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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:

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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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