.
SNM Abdi v. Prafulla Kr. Mahanta and Ors.	Assam High Court	AIR 2002 Gau 75	An article ‘Money and Muscle Power’ imputing the Chief Minister of Assam

Shree MaheshwarHydel Power Corporation Ltd. v. Chitroopa Palit and Anr.	Maharashtra High Court	(MANU/MH/1008/2003)	Defamatory statements gainst TATA by drawing the attention of the public to its trademark and the logo
Ali Mohd. Bhat and Ors. v. Syed Ghulam Ahmed Qadiri	Jammu & Kashmir High Court	2003 (3) JKJ 662	Publication of matter relating to misappropriation of property of Dargah, Injunction.
Shri VivekGoenka, Managing Editor, "LOKSATTA" v. State of Maharashtra and Sanjay DevdasSonawani	Maharashtra High Court	<u>MANU/MH/0377/2003</u>	Publication of defamatory matter, Managing Director of newspaper had no knowledge of such publication.
Rajan Kohli and Ors. v. The State of Haryana and Anr.	Punjab & Haryana High Court	<u>MANU/PH/1198/2003</u>	Hindustan Times, Petition claiming exemption from personal appearance rejected.
Mr. Mammen Mathew, Editor, Malayalam Manorama v. Shri Kuniel Kumar S/o. Shankar and State of Maharashtra	Maharashtra High Court	2004 CriLJ 852	Newspaper' Malayalam Manorama', imputation by innuendo.
Janab Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi v. Syed Viqaruddin and Anr.	Andhra Pradesh High Court	2005 CriLJ 2726	Imputation against President of All India Babri Masjid Action Committee that he entered into criminal conspiracy, justification.
Aveek Sarkar and Ors. v. State of West Bengal and Anr	West Bengal High Court	2005 (2) CHN 694	Newspaper' Ananda Bazaar Patrika'. Article regarding life of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Vijay Jawaharlalji Darda and Ors. v. Laxmikanth C. Gupta and Anr. (MANU/MH/0250/2005)	Maharashtra High Court	<u>MANU/MH/0250/2005</u>	Newspaper, Executive Editor to have knowledge in publication of objectionable matter.
Brij Maheshwari v. Arun Jain and Anr. (MANU/MP/0071/2005)	Madhya Pradesh High Court	<u>MANU/MP/0071/2005</u>	Defamation, Liability of Owners
Bijit Kumar Basu v. Dilip Kumar Sinha and Ors. (MANU/WB/0465/2005)	West Bengal High Court	<u>MANU/WB/0465/2005</u>	Defamation, Section 7 of the Press (Registration of Books) Act.
Raju v. Chacko	Kerala High Court	2005(4)KLT197	Prayer to quash proceedings under Section 3 and 12, Press and Registration of Books Act didn't succeed
S.S. Hussain Sheen Akhtar v. State of Bihar and Anr.	Jharkhand High Court	2005(3)JCR216(Jhr), (MANU/JH/0230/2005)	News item in newspaper regarding submission of Class 10 certificate was not cause of defamation to the Complainant
The Editor, Deccan Herald v. Prof. M.S. Ramaraju	Karnataka High Court	2005CriLJ2672, (MANU/KA/0128/2005)	Deccan Herald, Publications in public interest or for public good, and based on factual reports would not attract charge of Defamation
K. Sivarama Krishna Prasad v. The State of	Andhra Pradesh High Court	(MANU/AP/0839/2006)	Allegations made in Caveat petition not

<p>A.P. rep. by Public Prosecutor, High Court of A.P. and R. Naga Sankarachalapathi Rao</p> <p>K. Papi Reddy v. B. Venkateshwarulu and State of A.P. rep. by Public Prosecutor (<u>MANU/AP/0487/2006</u>)</p>	<p>Andhra Pradesh High Court</p>	<p>2006(2)ALD(Cri)652, (<u>MANU/JK/0069/2006</u>)</p>	<p>defamatory</p> <p>Information given by Petitioner through Press Note was not Defamatory</p>
<p>Vivek Sharma v. Early Times and Ors.</p>	<p>Jammu and Kashmir High Court</p>	<p>2007 CriLJ 443</p>	<p>Only a collection of persons which is identifiable in the sense that one can distinguish them as a group of particular people from the rest of the community can fall within the ambit of Defamation</p>