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

+ **CS(COMM) 65/2026**

T.V.TODAY NETWORK LIMITED

.....Plaintiff

Through: Mr. Shahrukh Ejaj, Mr. Ganiul
Hakim & Mr. Abhijeet Yashswi,
Advs. (Mobile No. 7838390214)

versus

BNP FINNEST HILDINGS LTD

.....Defendant

Through: None.

**CORAM:
JOINT REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL) SH. SUMIT
DALAL**

**ORDER
13.07.2026**

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1. Presently, it is 12:43 PM. This is the second call since morning. The first call was made at 11:15 AM.
2. On both calls, learned counsel for the plaintiff has appeared. However, none has appeared on behalf of the defendant.
3. Considering the heavy board, it is not possible to grant a pass over. The Court has waited sufficiently for the appearance of the defendant.
4. Perusal of the order dated 23.03.2026 reveals that the defendant could not be served through email and WhatsApp on the U.K. mobile number. However, the defendant was held to have been served through WhatsApp on the Indian mobile number on 25.02.2026.
5. The said order also records the appearance of Mr.



Nishant Kumar and Mr. Ashish Kumar, learned counsel for the defendant, along with their mobile numbers and email addresses. Paragraph 2 of the said order records that the learned counsel had appeared on behalf of the defendant on instructions and had undertaken to file the vakalatnama shortly. A request was also made for supply of the complete paper book, which was not opposed. Accordingly, directions were issued to the plaintiff to supply the complete paper book through WhatsApp and email. It was further clarified that the period of limitation for filing the written statement would commence from 25.02.2026.

6. On the subsequent date of hearing before the Hon'ble Court, i.e., 07.05.2026, appearances were recorded on behalf of the defendant through Mr. Gaurav Prakash Pathak, Mr. Nishant Kumar and Mr. Ashish Kumar. However, Mr. Gaurav Prakash Pathak submitted that he was appearing only because he had been served through WhatsApp and that he had no instructions to appear on behalf of the defendant.
7. Today, learned counsel for the plaintiff submits that the directions contained in the order dated 23.03.2026 regarding supply of the complete paper book through WhatsApp and email have already been duly complied with.
8. The apparent inconsistency between the statements made on behalf of the defendant before this Court on 23.03.2026 and before the Hon'ble Court on 07.05.2026 could not be clarified today, as none has appeared on behalf of the defendant despite repeated



calls and sufficient verification.

9. Accordingly, the Court proceeds further.
10. The defendant already stood served on 25.02.2026. The outer limit of 120 days for filing the written statement has also expired. Despite the same, no written statement has been filed till date.
11. Accordingly, the right of the defendant to file the written statement is hereby closed.
12. List before the Hon'ble Court for further directions on **17.08.2026.**

SUMIT DALAL
JOINT REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL)

JULY 13, 2026/nk