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**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-09/2024-DS-II

Dated:25-03-2025

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

Subject: CS(COMM) 187 of 2024: Viacom18 Media Private Limited Vs. HTTPS://MHDTVSPORTS.NL & Ors. before Hon'ble Delhi High Court.

Kindly find enclosed the Hon'ble Delhi High Court order dated**01.03.2024** on the subject matter.

2. Please refer to the **para 12(d) & 12(e)** of the said court order in respect of blocking of websites [**5 nos**] enumerated in the 2nd List of Additional websites provided by the plaintiff.

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

Encl: A/A

Digitally signed by
SHASHI KUMAR
Date: 25-03-2025
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Director (DS-II)
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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 with request to take action as per the Annexure.
- ii.) Mr. Priyansh Kohli (priyansh@saikrishnaassociates.com), Plaintiff's Counsel for kind information and 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) 187/2024, I.A. 4927/2024, I.A. 4928/2024, I.A. 4929/2024 & I.A. 4930/2024

VIACOM 18 MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED Plaintiff
Through: Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Yatinder
Garg, Mr. Sanidhya Maheshwari and
Mr. Priyansh Kohli, Advs.
versus

HTTPS://MHDTVSPORTS.NL & ORS. Defendants
Through:

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANISH DAYAL

ORDER
01.03.2024

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I.A. 4928/2024 (Exemption from filing clearer copies)

1. Exemption is granted, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Applicant shall file legible, clear, and original copies of the documents on which the applicant may seek to place reliance within four weeks from today or before the next date of hearing, whichever is earlier.
3. Accordingly, the present application is disposed of.

I.A. 4929/2024 (Exemption from issuing notice to defendant nos. 20, 23, 27 and 28)

1. This is an application seeking exemption from serving notice under Section 80 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (“CPC”) to defendant nos. 20, 23, 27, and 28.



2. Exemption is granted.
3. Application stands disposed of.

I.A. 4930/2024 (Seeking leave to file additional documents)

1. The present application has been filed on behalf of plaintiff under Order 11 Rule 1(4) of the CPC as applicable to commercial suits under the Commercial Courts Act, 2015 seeking to place on record additional documents.
2. Plaintiff, if it wishes to file additional documents at a later stage, shall do so strictly as per the provisions of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015 and the Delhi High Court (Original Side) Rules, 2018.
3. Accordingly, the present application is disposed of.

CS(COMM) 187/2024

1. Let the plaint be registered as a suit.
2. Upon filing of process fee, issue summons to defendants by all permissible modes. Summons shall state that written statement(s) be filed by defendants within 30 days from the date of receipt of summons. Along with the written statement(s), defendants shall also file affidavit(s) of admission/denial of the documents of the plaintiff, without which the written statements shall not be taken on record. Liberty is given to plaintiff to file a replication within 30 days of the receipt of written statement(s). Along with the replication, if any, filed by plaintiff, affidavit(s) of admission/denial of documents filed by defendants, be filed by plaintiff, without which the replication(s) 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.

3. List before the Joint Registrar for marking of exhibits on 06th May, 2024.
4. It is made clear that any party unjustifiably denying documents would be liable to be burdened with costs.

I.A. 4927/2024 (under Order XXXIX Rule 1 and 2 CPC)

1. This application has been filed under Order XXXIX Rule 1 and 2 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (“**CPC**”) as part of the accompanying suit seeking a decree for permanent injunction for restraining defendant nos.1-10 (termed as “**rogue websites**”), and all those acting for and on their behalf, from posting, streaming, broadcasting, transmitting and making available for viewing and downloading, providing access to the public in any manner whatsoever, plaintiff’s broadcast content in relation to WPL 2024 - Women’s Premier League 2024 (*branded as TATA WPL 2024*) (“**WPL content**”), the ongoing league for women’s cricket in India and not to infringe plaintiff’s broadcast and reproduction rights in relation to the said live sports content.
2. Plaintiff is an Indian company with its registered office at Mumbai, and is a leading broadcaster in India and owns several general entertainment and sports channels including Colors, Sports 18 1 SD, Sports18 1 HD, Sports 18 Khel, MTV, MTV Beats, Nick, Nick Jr, Teen Nick, Sonic VH1, Comedy Central, Colors Infinity, Colors Rishtey, Colors Cineplex, Colors Cineplex Superhits, Colors Tamil, Colors Kannada Cinema, Colors Bangla Cinema etc. which are broadcasted in more than 130 countries that reach out to more than 150 million viewers every day.
3. The channels are distributed in India through TV18 Broadcast Limited



and the business is operated through their division “Viacom18 Studios”. Plaintiff also owns the OTT platform “JioCinema”.

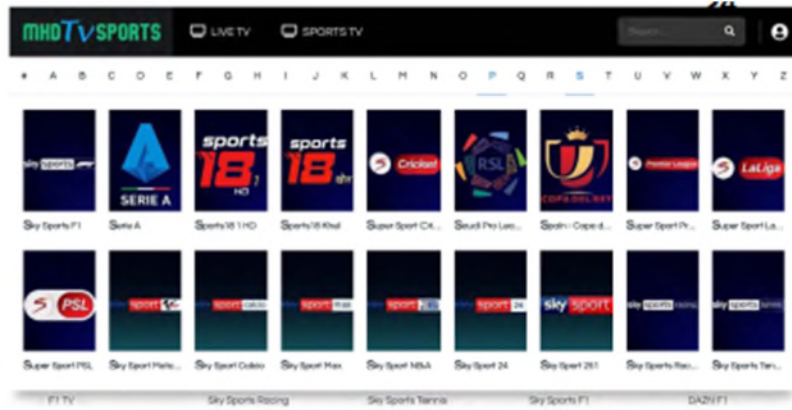
4. Plaintiff acquired rights in several sporting events *inter alia* in the Indian Premier League organised by Board of Control for Cricket in India (“BCCI”) and the WPL. They also own licence for other major sporting events in India and abroad.

5. Plaintiff’s counsel points out to letter dated 07th February, 2023 issued by the BCCI confirming the rights of plaintiff in WPL for Seasons 2023-2027; the rights include television and digital rights, internet and mobile rights, mobile activation rights, audio rights etc.

6. As per Section 37 of the Copyright Act, 1957, plaintiff will naturally own the broadcast production right in the said content to which it has license. WPL 2024 commenced on 23rd February, 2024 and will conclude on 17th March, 2024. Live broadcasts of the cricket matches are already underway since the commencement of the league and are being broadcasted on a regular basis. Extensive investments are made in order to exploit the exclusive rights in WPL including its dissemination on various platforms of plaintiff.

7. Plaintiff’s grievance relates to various websites which are engaged in making available to the public, in an unauthorised and unlicensed manner, this WPL content through the medium of the internet and mobile transmission. Plaintiff’s content is available to its authorised television and internet subscribers; however, these rogue websites are making available online WPL content without obtaining any licence or authorisation.

8. Counsel for plaintiff has drawn attention to various screenshots of the content displayed on these rogue websites, which is dispositive of the unlicensed use of the WPL content. The screenshots are as under:



UK Sports



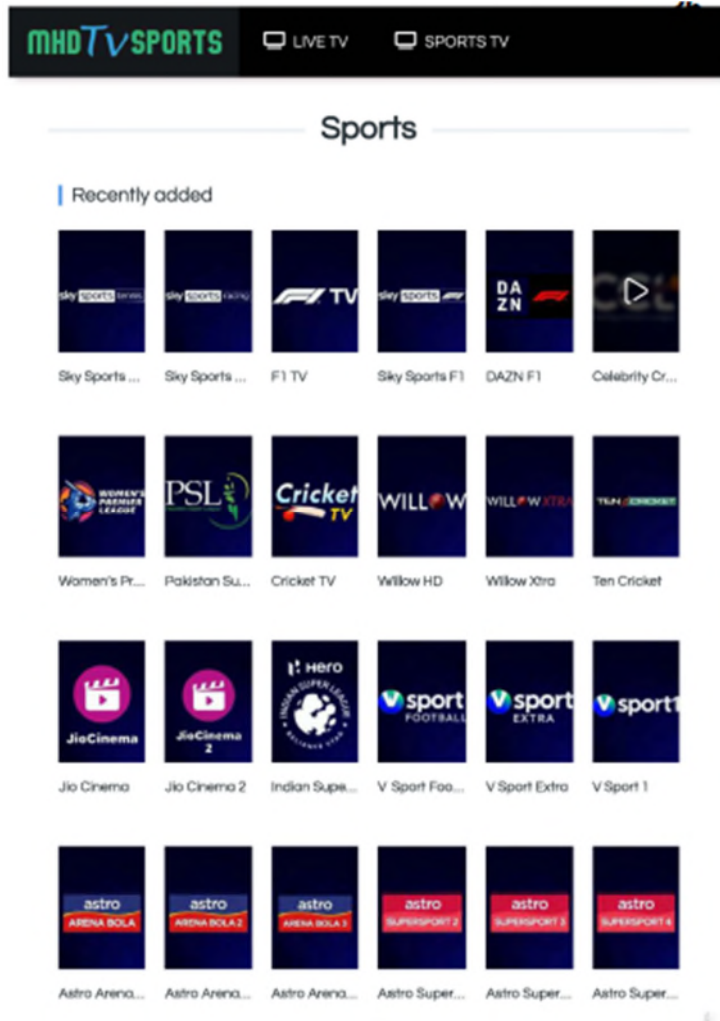
Italian Sports



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9. It is noted that any unauthorised broadcast and piracy of a live event which is, in essence, a perishable commodity, causes severe damage to plaintiff's revenues as well as goodwill and reputation in the market, considering that it is not only the content which is critical but also the quality of dissemination in the service provided to the consumer of such content.

10. The list of *rogue websites* providing the said content has been provided by the plaintiff, as under:

S.No.	LIST OF WEBSITES
1.	https://mhdtvsports.nl
2.	https://crichd.today/
3.	https://cricwld.live
4.	https://thesports1.stream
5.	https://kipp.superlive77.cfd
6.	https://thehomesport.com
7.	https://worldsports.me
8.	https://hd.star1.live
9.	https://claplivehdplay.ru/
10.	https://web.star1.live

11. It is *prima facie* evident from the documents placed on record that the WPL content in which rights are owned by plaintiff are being used without licence and without authority by these rogue websites. Based on these facts and circumstances, this Court is satisfied that plaintiff has made out a *prima facie* case for grant of an *ex parte ad interim* injunction till the next date of hearing. Balance of convenience lies in favour of plaintiff, and plaintiff is



likely to suffer irreparable harm in case the *ad interim* injunction, as prayed for, is not granted.

12. Accordingly, till the next date of hearing, an *ex parte ad interim* dynamic injunction is passed against defendants in the following terms:

- a. Defendant nos.1-10 are restrained from communicating, posting, streaming, and making available for viewing and downloading, without authorisation on their websites/platforms, through the medium of the internet or email or any other manner whatsoever, plaintiff's content in relation to the Women's Premier League 2024 and not infringe plaintiff's exclusive rights and broadcast reproduction rights.
- b. Defendant nos.11-18 (*the Domain Name Registrars who have registered defendant nos.1-10 domains*) shall lock, suspend and deactivate the domain name registrations of defendant nos.1-10. It is directed that defendant nos.11-18 shall disclose complete details, including name, address, email, phone number and IP address of defendant nos.1-10, the mode of payment, with payment details used for registration of the domain names of defendant nos.1-10 on affidavit which would be filed within a period of three weeks from today.
- c. Defendant nos.19-26 (*Internet Service Providers 'ISPs', which are responsible for the carriage of the internet in India*) shall block access to various websites identified as defendant nos.1-10 as listed above in para 9. Endeavour will be made to block the websites as soon as possible considering, in particular, that the content in question is of a live event.



- d. Defendant nos. 27 (*Department of Telecommunications*) and 28 (*Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology*) shall issue official communications/notifications to various ISP's and Telecom Service Providers to block access to the websites of defendant nos.1-10 as provided in para 9 above.
- e. In the event plaintiff comes across any other infringing website carrying such infringing WPL content, they shall be at liberty to communicate, including through email to the concerned domain/website, DNRs (*the Domain Name Registrars who have registered the new rogue websites/domains*), ISPs, DoT and MEITY and directions passed in para 12(a), 12(b), 12(c), 12(d) above will equally apply, respectively, to the said entities. In case any of these entities have any reservation relating to the said communication made by plaintiff, they shall be at liberty to revert to plaintiff, who shall be at liberty to approach this Court.
- f. Plaintiff shall file, within 24 hours of sending any such communication to any new domain/websites, an affidavit before this Court giving a list of those websites which they have so communicated as well as supporting documents in relation to the same.
- g. Plaintiff shall also file an application under Order 1 Rule 10 of the CPC to bring such infringing websites on record as parties within a period of three weeks thereafter. The said application can be listed before the Joint Registrar for suitable directions in that regard.
10. On steps being taken by plaintiff, issue notice to defendants through all permissible modes including speed post, courier and email.



11. Reply, if any, be filed within four weeks with advance copy to counsel for plaintiff, who may file rejoinder thereto, if so desired, before, the next date of hearing.
12. Compliance with Order XXXIX Rule 3 of the CPC be effected within one week.
13. List on 22nd July, 2024.
14. Order be uploaded on the website of this Court.

ANISH DAYAL, J

MARCH 1, 2024/MK

IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI
(ORDINARY ORIGINAL COMMERCIAL JURISDICTION)
CS (COMM) NO. OF 2024

IN THE MATTER OF:

Viacom18 Media Private Limited ...Plaintiff

Versus

<https://mhdtvsports.nl> & Ors. ...Defendants

MEMO OF PARTIES

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...Plaintiff

Versus

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Email: mhdtvworld@gmail.com
2. <https://crichd.today/>
Email: abuse@namecheap.com
3. <https://cricwld.live>
Email: arfinnby@gmail.com, abuse@hostinger.com
4. <https://thesports1.stream>
Email: abuse@namecheap.com



5. <https://kipp.superlive77.cfd>
Email: abuse@namesilo.com
6. <https://thehomesport.com>
Email: abuse@godaddy.com
7. <https://worldsports.me>
Email: admin@worldsports.me
8. <https://hd.star1.live>
Email: legal@ucaster.eu
abuse@dynadot.com
9. <https://claplivehdplay.ru/>
Email: gblicense.co.uk+copyright@gmail.com
10. <https://web.star1.live>
Email: abuse@dynadot.com
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Sudhir.shetye@hathway.net
23. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.
5th Floor, Mahanagar Doorsanchar Sadan
9, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road
New Delhi – 110003
Email: raco.mtnl@gmail.com; mtnlcsc@gmail.com;
gmracomtnl@gmail.com
24. Shyam Spectra Pvt. Ltd.
Plot No. 258,



Okhla Industrial Estate, Phase III,
New Delhi – 110020

Also, at:

Plot No. 21-22, 3rd Floor,
Udyog Vihar, Phase IV,
Gurugram – 122015

Email: info@spectra.co; compliance@spectra.co

25. Tata Teleservices Ltd.

A, E & F Blocks Voltas Premises – T.B. Kadam Marg
Chinchpokli, Mumbai – 400033

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26. Vodafone Idea Limited

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28. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
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29. Ashok Kumar(s) ...Defendants

Yatinder
D-1330/2015
Yatinder Garg

Yatinder Garg | Sanidhya Maheshwari | Priyansh Kohli
D/1330/2015 | (D/5451/2020 | D/2514/2022

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Date: 28 February 2024

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NOTE: Defendant No.1 along with the Defendant Nos. 2 to 10 are
the main contesting parties.



Websites

https://ar.vipleague.pm/

https://crichype.fun/

https://cricweb.vip/

https://es.qatarstreams.me/

https://streamendous.online/

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.