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### **By Email/DoT Website**

Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110 001
(Data Service Cell)

No. 813-07/LM/2024-DS-II Dated:14-04-2025

To,

**All Licensees with Internet Service Authorization** 

Subject: CS (COMM) 578 of 2024: DABUR INDIA LIMITED versus ASHOK KUMAR AND OTHERS in the High Court of Delhi.

Kindly find enclosed the Hon'ble Delhi High Court order dated **20.11.2024** in the captioned suit.

- 2. Please refer to **Para 15** of the said Court order with regard to blocking of access to the impugned websites/ domains/ URLs **[8 nos]** enumerated in the **Para 15** of the said court order.
- 3. In view of the above, all Licensees with Internet Service Authorization are hereby instructed to take immediate necessary action with regard to blocking of access to the said impugned websites/ domains/ URLs, as above, in compliance with the said court order.

Encl: A/A Digitally signed by SHASHI KUMAR

Date: 14-04-2025

21:29:19

Director (DS-II)

Email: dirds2-dot@nic.in

#### Copy to:

- i.) Sh. V. Chinnasamy, Scientist E (chinnasamy.v@meity.gov.in), Electronics Niketan, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), New Delhi for kind information and with request to take action as per the Annexure pl.
- ii.) Plaintiff's Counsel for kind information and requested totake action as per the Annexure pl.
- iii) IT Wing of DoT for uploading this order on DoT websites pl.

# Additional impugned websites/ domain/ URLs as per Para 15 of the Court Order dated 20.11.2024 in CS(COMM) 578 of 2024-

https://maxisa.vip/

https://roc22.com/

https://35ksg.com/

https://shopp5.vip/

https://79mia.com/login

https://aisths.vip/login

https://fiisp8.com/

https://13rozx,vip/ [https://13rozx.vip/]





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# \* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

+ CS(COMM) 578/2024 & I.A. 45627/2024

DABUR INDIA LIMITED

.....Plaintiff

Through: Ms. Kripa Pandit, Adv.

M: 9810013453

versus

#### ASHOK KUMAR AND OTHERS

....Defendants

Through: Mr. Tejas Karia, Ms. Swati Agarwal,

Mr. Shashank Mishra, Mr. Mohit Singh, Mr. Vaarish Sawlani and Ms.

Priyanka Khosla, Advs. for D-3

M: 7042398848

Mr. Varun Pathak, Ms. Amee Rana, Ms. Sana Banyal and Mr. Tanuj

Sharma, Advs. for D-4.

M: 9818990029

Mr. Siddhant Grover, Adv. for D-5.

**CORAM:** 

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MINI PUSHKARNA

ORDER 20.11.2024

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# I.A. 45627/2024 (Application for seeking direction/ clarification with respect to order dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2024)

- 1. The present application has been filed by the plaintiff under Section 151 of Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 ("CPC") seeking directions in terms of the order dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, passed by this Court.
- 2. It is submitted that the present suit has been filed by the plaintiff against the illegal and unauthorized adoption and use of the trademark by Ashok Kumar/ unknown defendant no.1, and the violation of its copyright





for the purpose of deceiving and/or duping members of the general public and trade, by impersonating the plaintiff and/or agents/partners/associates. The plaintiff came to know that Ashok Kumar/ unknown defendant no.1 are currently running and operating fake domain names.

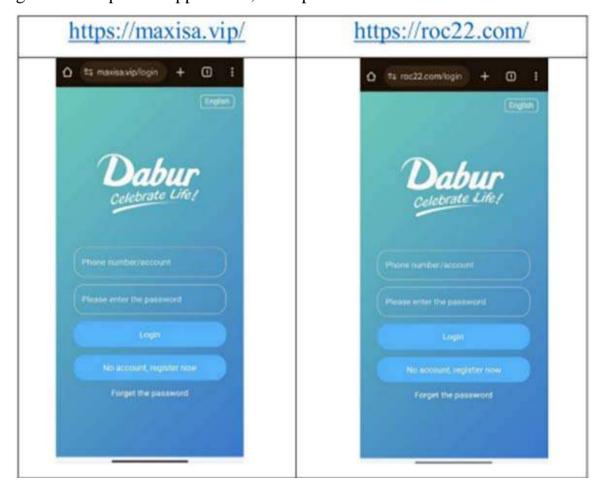
- 3. It is submitted that the present application has been filed seeking clarification/ further directions in respect of the order dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2024. Vide order dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, this Court had restrained the Ashok Kumar/ unknown defendant no.1 from running the impugned websites/ domain names containing the plaintiff's registered trademark/ trade name/ logo/ trade dress/ domain name.
- 4. It is submitted that in the said order, the plaintiff was granted the liberty to approach this Court in order to seek further directions to include any additional infringing websites/ domain/ URLs, that are found imitating and infringing the plaintiff's prior and copyright/registered trademark 'DABUR'.
- 5. It is submitted that the plaintiff has again received new complaints from its consumers reporting that they have been victims of fraud and have been manipulated by certain individuals, who through newly encountered websites/ domain/ URLs, are impersonating the plaintiff company and have duped consumers into making false investments for securing job opportunities with the plaintiff company. Thus, the present application has been filed seeking to include these additional websites/ domain/ URLs found impersonating and infringing the plaintiff's registered trademarks and copyright.
- 6. The details of the additional infringing domain/ URLs have been given in paragraph 7 of the present application. Further, the additional





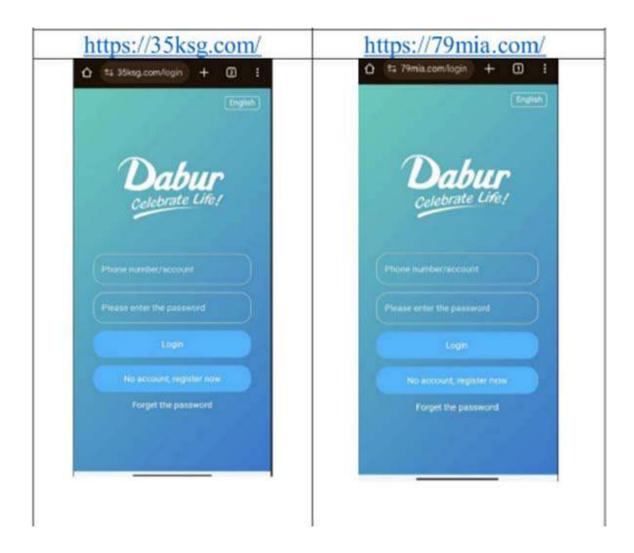
websites found by the plaintiff as registered by defendant no.2, have been given in a chart in paragraph 8 of the present application.

7. Learned counsel appearing for the plaintiff submits that the additional websites do not use/ incorporate the plaintiff's trademark with its domain name. However, they are found to be misrepresenting themselves as the plaintiff and are also involved in duping the members of the general public by offering false work from home job opportunities to unsuspecting members of the public by using the plaintiff's well-known registered trademark 'DABUR', with the tag line 'Celebrate Life!'. The screenshots as given in the present application, are reproduced as under:



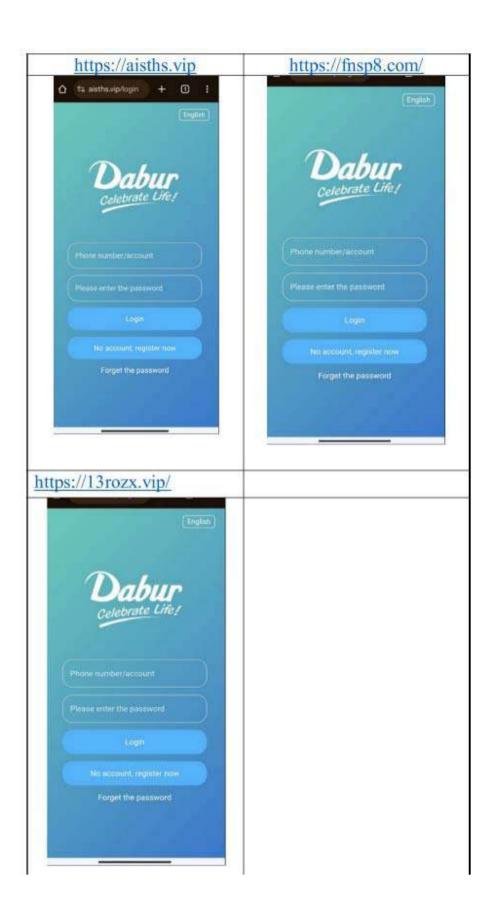
















- 8. Learned counsel appearing for the plaintiff submits that at the time of filing the present application, the plaintiff discovered that the domain name/ URLs in question are not presently operating/ opening. However, given that these domains/ URLs have not expired and are still valid domains, the plaintiff has strong apprehension that the same may become active again.
- 9. It is further submitted that as per the complaints received by the plaintiff company, the customers are being approached through new WhatsApp numbers/ Telegram profiles that are being used in conjunction with the additional websites to dupe unwary customers.
- 10. The details of the new WhatsApp numbers and Telegram profiles, along with the screenshots thereto, have been given in paragraph 13 of the present application.
- 11. Issue notice. Notice is accepted by learned counsel appearing for the defendants.
- 12. Mr. Tejas Karia, learned counsel appearing for defendant no. 3 submits that upon perusal of the application filed by the plaintiff, it is manifest that the plaintiff has filed the proof of the infringing activity.
- 13. Likewise, learned counsel appearing for the other defendants also submit that they shall comply with the directions passed by this Court.
- 14. Learned counsel appearing for defendant no.4 submits that no directions have been prayed against the defendant no.4.
- 15. Accordingly, considering the submissions made before this Court, the directions are issued thereby directing defendant no.2, i.e., Gname.com Pt. Ltd., defendant no.6, i.e., Department of Telecommunications and defendant no. 7, i.e., Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to suspend the additional impugned websites/ domain/ URLs, i.e., <a href="https://maxisa.vip/">https://maxisa.vip/</a>;





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16. Defendant no.3, i.e., WhatsApp LLC, defendant no.5, i.e., Telegram FZ LLC and defendant no.6, i.e., Department of Telecommunication, are directed to suspend and block the telephone numbers/ WhatsApp numbers/ Telegram profiles, as reproduced in paragraph 13 of the present application.

17. With the aforesaid directions, the present application is disposed of.

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- 18. Requisite steps be taken by the plaintiff for bringing amended Memo of Parties, on record.
- 19. Re-notify before the Joint Registrar (Judicial) on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

MINI PUSHKARNA, J

NOVEMBER 20, 2024/kr

#### **Annexure**

Subject: Action requested to be taken by MEITY and Plantiff for effective removal of content for viewing by public at large within India as per the said orders of Hon'ble Court.

It is observed that a number of orders of Hon'ble Court are issued for blocking of websites every month. There are around more than 2700 ISPs in India and these ISPs are connected among themselves in a mesh network. DOT is instructing each of the ISPs through emails/through its website for blocking of the websites as ordered by the Hon'ble Courts. Ensuring compliance of the orders by each of the ISPs is a time-consuming and complex task especially in view of multiplicity of orders of Hon'ble Courts, multiplicity of websites to be blocked and multiplicity of ISPs.

2. Allocation of Business Rules inter-alia sates thus:-

'Policy matters relating to information technology; Electronics; and Internet (all matters other than licensing of Internet Service Provider)'.

- 3. In view of above and in order to ensure effective removal by content for viewing by public at large, the plantiff is requested to do a trace route of the web server hosting the said website. In case the web server happens to be in India, the plantiff may inform the same to Meity who may direct the owner of such web server to stop transmission of content as per IT Act and as directed by the Hon'ble Court so that the content would be blocked from the source itself and the exercise of blocking by 2700 ISPs would not be required.
- 4. In case such server is located abroad i.e. outside India then access to such URL/website can be blocked through the international internet gateways which are much less in number. This would result in timely and effectively removal of undesirable content for viewing by public at large as is the requirement as per the orders of Hon'ble Court.