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Applying the mandate of *MSR Leathers vs. S. Palaniappan and Another 2013 (1) SCC 177,* The Supreme Court in (*Sicagen India Ltd vs. Mahindra Vadineni*) has held that a cheque bounce complaint filed based on the second statutory notice issued after re-presentation of cheques, is maintainable.

### Delhi HC sets aside arbitration award directing DMRC to pay over Rs 2700 crore to Reliance-owned Delhi Airport Metro Express Private Limited (DAMEPL):

The Delhi High Court has partly set aside an arbitration award directing Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) to pay over ₹2,700 crore as termination payment to a consortium headed by Reliance Infrastructure Ltd for breach of an agreement between them. Reliance Infrastructure subsidiary, the Delhi Airport Metro Express Private Limited (DAMEPL), had pulled out from running the Airport Express Line for providing high-speed metro connectivity between New Delhi railway station and IGI Terminal 3 with further line till Sector 21 in Dwarka with effect from July 2012 in view of cracks and defects in the girders, bearings, etc. with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC).

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Justice Waziri said Section 6 gave "equal rights of inheritance to Hindu males and females, its objective is to recognise the rights of female Hindus and to enhance their rights to equality apropos succession. Therefore, courts would be extremely vigilant in any endeavor to curtail or fetter statutory guarantee of enhancement of their rights. Now that this disqualification has been removed by the 2005 amendment, there is no reason why Hindu women should be denied the position of a Karta."

The son maintained that Hindu law recognises the right of eldest male member to be the Karta. He claimed that even the 2005 amendment recognised the rights of a female to be equal to those of a male only with respect to succession to ancestral properties, not management of estate.

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