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

No. 813-07/LM-18/2024-DS-II

Dated: 28-02-2025

**To,
All the Internet Service Licensees**

**Subject: CS(COMM) 136 of 2025: STAR INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
Vs. WEBCRICH.D.COM & ORS. before the High Court of Delhi.**

Kindly find enclosed the **Hon'ble Delhi High Court order dated 17.02.2025** on the subject matter.

2. Please refer to **Para 29.3 and 29.4** of the said Court order in respect of blocking of websites [**7 nos**] enumerated in the **3rd List of additional websites** provided by the plaintiff.

3. In view of the above, all the Internet Service Licensees are hereby instructed to take immediate necessary action for blocking of the said websites, as above, for compliance of the said court order.

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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 requested for taking action as per the Annexure.
- ii. Mr. Priyansh Kohli <priyansh@saikrishnaassociates.com> Plaintiff's Advocate for kind information.[Requested to take action as per the Annexure].
- iii. IT wing of DoT for uploading this order on DoT websites please.



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

+ CS(COMM) 136/2025 & I.A. Nos. 4111-4115/2025

STAR INDIA PRIVATE LIMITEDPlaintiff

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versus

WEBCRICHD.COM & ORS.Defendants

Through: None.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MINI PUSHKARNA

ORDER
17.02.2025

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I.A. 4112/2025 (Exemption from filing original and certified copies of documents)

1. The present is an application under Section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (“CPC”), on behalf of the plaintiff, seeking exemption from filing original/certified copies/translated versions of the documents/clearer copies or with exact margins and from filing originals of the relevant documents.
2. Exemption is granted, subject to all just exceptions.
3. Plaintiff shall file legible and clearer copies of exempted documents, compliant with Practice Rules, before the next date of hearing.
4. Accordingly, the application stands disposed of.



I.A. 4114/2025 (Application seeking leave to file additional documents))

5. This is an application under Order XI Rule 1(4) read with Section 151 CPC as amended by the Commercial Courts Act, 2015, seeking leave to file additional documents.

6. The plaintiff, if wishes to file additional documents at a later stage, shall do so strictly as per the provisions of Commercial Courts Act, 2015, and the Delhi High Court (Original Side) Rules, 2018.

7. The application is disposed of, with the aforesaid directions.

I.A. 4113/2025 (Exemption from issuing notice to defendant nos. 12, 15, 19 and 20)

8. The present is an application under Section 80 read with Section 151 CPC, seeking exemption from issuing notice to defendant nos. 12, 15, 19 and 20.

9. Upon payment of process fee, issue notice to defendant No. 12 (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.), defendant no. 15 (Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.), defendant no. 19 (Department of Telecommunications ('DOT')) and defendant no. 20 (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology ('MEITY')), by all permissible modes, returnable on 05th May, 2025.

10. Reply, if any, be filed within four weeks from date of service. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within two weeks thereafter.

I.A. 4115/2025 (Exemption from undergoing Pre-Institution Mediation)

11. The present is an application under Section 12A of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015, read with Section 151 of CPC, seeking exemption from undergoing Pre-Institution Mediation.

12. Having regard to the facts of the present case and in the light of the



judgments of Supreme Court in the case of *Yamini Manohar Versus T.K.D. Keerthi*, 2023 SCC OnLine SC 1382, and Division Bench of this Court in *Chandra Kishore Chaurasia Versus RA Perfumery Works Private Ltd.*, 2022 SCC OnLine Del 3529, exemption from attempting Pre-Institution Mediation, is granted.

13. Accordingly, the application stands disposed of.

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14. Let the plaint be registered as a suit.

15. Upon filing of Process Fee, issue summons to the defendants by all permissible modes. Summons shall state that the written statement shall be filed by the defendants within 30 days from the date of receipt of summons. Along with the written statement, the defendants shall also file an affidavit of admission/denial of the documents of the plaintiff, without which the written statement shall not be taken on record.

16. Liberty is given to the plaintiff to file a replication within 15 days of the receipt of the written statement. Along with the replication, if any, filed by the plaintiff, an affidavit of admission/denial of documents of the defendants, be filed by the plaintiff, without which the replication shall not be taken on record. If any of the parties wish to seek inspection of any documents, the same shall be sought and given within the timelines.

17. List before the Joint Registrar for marking of exhibits on 22nd April, 2025.

18. It is made clear that any party unjustifiably denying documents would be liable to be burdened with costs.

19. List before Court on 05th May, 2025.



I.A. 4111/2025 (Application under Order XXXIX Rules 1 and 2 CPC)

20. Issue notice to defendants, by all permissible modes, upon filing of process fee, returnable on the next date of hearing.

21. The counsel for plaintiff has presented the following facts and contentions:

21.1. The subject matter of the present suit pertains to the “ICC Champions Trophy 2025”, which is a One Day International (‘ODI’) international cricket tournament organised by the International Cricket Council (ICC) [“*Champions Trophy 2025*”]. The Champions Trophy 2025 is scheduled to run from 19th February, 2025 till 09th March, 2025. The matches will be held in the Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates, and include a total of 15 matches.

21.2. Plaintiff owns the media rights in respect of various sporting events relating to, inter alia, football, badminton, hockey, as well as domestic and international cricket matches organized by the ICC and Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Plaintiff also owns and operates several general entertainment channels and regional channels, including, but not limited to Star Plus, Start Sports 1, Start Sports HD. Plaintiff also owns and operates the online video streaming platform/ website ‘www.hotstar.com’, ‘www.Jiocinema.com’ and the mobile applications “JioHotstar”, formerly known as “Disney+Hotstar’ and JioCinema”.

21.3. Plaintiff entered into the Media Rights Agreement dated 27th August, 2022 [“*Agreement*”] with the ICC for exclusive digital media rights and television rights for India in relation to various ICC events, including the Champions Trophy 2025, for a period of four years from 2024 to 2027. The existence of these rights in favour of the plaintiff, details whereof have been



delineated at Paragraph no. 11 of the plaint, has been confirmed by the ICC vide letter dated 22nd May, 2024. A copy of the said letter has been placed on record by the plaintiff. Consequently, plaintiff enjoys broadcast reproduction rights which are contemplated and conferred in terms of Section 37 of the Copyright Act, 1957 [*“Copyright Act”*].

21.4. Defendant nos. 1 to 6 are various rogue websites, which are stated to be primarily hosting illegal and pirated content, engaging in making third-party content and information available to the public. Defendant nos. 7 to 10 are Domain Name Registrars (DNRs) of the domain names, where the said rogue websites are being hosted. Defendant nos. 11 to 18, are various Internet Service Providers (ISPs), and Telecom Service Providers (TSPs). Defendant Nos. 19 and 20 are, respectively, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

21.5. Based on past instances of illegal dissemination of major sporting events, the plaintiff strongly apprehends that once the Champions Trophy 2025 commences, given their status as one of the most popular sporting events in the world, a large number of websites, including, but not limited to defendant nos. 1 to 6, are likely to indulge in unauthorised disseminations and communications of the cricket matches and parts thereof, on online platforms. Additionally, plaintiff believes that a large number of rogue websites, upon being blocked/ taken down, may also create further mirror websites to continue the illegal transmission/ communication/ broadcast of the Champions Trophy 2025.

21.6. In fact, on previous occasions, while an initial injunction has typically been granted in respect of the few websites identified in the plaint, a



substantial number of rogue websites tend to be subsequently uncovered, which continue to unlawfully disseminate the sporting events. Accordingly, such rogue websites have been enjoined and taken down by virtue of the dynamic injunctions granted by this Court. To substantiate this averment, reliance is placed on the following illustrative chart:

Sr. No.	Suit and Event	No. of websites impleaded in the Suit	No. of additional affidavits filed pursuant to Court Order	No. of Rogue Websites identified subsequently discovered during the event
1.	<i>Star India Private Limited Vs. Crichd-live.top & Ors. [CS (COMM) 1094/2024] Order dated 09.12.2024</i>		6	48
2.	<i>Star India Private Limited Vs. Crichd-live.top & Ors. [CS (COMM) 840/2024] Order dated 30.09.2024</i>		6	102
3.	<i>Star India Pvt. Ltd. & Anr. Vs. Magicwin.games & Ors. [CS(COMM) 290 of 2024] Order dated: 30.05.2024</i>		3	25
4.	<i>Star India Pvt. Ltd. & Anr. Vs. Stream2watch.pk & Ors. [CS(COMM)</i>	11	19	96



	<i>455 of 2024]</i> <i>Order dated:</i> <i>28.05.2024</i>			
5.	<i>Star India Pvt. Ltd.</i> <i>& Anr. Vs. Jiolive.tv</i> <i>& Ors. [CS (Comm)</i> <i>688 of 2023]</i> <i>Order dated:</i> <i>27.09.2023</i>	9	8 (54 list)	392
6.	<i>Star India Pvt. Ltd.</i> <i>& Anr. v.</i> <i>Yl.mylivecricket.biz</i> <i>& Ors [CS (Comm)</i> <i>151 of 2021]</i> <i>Order dated:</i> <i>26.03.2021</i> <i>Event: IPL 2021</i>	16	14	165
7.	<i>Star India Pvt. Ltd.</i> <i>& Anr. V.</i> <i>filmyclub.wapkiz.com</i> <i>& Ors. [CS(Comm.)</i> <i>518 of 2021]</i> <i>Order</i> <i>dated 12.10.2021</i> <i>Event: ICC Men's</i> <i>T20 World Cup 2021</i>	7	6	122
8.	<i>Star India Pvt. Ltd.</i> <i>& Anr. Vs.</i> <i>live.flixhub.net &</i> <i>Ors. [CS (Comm)</i> <i>157 of 2022]</i> <i>Order</i> <i>dated: 11.03.2022</i> <i>Event: IPL 2022</i>	8	11	120
9.	<i>Star India Pvt. Ltd.</i> <i>& Anr.</i> <i>tl.mylivecricket.club.</i> <i>[CS (Comm) 699 of</i> <i>2022]</i> <i>Order dated:</i> <i>11.10.2022</i> <i>Event:</i>	8	15	120



	<i>ICC Men's T20 World Cup, 2022</i>			
10.	<i>Star India Pvt. Ltd. & Anr. v. mhdtv.world & Ors. [CS (Comm) 567 of 2022] Order Dated: 22.08.2022 Event: Asia Cup 2022</i>	11	12	127
11.	<i>Star India Private Limited & Anr. Vs. Live4wap.click & Ors. [CS(COMM) 11 of 2023] Order dated: 11.01.2023 Event: BCCI Events</i>	11	11	87
12.	<i>Star India Private Limited & Anr. Vs. Crichd SC & Ors. [CS(COMM) 518 of 2023] Order dated: 02.08.2023 Event: Asia Cup 2023</i>	22	10	158

21.7. Thus, there is an urgent need to restrain such rogue websites on a real time basis, without requiring parties to first approach the Court by filing affidavits in respect of each such website which starts unauthorizedly disseminating/ telecasting matches. Such a lag would result in the rogue websites being successful in their illegal activities and the plaintiff's rights



would be infringed before it is possible for any action to be taken. Accordingly, drawing from the approach taken by this Court in *Universal City Studios LLC and Ors. vs. Dotmovies.baby and Ors.*¹, plaintiff seeks a ‘dynamic +’ injunction to ensure protection of the plaintiff’s rights over works mentioned in the plaint, as well as any other protected content generated during the pendency of the suit proceedings. In this regard, reliance is also placed on the ‘European Commission Recommendation dated 4th May, 2023 on Combating Online Piracy of Sports and Other Live Events’, which also highlights the need for urgent action to block illegal dissemination of copyrighted content.

21.8. In such circumstances, in order to protect their exclusive broadcast rights, plaintiff seeks an injunction restraining illegal and unauthorised dissemination and broadcast of matches and/or parts thereof, the Champions Trophy 2025. The plaintiff prays for a specifically designed injunction that not only targets the websites currently engaging in infringing activities, which have been identified as defendant nos. 1 to 6 in the instant suit, but also anticipates and includes any new websites that may emerge during the Champions Trophy 2025. The reason for seeking such an injunction is to ensure that rogue websites are promptly blocked and removed, thereby preventing them from transmitting or communicating unauthorized signals of the cricket matches.

22. Attention of this Court has been drawn to list of cases, wherein, similar issue was involved and orders have been passed in favour of the plaintiff. The said table is reproduced hereunder:

¹ *DHC Neutral Citation No. – 2023: DHC:5842*



S.No.	Case Title	Judge's Name	Event/Content
1.	Order dated 09.12.2024 in Star India Private Limited Vs. crichd-live.top & Ors. CS (COMM) 1094/2024	Justice Amit Bansal	India Tour of Australia 2024-25 and Big Bash League 2024-25
2.	Order dated 30.09.2024 in Star India Private Limited Vs. crichd.pk & Ors. CS (COMM) 840/2024	Justice Mini Pushkarna	ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024
3.	Order dated 30.05.2024 in Star India Private Limited V. Magicwin.Games& Ors. CS (COMM) 490/2024	Justice Sanjeev Narula	T-20 World Cup Men
4.	Order dated 28.05.2024 in Star India Private Limited &Anr. V. Stream2watch.Pk & Ors. CS (COMM) 455/2024	Justice Sanjeev Narula	ICC Men's T-20 World Cup 2024
5.	Order dated 23.02.2024 in Star India Private Limited &Anr. V. Terimeridooriyan.Com & Ors. CS (COMM) 163/2024	Justice Anish Dayal	GEC Content
6.	Order dated 22.03.2024 passed in Viacom18 Media Private Limited v. John doe & Ors. CS (COMM) 254/2024	Justice Sanjeev Narula	IPC 2024
7.	Order dated 01.03.2024 passed in Viacom18 Media Private Limited https://mhdvtsports.nl & Ors. CS (COMM) 187/2024	Justice Anish Dayal	Women's Premier League
8.	Order dated 05.12.2023 passed in Star India Private Limited &Anr. V. livecric.pk & Ors. CS (COMM)	Justice C. Hari Shankar	India-South Africa cricket (CSA) matches



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9.	Order dated 12.10.2023 passed in Viacom18 Media Private Limited v. biggbos.live& Ors. CS (COMM) 730/2023	Justice Prathiba M. Singh	Bigg Boss
10.	Order dated 27.09.2023 passed in Star India Private Limited &Anr. Vs. Jiolive.tv & Ors. CS (COMM) 688/2023	Justice Pratibha M. Singh	ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023
11.	Order dated 21.09.2023 passed in Viacom18 Media Private Limited v. live.smartrcric.com & Ors. CS (COMM) 659/2023	Justice C. Hari Shankar	Cricket Tournament which were to take place Australia Tour of India 2023, Afghanistan Tour of India – 2024, England Tour of India – 2024 and like so. (BCCI Events)
12.	Order dated 02.08.2023 passed in Star India Private Ltd. v. crichd& Ors., CS (COMM) 518/2023	Justice Pratibha M. Singh	Asia Cup Cricket Match 2023
13.	Order dated 11.04.2023 passed in Universal City Studios LLC & Ors. v. FZMOVIES.NET & Ors. CS (COMM) 202/2023	Justice Amit Bansal	GEC Content
14.	Order dated 116.02.2023 and 24.02.2023 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. v. moviesverse.ac & Ors. CS (COMM) 87/2023	Justice Hari Shankar	Movie 'Selfie'



15.	Order dated 11.01.2023 passed in Star India Pvt Ltd &Anr VLived4wap.click And Ors CS (COMM) 1172023	Justice C. Hari Shankar	Cricket Tournaments which were to take place between Sri Lanka and India, New Zealand and India and Australia and India
16.	Order dated 04.11.2022 in Star India Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. v. Pikashow app & Ors., CS (COMM) 759/2022	Justice Prathiba M. Singh	Pikashow Application
17.	Order dated 11.10.2022 in Star India Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. v. Serialghar.me & Ors. CS (COMM) 700/2022	Justice Navin Chawla	GEC Content
18.	Order dated 11.10.2022 in Star India Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. v. t1.mylivecricket.club & Ors. CS (COMM) 699/2022	Justice Navin Chawla	ICC Mens T-20 World Cup 2022
19.	Order dated 19.09.2022 passed in Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited v. Ibomma.Bar& Ors. (CS (COMM) 650/2022)	Justice Jyoti Singh	GEC Content
20.	Order dated 02.09.2022 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd &Anr. v. 7movierulz.tc & Ors. CS (COMM) 604/2022	Justice Jyoti Singh	Movie Brahmastra
21.	Order dated 22.08.2022 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. v. mhdtv.world& Ors. CS (COMM) 567/2022	Justice Prathiba M. Singh	Aisa Cup 2022
22.	Order dated 06.04.2022 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd.	Justice Jyoti Singh	Tata India Premier



	&Anr v. Ashar Nisar & Ors. CS (COMM) 214/2022		League 2022 and Rogue Apps
23.	Order dated 11.03.2022 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. vs. Live.flixbus.net CS (COMM) 157/2022	Justice Prathiba M. Singh	IPC 2022
24.	Order dated 24.11.2021 passed in Starr India Pvt. Ltd. vs. extramovies.click& Ors. CS (COMM) 588/2021	Justice Yogesh Khanna	Movie- Tadap
25.	Order dated 12.10.2021 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. V. Filmyclub.wapkiz.com and Ors. CS (COMM) 518/2021	Justice Sanjeev Narula	ICC Men's T- 20 World Cup 2021
26.	Order dated 09.08.2021 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. vs. movieghar.art& Ors. CS (COMM) 364/2021	Justice Jayant Nath	Movie – Bhuj: The Pride of India
27.	Order dated 09.08.2021 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. vs. yodesiserial.su & Ors. CS (COMM) 353/2021	Justice C. Hari Shankar	GEC Content
28.	Order dated 16.04.2021 passed in Starr India Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. v. Sajid Hussain & Ors. CS (COMM) 181/2021.	Justice Manoj Kimar Ohri	Thop TV Application
29.	ORDER DATED 26.03.2021 AND Passed In Star India Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. Vs. Y1.Mylivecricket.biz & Ors. CS (COMM) 151/2021	Justice C. Hari Shankar	Vivo IPC 2021
30.	Order dated 24.03.2021 passed in Novi Digital Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. Vs. W1.123movies11.com & Ors. CS (COMM) 136/2021	Justice C. Hari Shankar	Movie – The Big Bull



31.	Order dated 18.02.2021 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. Vs. Sportstody.com & Ors. CS (COMM) 84/2021	Justice Jayant Nath	England tour of India 2021
32.	Order dated 23.09.2020 Star India Private Limited &Anr. Vs. Jakstreams.com &Anr. CS (COMM) 394/2020	Justice Mukta Gupta	IPC 2020
33.	Order dated 03.11.2020 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. Vs. Afilmywap.top& Ors. CS (COMM) 485/2020	Justice Rajiv Shakdher	Movie-Laxmii
34.	Order dated 13.07.2020 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. Vs. Oxibuzz.com & Ors. CS (COMM) 250/2020)	Justice Rajiv Shakdher	Movie –Dil Bechara
35.	Order dated 27.02.2020 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. Vs. watchonlinemovieshd.online& Ors. CS (COMM) 95/2020	Justice V. Kameswar Rao	Movie – Baaghi 3
36.	Order dated 05.02.2020 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. vs. airhdx.com & Ors. CS (COMM) 54/2020	Justice V. Kameswar Rao	India Tour of New Zealand 2020 series matches
37.	Order dated 20.12.2019 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. vs. Moviesjoy.in &ors. CS (COMM) 712/2019	Justice V. Kameswar Rao	Movie – Housefull 4
38.	Order dated 17.009.2019 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. Vs. Aapkeajanese.net & Ors. CS (COMM) 510/2019	Justice V. Kameswar Rao	GEC Content
39.	Order dated 13.09.2019 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. Vs. cricone.net & Ors. CS (COMM) 500/2019	Justice V. Kameswar Rao	South Africa Tour of India 2019



40.	Order dated 29.08.2019 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. vs. Moviemad.biz &ors. Cs (COMM) 471/2019	Justice V. Kameswar Rao	Movie – Chhichhore
41.	Order dated 05.08.2019 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. Vs. Movietrunk.com & Ors. CS (COMM) 408/2019	Justice Prathiba M. Singh	Movie – Mission Mangal
42.	Order dated 27.05.2019 Star India Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. Vs. indianpremierleague2015.com & Ors. Cs (COMM) 281/2019	Justice Prathiba M. Singh	ICC Cricket World Cup 2019
43.	Order dated 15.04.2019 passed inn Star India Pvt. Ltd. vs. Extramovies.host& Ors. CS (COMM) 195/2019	Justice Manmohan	Movie – Kalank
44.	Order dated 18.03.2019 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. vs. my11lavacricknet.com & Ors. CS (COMM) 139/2019	Justice Manmohan	India Premier League 2019
45.	Order dated 01.02.2019 passed in Star india Pvt. Ltd. vs. Kinozal.Tv& Ors. CS (COMM) 54/2019	Justice Manmohan	Movie – Alita Battle Angel
46.	Order dated 24.01.2019 passed in Star India Pvt. Ltd. vs. mkveage.ws &ors. S (COMM) 38/2019	Justice Manmohan	Movie – Ek Ladki Ko Dekha Toh Aisa Laga
47.	Order dated 12.10.2018 passed in Novi Digital Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. Vs. Cricfree.stream& Ors. CS (COMM) 1176/2018	Justice Manmohan	West Indies Tour 2018 (T-20 matches)
48.	Order dated 16.05.2018 in Fox Star Studios India Pvt. Ltd. v. Sumit Singh & Ors. CS (COMM) 885/2018	Justice Manmohan	Movie – Deadpool 2
49.	Order dated 25.04.2018	Justice	Indian Primer



	passed in Novi Digital Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. Vs. Muhammad Nadeem Crichd.info & Ors. CS (COMM) 818/2018	Manmohan	League, 2018
50.	Order dated 21.08.2017 in Fox Star studios India Pvt. Ltd. V. Hossam Mohammed Atta Ebrahim & Ors. Cs (COMM) 541/2017	Justice Manmohan	Movie – A Gentleman – Sundar, Sushil Risky
51.	Order dated 30.05.2017 passed in Novi Digital Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. vs. Muhammad Ammad & Ors. Cs (COMM) 409/2017	Justice Rajiv Sahai Endlaw	ICC Champions Trophy
52.	Order dated 23.05.2017 in, Novi Digital Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. v. Muhammed Awais Rafiq &ors. CS (COMM) 376/2017	Justice Manmohan	GEC Content
53.	Orders dated 09.09.2016 and 19.09.2016 in Novi Digital Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. &Anr. V. Five Desi & Ors. CS (COMM) 1249/2016	Justice Hima Kohli	GEC Content
54.	Orders dated 04.02.2015 and 29.07.2016 in Department of Electronics and Information Technology v. Star India Pvt. Ltd. FAO (OS) 57/2015	Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva and Justice Badar Durrez Ahmed	India-Australia 2014-15 Cricket Series
55.	Order dated 10.04.2019 in UTV Software Communications Ltd. & Ors. v. 1337X.To & Ors. CS (COMM) 724/2017	Justice Manmohan	GEC Content



23. Learned counsel for the plaintiff relies upon the order dated 30th September, 2024 passed by this Court in *CS(COMM) 840/2024*, and in particular, to Paragraph 26 of the said order, wherein, various directions have been issued.

24. Similarly, learned counsel for the plaintiff also relies upon the order dated 27th September, 2023 passed in *CS(COMM) 688/2023* and prays that similar directions be passed in favour of plaintiff in the present case as well.

25. Having considered the submissions and prayers outlined in the application, the Court recognizes the widespread appeal and significance of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025, particularly, given the popularity of cricket in India. These events are broadcasted through the plaintiff's OTT platform 'JioHotstar, and also through its Star Channels, which are accessible across a variety of digital devices including computers, smartphones, tablets, and other electronic gadgets. The plaintiff has secured the digital and television broadcasting rights for various ICC events, including, the Champions Trophy 2025, as specified in the Agreement, through substantial financial investment. Unauthorized dissemination, telecasting, or broadcasting of these ICC events on various websites and digital platforms, pose a significant threat to the plaintiff's revenue streams. Such illicit activities undermine the value of the considerable investment made by the plaintiff in acquiring these rights. Additionally, the broadcast content, including footage, commentary, and other composite elements, is fully safeguarded under the Copyright Act. Thus, the unauthorized use of these elements not only affects the financial returns, but also infringes upon the copyright protections accorded to the broadcast content. It is, thus, imperative to recognize the legal rights associated with the creation and



dissemination of this content, emphasizing the need for stringent measures to prevent unauthorized broadcasts and safeguard the plaintiff's interests.

26. The issue of rogue websites engaging in the piracy of copyrighted content presents a recurring threat, especially, with the imminent Champions Trophy 2025. These sites have demonstrated a propensity to illegally broadcast copyrighted works, underscoring the urgency to pre-emptively block their access to such content. Consequently, there's a critical need for judicial intervention to prohibit these rogue websites from disseminating or communicating any portions of the cricket matches/ Champions Trophy 2025, without proper authorization or licensing from the plaintiff.

27. The dynamic and ever-evolving nature of the digital landscape necessitates that court orders are not static, but evolve in tandem with the technological advancements and challenges posed by the virtual domain. The legal remedies must remain robust and effective in curtailing copyright infringement, particularly, in the fast-paced environment of the internet. Courts must, therefore, be proactive in updating, adapting, and modifying their directions to address these challenges effectively. In the absence of such adaptive legal measures, the rights of intellectual property holders stand at risk of being undermined, rendering their intellectual property rights ineffectual. It is, thus, essential for the legal framework to remain vigilant and responsive to the challenges presented by digital piracy, ensuring that the protections afforded to copyright and intellectual property are not only theoretical, but also enforceable and practical in safeguarding the rights and interests of the rightful owners. In *Universal City Studios (supra)*, this Court has elucidated on this issue, relevant portion whereof, is extracted as under:



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17. **Any injunction granted by a Court of law ought to be effective in nature.** The injunction ought to also not merely extend to content which is past content created prior to the filing of the suit but also to content which may be generated on a day-to-day basis by the Plaintiffs. In a usual case for copyright infringement, the Court firstly identifies the work, determines the Copyright of the Plaintiff in the said work, and thereafter grants an injunction. **However, owing to the nature of the illegalities that rogue websites indulge in, there is a need to pass injunctions which are also dynamic qua the Plaintiffs as well, as it is seen that upon any film or series being released, they may be immediately uploaded on the rogue websites, causing severe and instant monetary loss.** Copyright in future works comes into existence immediately upon the work being created, and Plaintiffs may not be able to approach the Court for each and every film or series that is produced in the future, to secure an injunction against piracy.

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19. **As innovation in technology continues, remedies to be granted also ought to be calibrated by Courts.** This is not to say that in every case, an injunction qua future works can be granted. Such grant of an injunction would depend on the fact situation that arises and is placed before the Court.

20. In the facts and circumstances as set out above, an ex parte ad interim injunction is granted restraining the Defendants, who are all rogue websites, from in any manner streaming, reproducing, distributing, making available to the public and/or communicating to the public any copyrighted content of the Plaintiffs including future works of the Plaintiffs, in which ownership of copyright is undisputed, through their websites identified in the suit or any mirror/redirect websites or alphanumeric variations thereof including those websites which are associated with the Defendants' websites either based on the name, branding, identity or even source of content. **To keep pace with the dynamic nature of the infringement that is undertaken by hydra-headed websites, this Court has deemed it appropriate to issue this 'Dynamic+ injunction' to protect copyrighted works as soon as they are created, to ensure that no irreparable loss is caused to the authors and owners of copyrighted works, as there is an imminent possibility of works being uploaded on rogue websites or their newer versions immediately upon the films/shows/series etc.** The Plaintiffs are permitted to implead any mirror/redirect/alphanumeric variations of the websites identified in the suit as Defendants Nos.1 to 16 including those websites which are associated with the Defendants Nos.1 to 16, either based on the name, branding, identity or even



source of content, by filing an application for impleadment under Order I Rule 10 CPC in the event such websites merely provide new means of accessing the same primary infringing websites that have been enjoined. The Plaintiffs are at liberty to also file an appropriate application seeking protection qua their copyrighted works, including future works, if the need so arises. Upon filing such applications before the Registrar along with an affidavit with sufficient supporting evidence seeking extension of the injunction to such websites, to protect the content of the Plaintiffs, including future works, the injunction shall become operational against the said websites and qua such works. If there is any work in respect of which there is any dispute as to ownership of copyright, an application may be moved by the affected party before the Court, to seek clarification.

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(Emphasis Supplied)

28. In view of the above, given the fact that the plaintiff's digital rights, as acquired from the ICC are not in question, the Court is of the view that the plaintiff has made out a *prima facie* case for grant of an interim injunction. If an injunction is not granted at this stage, irreparable harm would be caused to the plaintiff. Balance of convenience also lies in the favour of the plaintiff. The need for immediate relief is particularly pressing in this case, considering the ODI format of Champions Trophy 2025 matches, which are characterized by their brief duration. The short duration of these matches means that any delay in blocking access to rogue websites, could lead to significant financial losses for the plaintiff, and an irreparable breach of their broadcast reproduction rights. Therefore, swift action to prevent such infringements is crucial to preserving the plaintiff's investment in the broadcasting rights and maintaining their copyright protections.

29. Accordingly, till the next date of hearing, the following directions are issued:

29.1 Defendants nos. 1 to 6, and/or any person acting on their behalf, are



restrained from communicating, hosting, streaming, screening, disseminating or making available for viewing/ downloading, without authorization, any part of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 on any electronic or digital platform, in any manner whatsoever.

29.2 Defendant nos. 7 to 10, i.e., the Domain Name Registrars, are directed to lock and suspend the domain names of defendants no. 1 to 6 within 72 hours of being communicated a copy of this order by the plaintiff. Further, they shall file an affidavit in a sealed cover disclosing the complete details of defendant nos. 1 to 6, as available with them, including e-mail addresses, mobile numbers, contact details and KYC details, within a period of two weeks from date of communication of this order.

29.3 Defendant nos. 11 to 18, i.e. ISPs/ TSPs, are also directed to block the websites of defendants nos. 1 to 6, immediately upon receiving copies of this order from the plaintiff. Defendant nos. 19 and 20 are directed to issue necessary directions to all ISPs and TSPs for blocking/ removing access to these websites.

29.4 During the currency of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025, if any further websites are discovered, which are illegally streaming and communicating content over which the plaintiff has rights, the plaintiff is granted liberty to communicate the details of such websites to the defendant nos. 19 (DoT) and 20 (MeitY), for issuance of blocking orders, and simultaneously to the ISPs for blocking the said websites, so as to ensure that these websites can be blocked on a real time basis and there is no considerable delay. Upon receiving the said intimation from the plaintiff, the ISPs shall take steps to immediately block the rogue websites in question. Likewise, the DoT and MeitY shall also issue necessary blocking orders



immediately upon the plaintiff communicating the details of the websites, which are illegally streaming the ICC Champions Trophy 2025.

29.5 After communicating details of the rogue websites to the concerned authorities, plaintiff shall continue to 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.

29.6 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 unauthorised or illegal dissemination of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 or any other content over which the plaintiff has rights. In such a situation the Court would consider modifying the injunction as the facts and circumstances, so warrant.

30. In the unique facts of this case, plaintiff is permitted to ensure compliance of Order XXXIX Rule 3 of Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 through email, within a period of one week, from today.

31. Reply be filed within four weeks from the date of service. Rejoinder(s) thereto, if any, be filed within a period of two weeks, thereafter.

32. List on 05th May, 2025.

33. Order *Dasti* under Signature of Court Master.

MINI PUSHKARNA, J

FEBRUARY 17, 2025

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URGENT | DOT and MEITY | Third List of Additional Websites for Real – Time Blocking of additional rouge websites in Compliance of the Order dated 17.02.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in Star India Private Limited vs. webcrichd.com & Ors. CS(COMM)- 136/2025

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Dear Sir,

We act on behalf of Star India Private Limited ('Star'), having their offices at Star House, 95 Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Pawel (W), Mumbai- 400013, (hereinafter referred to as "Our Client").

This is regarding immediate and real-time blocking of access to the additional websites identified during the live telecast of the ongoing ICC Champions Trophy 2025 (hereinafter referred to as 'Event').

Our Client instituted the above-captioned Suit against various 'rogue' websites i.e. Defendant Nos. 1-6 before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, *inter alia*, seeking ex-parte ad-interim injunction restraining violation of its exclusive statutory rights in relation to the Event as well as for other reliefs.

Our Client has also arrayed various Domain Name Registrars (Defendant No.7-10), Internet and Telecom Service Providers (ISPs / TSPs), (Defendant No. 11 – 18) as well as the concerned Government departments i.e. Department of Telecommunication (DoT) (Defendant No. 19) and the Ministry of Information and Technology (MEITY) (Defendant No. 20), to ensure effective compliance of any orders that the Hon'ble Delhi High Court was inclined to pass.

You would recall that in the captioned matter, Hon'ble Ms. Mini Pushkarna of the Delhi High Court was pleased to issue the following directions on 17.02.2025:

"29. Accordingly, till the next date of hearing, the following directions are issued:

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In light of the above, the list of additional rogue websites discovered till date during the live broadcast of the Event is attached herewith. These websites are illegally streaming and communicating the Event over which Our Client has exclusive rights.

You are hereby requested to comply with the order dated 17.02.2025 by immediately issuing notification to all the ISPs to block access to the identified rogue websites during the course of the match, on a real-time basis so that there is no delay.

For your convenience, the Order dated 17.02.2025 is re-attached herewith.

List of the additional websites is also enclosed herewith and the evidence against the websites is available in the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/193TWMH6PNkyAYCxBqD29DokfsoExLnZC?usp=sharing>

You are hereby requested to confirm immediate compliance of the Order dated 17.02.2025 by issuing notification to all the ISPs.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please feel free to reach out to the following: priyansh@saikrishnaassociates.com

Please acknowledge a safe receipt.

Sincerely,
Priyansh Kohli
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI
(ORDINARY ORIGINAL COMMERCIAL JURISDICTION)
CS (COMM) NO. OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF:

Star India Private Limited ...Plaintiff

Versus

webcrichd.com & Ors. ...Defendants

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...Plaintiff

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Email: ab578020cf9c4e84b84884e29f8739e5.protect@withheldforprivacy.com,
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 8. PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com
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20. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

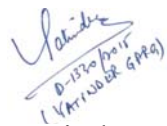
Through the Director General (DIT) Cyber Laws & e-security),
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Date: 14th February 2025

NOTE: Defendant No. 1 along with the Defendant Nos. 2 to 5 are the main
contesting parties.



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.