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Dated: 05-04-2022

Government of India Ministry of Communications Department of Telecommunications Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110 001 (Data Services Cell)

No. 813-07/LM-37/2021-DS-II

To,

All Internet Service Licensee's

Subject: CS (COMM) No. 605 of 2021; Universal City Studios LLC & Ors. v/s dramacool.news & Ors. before Hon'ble Delhi High Court.

In continuation to Department of Telecommunication even no. letter dated 04.12.2021, kindly find the enclosed Hon'ble Delhi High Court order dated 21st March 2022 & 26th November, 2021 in the subject matter court case C.S.(Comm) No. 605 of 2021 along with list of websites of defendant no. 38 to 46 for compliance. Wherein DoT is defendants No. 35 in the case.

- 2. Hon'ble Court in order dated 26th November, 2021 has, inter alia, directed that:
 - 8. In view of above, the plaintiff has made out a prima facie case and in case the defendants are not restrained ex parte, the plaintiffs shall suffer irreparable loss and injury.
 - 9. Accordingly, till the next date of hearing, the defendants are restrained in terms of prayers No.5(i) to 5(iii) of the injunction application.
 - 11. The defendants No.26 to 36 shall take immediate steps to comply with above order.
- 3. As per Injunction application prayer No. 5(iii) is following:
 - 5. In light of the foregoing, it is most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to:
 - i. Pass an order directing the Defendant Nos. 35 and 36, to issue a notification calling upon the various internet and telecom service providers registered under it to block access to the Defendant Nos. 1-25 websites identified by the Plaintiffs in the instant suit (and such other mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites discovered to provide additional means of accessing the Defendant Websites, and other domains/domain along with their subdomains and subdirectories, owners/website operators/entities which are discovered to have been engaging in infringing the Plaintiffs' exclusive rights);
- 4. Hon'ble Court in order dated 21st March, 2022 has, inter alia, directed that:
 - 6. In the present case, plaintiff has averred specifically in para no.2 of the application that the proposed defendant no. 38 to 46 are the

mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites of the already injuncted websites. An affidavit of AR of the plaintiff is annexed with the application. Technical affidavit of Investigator, along with screenshots reflecting the proposed defendants as mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites is also annexed. There is no reason to disbelieve the affidavits filed by the plaintiff

- 8. The plaintiff, by way of this application also prays that the ex parte ad interim injunction qua defendant no. 1 to 37 be extended against the newly impleaded defendants as well. The Hon'ble Court, vide order dated 26/11/2021, granted ex-parte injunction and directions in favour of the plaintiff in terms of prayer para 5 (i), prayer para 5 (ii) and prayer para 5 (iii) of IA 15473/2021 wherein the plaintiff had sought temporary injunction and directions not only against the existing defendants no.1 to 37 but also against other mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites discovered to provide additional means of accessing the infringing websites. On attention of learned counsel for the plaintiff having been invited to the said directions of Hon'ble Court, it is submitted that the relief sought in the captioned IA, except the relief regarding impleadment, has already been granted.
- 5. Accordingly, in view of the above, all the Internet Service licensees are hereby notified to take immediate necessary action for compliance of the court orders dated 21st March 2022 & 26th November, 2021 with respect to websites of defendant no. 38 to 46.

Encl: A/A

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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

+ CS(COMM) 605/2021

UNIVERSAL CITY STUDIOS LLC AND ORS

.....Plaintiff

Through: Mr. Sanidhya Rao, Ms. Disha Sharma

& Ms. Suhasini Raina, Advs.

versus

DRAMACOOL.NEWS AND ORS

....Defendant

Through: Mr. Ajay Digpaul, CGSC with Ms.

Pinky Yadav & Mr. Kamal Digpaul,

Advs. for UOI/D-35 & 36. None for D-1 to D-34.

CORAM:

- 1. It is submitted that the main matter is coming up on 24/05/2022.
- 2. File is taken up on listing of the below mentioned IAs.

I.A.No.4298/2022 (under Section 151 CPC filed by the plaintiff seeking exemption from filing clearer/certified/proper/translated copies of the documents with proper margin) 17261/2021 (under Section 151 CPC)

- 1. Heard.
- 2. Exemption is allowed subject to just exceptions.
- 3. Let the certified/clearer/proper/translated/original copies of documents with proper margins, be filed within four weeks in case

any objection has been raised by the Registry in this regard.

4. IA stands disposed off.

I.A.No.4297/2022 (under Order I Rule 10 CPC filed by the plaintiff)

- 1. Heard.
- 2. By way of this application the plaintiff seeks to implead 9 websites, details of which are given in para no.2 of the application, as defendant no.38 to 46, on the ground that these are merely additional mirror/redirect/alphanumeric variations of the already injuncted defendants no.1 to 25 websites which are involved in infringement of copyrighted material of the plaintiff. The proposed defendants are hydra headed websites which merely provide a new means of accessing the same primary infringing websites that have been injuncted.
- 3. The plaintiff has annexed technical affidavit of the Investigator with screen shots in support of the claim that the proposed defendant no. 38 to 46 are the additional mirror/redirect/alphanumeric variations of the already injuncted websites.
- 4. Learned counsel for the plaintiff has relied upon the judgment of Hon'ble High Court in 'UTV Software Communication Ltd. and Anr. Vs. 1337x.to & Ors'. CS (COMM) 724/2017 in support of her contentions and argued that in view of the aforesaid decision the mirror/redirect/alphanumeric variations of the already injuncted websites are ought to be impleaded and no notice is required to be issued to them.

- 5. In the judgment relied upon by learned counsel for the plaintiff, the Hon'ble High Court had permitted the plaintiffs therein to implead the mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites under Order I Rule 10 CPC in the event they merely provide new means of accessing the same primary infringing websites.
- 6. In the present case, plaintiff has averred specifically in para no.2 of the application that the proposed defendant no. 38 to 46 are the mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites of the already injuncted websites. An affidavit of AR of the plaintiff is annexed with the application. Technical affidavit of Investigator, along with screenshots reflecting the proposed defendants as mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites is also annexed. There is no reason to disbelieve the affidavits filed by the plaintiff.
- 7. In view of the averments made in the application and the decision of Hon'ble Court in 'UTV Software' (supra) the proposed defendant websites are impleaded as defendant no. 38 to 46. The amended memo of parties filed with the application is taken on record.
- 8. The plaintiff, by way of this application also prays that the exparte ad interim injunction qua defendant no. 1 to 37 be extended against the newly impleaded defendants as well. The Hon'ble Court, vide order dated 26/11/2021, granted ex-parte injunction and directions in favour of the plaintiff in terms of prayer para 5 (i), prayer para 5 (ii) and prayer para 5 (iii) of IA 15473/2021 wherein the plaintiff had sought temporary injunction and directions not only against the existing defendants no.1 to 37 but

also against other mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites discovered to provide additional means of accessing the infringing websites. On attention of learned counsel for the plaintiff having been invited to the said directions of Hon'ble Court, it is submitted that the relief sought in the captioned IA, except the relief regarding impleadment, has already been granted.

- 9. Impleadment having been allowed by way of today's order, nothing more survives in the present application.
- 10. The IA accordingly stands disposed off in aforesaid terms.

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Summons of the suit be issued to the newly impleaded defendants no.38 to 46, by e-mail, returnable for the date already fixed i.e. 24th May, 2022.

JYOTI KLER (DHJS) JOINT REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL)

MARCH 21, 2022/nk

Click here to check corrigendum, if any

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UNIVERSAL CITY STUDIOS LLC AND ORS Plaintiffs

Through: Mr.Sidharth Chopra, Ms.Suhasini

Raina, Ms.Disha Sharma, Ms.Surabhi

Pande and Ms.Sanidhya Rao,

Advocates.

versus

DRAMACOOL.NEWS AND ORS

..... Defendants

Through: None.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YOGESH KHANNA

ORDER

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26.11.2021

I.A. Nos. 15474/2021 and 15476/2021

- 1. Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
- 2. The application/s stand disposed of.

CS(COMM) 605/2021, I.A. Nos. 15473/2021 and 15475/2021

- 3. Plaintiffs have filed this suit for permanent injunction for infringing the plaintiffs' exclusive rights, copyright, rendition of accounts and damages etc against the defendants.
- 4. Summons of the suit and notice of applications be issued to the defendants through all modes/email and whatsapp returnable on 10.03.2022 before the learned Joint Registrar.
- 5. It is alleged the plaintiffs No.1to 6 are a leading global entertainment companies engaged in the business of creation, production, distribution of motion pictures / cinematograph films. The plaintiffs have exclusive rights to communicate their contents. No other entity can, without authorization from the Plaintiff, upload, stream, make available for download, communicate to the public the plaintiffs' content i.e. films and series etc.

- 6. The plaintiffs have further observed that the defendants No.1-25 ("Rogue Websites") herein are engaged in primarily and substantially making available for the public hosting/download/streaming/communicating the plaintiff's content without authorisation.
- The defendants No.26 34 are Internet Service Providers which are 7. being arrayed for the limited purpose of blocking / restricting access to the rogue websites identified in the present suit or any other website(s). defendants No.35-36 are Department of Telecommunication and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology respectively which are government department and being arrayed for the limited purpose of issuing notification calling upon the internet and telecom service providers to block access to the Rogue Defendants' websites identified in the present suit, as also such other websites which are subsequently discovered to be infringing the rights of the plaintiff. The defendant No. 37 is "Ashok Kumar(s)". No formal relief has been sought against the Defendant Nos.26-36. The defendants No.1-25 are anonymous websites and their details of owners are hidden or are forged /inaccurate. These websites are vehicles of infringement and engaged in flagrant violation of the Intellectual Property Rights of the plaintiffs, hence the present suit. To prove the allegations of infringement of plaintiffs' exclusive right in its contents, the plaintiffs have also filed various documents on record.
- 8. In view of above, the plaintiff has made out a *prima facie* case and in case the defendants are not restrained *ex parte*, the plaintiffs shall suffer irreparable loss and injury.
- 9. Accordingly, till the next date of hearing, the defendants are restrained in terms of prayers No.5(i) to 5(iii) of the injunction application.

- 10. Compliance of Order 39 Rule 3 of the CPC be made within ten days.
- 11. The defendants No.26 to 36 shall take immediate steps to comply with above order.
- 12. Upon completion of service/pleadings, the matter be listed before this Court.
- 13. Order *dasti*.

YOGESH KHANNA, J

NOVEMBER 26, 2021

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URL of New Mirror/Redirect/ Alphanumeric Variation of Injuncted Website	Domain Name of Mirror/Redirect/ Alphanumeric Variation of Injuncted Website
https://primewire.top	primewire.top
https://www.primewire.li	primewire.li
https://www.watchonlinemovies50.com.pk	watchonlinemovies77.com.pk
http://moviesmanha24.com	moviesmanha24.com
https://www.dramacool9.co	dramacool9.co
https://dramacool.bz	dramacool.bz
https://dramacool.pk	dramacool.pk
https://dramacool.ac	dramacool.ac
https://hurawatch.it	hurawatch.it

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