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No. 813-07/LM-39/2024-DS-II

Dated:15-04-2025

**To,
All Licensees with Internet Service Authorization**

Subject: CS (COMM) 837 of 2024; STAR INDIA PVT. LTD. versus MOVIEBLAST APPLICATION AND ORS. in the High Court of Delhi.

Kindly find enclosed the Hon'ble Delhi High Court order dated **04.04.2025** in the captioned suit.

2. Please refer to **Para 09** of the said Court order with regard to blocking of access to the websites [**1 no.**] enumerated in the **7th List** of websites, received from the plaintiff.

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 websites, as above, in compliance with the said court order.

Encl: A/A

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- 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.) Sh. Vivek Kumar (v.kumar@saikrishnaassociates.com), Plaintiff's Counsel for kind information and requested to take action as per the Annexure pl.
- iii) IT Wing of DoT for uploading this order on DoT websites pl.

Re: URGENT | DOT | List 7 | Real-time blocking of IPL domains / URLs | Compliance of Order dated 26.09.2024 & 04.04.2025 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. & Anr. v. MovieBlast Application & Ors. [CS. (COMM.) 837 of 2024] before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court

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Real-time blocking of IPL Domains (List 7) - 1 UI domain

Dear Sir,

We write to you on behalf of our Client, Star India Private. Ltd (**"Our Client"**).

As you are aware the captioned suit was filed by Our Client against the rogue applications indulged in copyright infringement of Our Client's exclusive rights. In the present suit, Our Client has also impleaded various Domain Name Registrars (Defendant No. 4-8), Internet Service providers (Defendant No. 9-17) as well as the concerned government departments (Department of Telecommunication and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) (Defendant No. 18 and 19), as Defendants, to ensure effective compliance of any orders that the Hon'ble Delhi High Court was inclined to pass.

The Hon'ble Justice Mr. Amit Bansal, Delhi High Court on 26th September 2024 was pleased to pass an *ex-parte ad-interim* order. The relevant para of the Order dated 26.09.2024 is extracted herein below:

*"38. In view of the averments noted hereinabove and in view of the judgment passed in **UTV Software Communication Ltd.** (supra), this Court is of the opinion that a prima facie case is made out in favour of the plaintiff. Balance of convenience is also in favour of the plaintiff. Further, irreparable harm or injury would be caused to the plaintiff if an interim injunction order is not passed.*

39. Accordingly, defendants No. 1 to 3 (and any such other UIs/websites which appears to be associated with any of the defendant apps and websites based on its name, branding or the identity of its operator, or discovered to provide additional means of accessing, the defendant apps and websites, and other domains/domain/apps/UIs along with their sub domains and subdirectories, owners/website operators/entities which are discovered to have been engaging in infringing the plaintiff's exclusive rights), their owners, partners, proprietors, officers, servants, employees, and all others in capacity of principals or agents, acting for and on their behalf, or anyone claiming through, by or under them are hereby restrained, from, in any manner hosting, streaming, reproducing, distributing, making available to the public and/or communicating to the public, or facilitating the same, on their Apps/UIs/websites, through the internet in any manner whatsoever, any cinematograph work/content/programme/show in relation to which plaintiff has a copyright.

40. The defendants No. 4 to 8 shall ensure compliance with this order by blocking defendants no. 1 to 3 websites, their URLs and the respective UIs as filed along with the suit (Pg 1 - Vol 1) (also annexed herewith as annexure - A) and any other UIs/apps/websites notified by the plaintiff by filing of an affidavit.

41. The defendants no. 4 to 8, their directors, partners, proprietors, officers, affiliates, servants, employees, and all others in capacity of principal or agent acting for and, on their behalf, or anyone claiming through, by or under it, are directed to disclose the following information of the defendants no. 1 -3 (and any such other websites/UIs which are discovered during the course of the proceedings and notified on Affidavit by the plaintiff to have been infringing/ authorizing the infringement of the plaintiff's exclusive rights, copyrights and broadcast reproduction rights):

A. Complete details (such as name, address, email address, phone number, IP address etc.) of the defendants no. 1 - 3 (and any such other websites/UIs which are discovered during the course of the proceedings and notified on Affidavit by the plaintiff to have been infringing/ authorizing the infringement of the plaintiff's exclusive rights, copyrights).

B. Mode of payment along with payment details used for registration of domain name by the registrant i.e., defendant no. 1 – 3 (and any such other websites/UIs which are discovered during the course of the proceedings and notified on Affidavit by the plaintiff to have been infringing/ authorizing the infringement of the plaintiff's exclusive rights, copyrights).

42. The defendants No. 9 to 17 shall ensure compliance with this order by blocking defendants no. 1 to 3 websites, their URLs and the respective UIs as filed along with the suit (Pg 1 - Vol 1) (also annexed herewith as annexure - A) and any other apps/websites notified by the plaintiff by filing of an affidavit.

43. Defendants no. 18 and 19 are further directed to take immediate steps and issue requisite notifications within five working days, calling upon various internet and telecom service providers registered under them to block the aforementioned websites/UIs identified by the plaintiff.”

Copy of the order dated 26.09.2024 is attached herewith.

Further, in order to tackle increasing piracy activities of rogue mobile applications especially during the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) Cricket Tournament, 2025, the Plaintiff had filed an application bearing I.A. 8790/2025 under Order 39 Rule 1 and 2. In the said application directions for real-time blocking of the UIs by the ISPs, DNRs and DOT/MEITY were sought by Our Client. The Hon'ble Delhi High Court was pleased to allow above application and pass following directions -

“7. A prima facie case is made on behalf of the plaintiff.

8. The rampant piracy carried out by rogue websites during the ongoing IPL season discloses that there is an urgency to pass an order in favour of the plaintiff for real-time blocking of these websites.

*9. Accordingly, it is directed that during the currency of the aforesaid event, if any further websites are discovered, which are illegally streaming and communicating content over which the plaintiff has copyright, **the plaintiff is granted liberty to communicate the details of such websites to the defendants no.18 and 19 (DoT and MeitY) for issuance of blocking orders, and simultaneously to the ISPs/DNRs for blocking the said websites, so as to ensure that these websites can be blocked on a real-time basis and there is no undue delay. Upon receiving the said intimation from the plaintiffs, the ISPs/DNRs shall take steps to immediately block the rogue websites in question. Likewise, the DoT and MeitY, upon the plaintiffs communicating the details of the websites, shall also immediately issue necessary blocking orders of the rogue websites which are illegally streaming the Event.***

10. After communicating details of the rogue websites to the concerned authorities, the plaintiff shall file affidavits with the Court in order to ensure that the Court is fully informed of the websites in respect of which blocking orders are sought.

11. If any website, which is not primarily an infringing website, is blocked pursuant to the present order, they shall be permitted to approach the Court by giving an undertaking that it does not intend to engage in any unauthorized or illegal dissemination of the event or any other content over which the plaintiff has

copyright. In such a situation the Court would consider modifying the injunction as the facts and circumstances, so warrant.”

Copy of the order dated 04.04.2025 is attached herewith.

Pursuant to the above directions, Our Client has found 1 additional UIs used by the rogue mobile applications to illegally communicate and stream ongoing IPL. Evidence against these 1 UIs can be download from the link below:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1J9WKqf7WSAef_OogZqR5ZRb-g1fgUkBW?usp=drive_link

List of these 1 additional UIs is also attached herewith.

Consequently, in terms of the directions passed by the Hon'ble Court, *vide* order dated 26th September 2024 (reproduced above i.e. paragraph 38 read with paragraph 39)) and 4th April 2025 (reproduced above i.e. paragraph 7 to 11) the *ex parte ad-interim* order is also applicable with respect to these 1 additional UIs.

In lieu of the above facts and circumstances, we respectfully urge you to immediately block access to the additional 1 domains / URLs, as set forth in the Order of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi dated 26th September 2024 (*vide* paragraph 42) and 4th April 2025 (*vide* paragraph 9)

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
Vivek Kumar

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- INDIAN BUSINESS LAW JOURNAL – Law Firm Awards- Winner- Intellectual Property – India- 2015
- INDIAN BUSINESS LAW JOURNAL – Law Firm Awards- Winner- Technology Media & Telecommunication- India – 2015
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- MANAGING IP- Global Awards 2014- Firm of the Year- India- Contentious

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On Sun, Apr 13, 2025 at 4:02 PM Vivek Kumar <v.kumar@saikrishnaassociates.com> wrote:
Real-time blocking of IPL Domains (List 6) - 1 UI domain

Dear Sir,

We write to you on behalf of our Client, Star India Private. Ltd (“**Our Client**”).

As you are aware the captioned suit was filed by Our Client against the rogue applications indulged in copyright infringement of Our Client’s exclusive rights. In the present suit, Our Client has also impleaded

List-7 of websites (837 of 2024)

Websites	App Name	Email_ID	Registrar	Worldwide_Tr	India_Traffic
https://cfyhgsgjjvnkj37.top/	CricFY TV	cricfyapp@gmail.com	NameSilo, LLC	N/A	-

Ttraffic source: <https://www.similarweb.com/> (last 28 days)



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

I.A. 8790/2025

IN

+ CS(COMM) 837/2024

STAR INDIA PVT. LTD.

....Plaintiff

Through: Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Yatinder Garg, Ms. Snehima Jauhari and Mr. Vivek Kumar, Advocates

versus

MOVIEBLAST APPLICATION AND ORS

....Defendants

Through:

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

ORDER

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04.04.2025

I.A. 8790/2025 (u/O XXXIX Rule 1 and 2, CPC)

1. This application has been filed on behalf of the plaintiff seeking additional directions in furtherance of the directions passed by this Court *vide* the order dated 26th September, 2024, wherein an *ex-parte ad interim* injunction was granted in favour of the plaintiff directing blocking of Apps/UIs/websites which were communicating the plaintiffs original content to the public.

2. The plaintiff seeks a direction in respect of blocking of infringing websites that provide .APK files for downloading various Rogue Apps and provide access and/or links where the illegal/infringing copies of the copyrighted content of the plaintiff is stored and/or hosted, on a real-time



basis.

3. Mr. Sidharth Chopra, counsel appearing for the plaintiff submits that pursuant to the directions passed on 26th September, 2024, the plaintiff has till date filed 42 affidavits, bringing on record 14 new rogue applications and 42 infringing websites that provide links for downloading the rogue applications/User Interfaces (UIs).

4. It is submitted that on account of an increasing piracy activities of such rogue applications especially during the Indian Premier League (IPL) Cricket Tournament, 2025, any delay in blocking of these rogue websites/UIs causes prejudice to the plaintiff.

5. Accordingly, it is submitted that on account of the IPL-2025 season, which is currently going on, the plaintiff seeks a relief that the blocking action against the rogue application can take place on a real-time basis.

6. Mr. Chopra further submits that similar directions have been passed by this Bench *vide* order dated 18th December, 2024 in CS(COMM) 1149/2024.

7. A *prima facie* case is made on behalf of the plaintiff.

8. The rampant piracy carried out by rogue websites during the ongoing IPL season discloses that there is an urgency to pass an order in favour of the plaintiff for real-time blocking of these websites.

9. Accordingly, it is directed that during the currency of the aforesaid event, if any further websites are discovered, which are illegally streaming and communicating content over which the plaintiff has copyright, the plaintiff is granted liberty to communicate the details of such websites to the defendants no.18 and 19 (DoT and MeitY) for issuance of blocking orders, and simultaneously to the ISPs/DNRs for blocking the said websites, so as to



ensure that these websites can be blocked on a real-time basis and there is no undue delay. Upon receiving the said intimation from the plaintiffs, the ISPs/DNRs shall take steps to immediately block the rogue websites in question. Likewise, the DoT and MeitY, upon the plaintiffs communicating the details of the websites, shall also immediately issue necessary blocking orders of the rogue websites which are illegally streaming the Event.

10. After communicating details of the rogue websites to the concerned authorities, the plaintiff shall file affidavits with the Court in order to ensure that the Court is fully informed of the websites in respect of which blocking orders are sought.

11. If any website, which is not primarily an infringing website, is blocked pursuant to the present order, they shall be permitted to approach the Court by giving an undertaking that it does not intend to engage in any unauthorized or illegal dissemination of the event or any other content over which the plaintiff has copyright. In such a situation the Court would consider modifying the injunction as the facts and circumstances, so warrant.

12. The plaintiff is permitted to ensure compliance of Order XXXIX Rule 3 of Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 within a period of one week.

AMIT BANSAL, J

APRIL 4, 2025
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Annexure

Subject: Action requested to be taken by MEITY and Plaintiff 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 states 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 plaintiff 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 plaintiff 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.