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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **CS(COMM) 889/2025**
RAVI SHANKAR

.....Plaintiff

Through: Mr. Pranav Sarthi (VC),
Advocate

Versus

JOHN DOE(S) / ASHOK KUMAR(S) & ORS.

.....Defendant

Through: Mr. Chetanya Puri, SPC (VC),
Advocate for D-2 & 3

Mr. Yash Karunakaran,
Mr. Tanuj Sharma, Advocates
for D-4

Ms. Shivani Choudhary,
Mr. Pradyumn Sharma,
Advocates for D-5

CORAM:
JOINT REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL) Dr. AJAY GULATI

ORDER
15.10.2025

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I.A. No. 20794/2025 (seeking discovery and disclosure).

1. Notice in the present IA was issued to defendant nos. 4 to 6 to provide certain details of the registrants. Ld. Counsel for the plaintiff has confirmed that defendant nos. 4 and 5 have supplied the necessary details. There is however no appearance on behalf of defendant no. 6 nor has it supplied any information to ld. Counsel for the plaintiff. It however appears that defendant no. 6 is yet to be served with the notice of the present IA since service report is still awaited. Put up again for further proceedings.



I.A. No. 20793/2025 (under Order XXXIX Rule 1 and 2 CPC).

2. Defendant nos. 2 to 6 were given certain directions by the Hon'ble Court.

3. Ld. Counsel for defendant nos. 2 & 3 i.e. DoT & MEITY submits that as per instructions received, the websites which were required to be blocked, have been blocked (as highlighted in *para* 39.5 of the order dated 26.08.2025). Ld. Counsel has highlighted that a communication has been addressed in this regard to Ld. Counsel for the plaintiff. Ld. Counsel for defendant no. 2 & 3 is directed to file a compliance affidavit within four weeks.

4. Ld. Counsel for defendant no. 4 submits that directions given to defendant no. 4, as contained in *para* 39.2 and 39.3 of the order dated 26.08.2025 have been and are being complied with on a continuous basis, which fact has been confirmed by Ld. Counsel for the plaintiff.

5. Ld. Counsel for defendant no. 5 GoDaddy submits that directions passed regarding supply of registrant details of the concerned IP addresses have been complied with. However, defendant no. 5 is unable to lock and suspend the concerned domain names for the reason that registrant is residing in US.

6. There is no appearance on behalf of defendant no. 6 to which also directions similar to those of defendant no. 5, were given. However, there is no service report regarding defendant no. 6 as the same is still awaited. Put up again.

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7. Defendant no. 1 is a John Doe. Although summons were issued to defendant nos. 2 to 6, Hon'ble Court has not issued



directions for filing of written statement by these defendants.

8. Defendant no. 7 has been subsequently impleaded. However, defendant no. 7 is yet to be served as PF has not been filed. Defendant no. 7 is a DNR.

9. Summons on behalf of defendant nos. 2 to 4 were accepted before the Hon'ble Court. Defendant no. 5 has put in appearance today and is thus deemed to have been served today. Service report of defendant no. 6 is awaited.

10. Ld. Counsel for defendant no. 4 submits that in compliance of the directions passed in *para* 30 of the order dated 26.08.2025, an affidavit has been filed providing the details of the persons / entities associated with the accounts / websites / URLs mentioned in *para* 44 of the plaint. The said affidavit however is under objections but a copy of the same has been received by Id. Counsel for the plaintiff.

11. Ld. Counsel for defendant no. 5 submits that in compliance of the directions passed in *para* 30, the details of the persons / entities associated with the accounts / websites / URLs mentioned in *para* 44 of the plaint has been shared with Id. Counsel for the plaintiff. Affidavit in this regard is yet to be filed. The same be filed within two weeks.

12. There is no appearance on behalf of defendant no. 6 to which similar directions were given. Service report regarding defendant no. 6 is still awaited.

13. Put up for completion of pleadings / further proceedings on 02.02.2026.

Dr. AJAY GULATI
(DHJS),

JOINT REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL)

OCTOBER 15, 2025/sk