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

+ **CS(COMM) 332/2025 & I.As. 9311/2025, 17003/2025, 22660/2025**

FASHNEAR TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED Plaintiff

Through: **Mr. Prithvi Singh and Mr. Rohan
Krishna Seth, Advocates**

versus

JOHN DOE/S AND ORS

.....Defendants

Through: **Mr. Mrinal Ojha, Mr. Debarshi Dutta
and Mr. Nikhil Gupta, Advocates for
D-2**

**Mr. Chandrashekhar A. Chakalabbi
and Mr. Jatin Kumar, Advocates for
D-9/ICICI Bank (Through VC)**

**Mr. Arjun Harkauli, Mr. Mayank M.
Mukherjee and Mr. Ujjwal Singh,
Advocates for D-14**

**Mr. Varun Pathak, Ms. Ameer Rana,
Mr. Thejesh Rajendran and Ms.
Charu Sharma, Advocates for D-18**

**Mr. Gaurav Barathi, SPC & Mr.
Rahul Kumar Sharma, Govt. Pleader
for D-19 & 20**

**Mr. Ashish Gupta, Advocate for
Vodafone (Through VC)**

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA

ORDER

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22.09.2025

I.A. 22660/2025 (Under Order XXXIX Rule 4 CPC)

1. This is an application filed under Order XXXIX Rule 4 read with Section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 ('CPC') on behalf of the



defendant no. 18 [Meta Platforms] to vacate, set aside or modify the ex-parte ad-interim order dated 09.04.2025.

2. Mr. Varun Pathak, learned counsel for the applicant states that applicant requires a modification in the direction issued at paragraph 39(g) of the injunction order dated 09.04.2025.

3. After some arguments, with the consent of the plaintiff and applicant/defendant no. 18, the direction at paragraph 39(g) is modified to read as under: -

“g. Defendant no.18 (Meta Platforms, Inc.) is directed to block/ remove/ delete all posts, Ads, profiles, and pages annexed as Document A with the plaint. Defendant no.10 is also directed to block/ remove/ delete any other post, Ad, profile and/ or page, **which is the subject matter of the present suit**, as may be notified to the said Defendant by the plaintiff (along with the supporting proof), as hosted on its social media platforms Facebook and Instagram.”

4. The addition is highlighted in bold. With the aforesaid modification which is marked in bold, the application stands disposed of.

I.A. 17003/2025 (Under Order I Rule 10(2) CPC)

5. This is an application filed under Order I Rule 10 (2) CPC by the defendant no. 15/Reliance Jio Info. Comm Pvt. Ltd. seeking its deletion from the array of parties.

6. Learned counsel for the non-applicant/plaintiff states that the applicant/defendant no. 15 has complied with the directions issued in the injunction order dated 09.04.2025 and they can be exempted at this stage of the hearing. However, the plaintiff is in the process of seeking further directions against third parties and defendant no. 15 may be a proper party.

7. None appears for the applicant.



8. This application will be taken up for consideration on the next date of hearing.

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9. The present suit has been instituted seeking permanent and mandatory injunction against various websites alleged to be illegally streaming content owned by the plaintiff in violation of its exclusive broadcasting rights.

Deletion of defendant no. 14

10. Learned counsel for the defendant no. 14 states that defendant no. 14 has complied with the injunction order dated 09.04.2025 at paragraph 39(e), filed an affidavit of compliance and provided the details of the banks/ payment service provider, which are linked with the UPI IDs.

11. He states that however, the bank accounts per se cannot be blocked by the defendant no. 14 and the direction of blocking the accounts can only be complied with by the concerned bank, where the account is held.

12. He further clarifies that defendant no. 14 is neither a proper nor a necessary party.

13. He states that in each of the UPI links available with the Plaintiff, the name of the bank/payment service provider is ex-facie evident and those are the proper and necessary party.

14. The statement of defendant no. 14 is taken on record. Their affidavit is already on record. This Court has perused the list of UPI Ids and the documents annexed with this affidavit.

15. The submission of defendant no. 14 that the name of the bank and/or the payment service provider is reflected in the UPI Ids is evident and duly noted. The plaintiff can accordingly implead the bank in which the account is held vis-à-vis the defendants.



16. Defendant no. 14 is hereby deleted from the array of parties.

17. Let the amended memo of parties be filed.

Directions of exemption qua defendant nos. 2, 13, 16, 18, 19 and 20

18. Learned counsel for the defendant nos. 13, 16, 18, 19 and 20 state that they have complied with the injunction order dated 09.04.2025 and filed their respective compliance affidavits. They seek exemption from further appearance.

19. Learned counsel for defendant no. 2 states that defendant no. 2 has written an e-mail informing the plaintiff for the compliance. He as well seeks exemption from further appearance.

20. In view of the aforesaid submissions, defendant nos. 2, 13, 16, 18, 19 and 20 are exempted from the appearance.

21. In case, the plaintiff requires any further directions against these defendants, it will be at liberty to serve notice through the counsels, who have already entered appearance.

22. List the matter before the Ld. Joint Registrar (J) for completion of service and pleadings on **04.11.2025**.

23. List the matter before the Court for case management hearing on **16.02.2026**.

MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA, J
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025/rhc/IB