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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-21/2021-DS-II Dated: 07-11-2022

To,

All Internet Service Licensee's

Subject: CS (COMM) No. 228 of 2021; Bajaj Finance Limited v. Registrant of www.baiai-finserve.org & Ors., before Hon'ble Delhi High Court

Kindly find the enclosed Hon'ble Delhi High court order dated 01 st November 2022 in the subject matter court case C.S.(Comm) No. 228 of 2021 for immediate compliance, specifically in view of para '6' of the order with respect to three impugned websites mentioned in the order. Wherein DoT is the respondent No. 29.

2. Hon'ble Court vide order dated 01 st November 2022 has, inter alia, stated that:

I.A. 17716/2022 (for stay), I.A.17717/2022 (U/o I Rule 10 CPC) in CS(COMM)-228/2021

- 2. These are two applications under Order XXXIX Rules 1 & 2 CPC and under Order I Rule 10 CPC. The latter seeks mpleadment of the Registrants of domain names https://bajajfinser.loan/, https://bajajfinan.loan/ and http://bajajfinancial.loan/ as Defendant No.36, Defendant No.37 and Defendant No.38 respectively. I.A. 17716/2022, seeks ad interim injunction qua the said Registrants.
- **6.** Defendant Nos.29 and 30, DoT and MeitY are directed to issue blocking orders to all the ISPs for the said three domain names / websites within 48 hours.
- 3. Accordingly, in view of the above, all the Internet Service licensees are hereby instructed to take immediate necessary blocking action for compliance of the court order dated 01.11.2022, specifically in view of para '6' with respect to impugned three websites mentioned in the court order.

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- i. V.Chinnasamy, Scientist E (chinnasamy.v@meity.gov.in), Electronics Niketan, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) New Delhi (Respondent no. 30) for kind information and necessary action.
- ii. Sh. Harish Vaidyanathan Shankar, CGSC in the matter for kind information and necessary action.
- iii. DoT Website.

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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

+ CS (COMM) 228/2021 and I.A. 17716/2022, 17717/2022

BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED

..... Plaintiff

Through: Mr. Abhishek Singh, Mr. J. Amal

Anand, Ms. Alisha Sharma & Mr. Elvin Joshy, Advs. (M-9910291290).

versus

REGISTRANT OF WWW.BAJAJ-FINSERVE.

ORG & ORS.

..... Defendants

Through: Mr. Harish V. Shankar, CGSC with

Mr. Srish Kumar Mishra, Mr. Sagar Mehlawat & Mr. Alexander Mathai

Paikaday, Advocates.

Mr. Aditya Gupta, Mr. Sauhard Alung,

Advocates for D-19 (M-9958158982)

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

ORDER

% 01.11.2022

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.

- 2. These are two applications under Order XXXIX Rules 1 & 2 CPC and under Order I Rule 10 CPC. The latter seeks mpleadment of the Registrants of domain names https://bajajfinan.loan/ and https://bajajfinan.loan/ and https://bajajfinancial.loan/ as Defendant No.36, Defendant No.37 and Defendant No.38 respectively. *I.A. 17716/2022*, seeks *ad interim* injunction *qua* the said Registrants.
- 3. The said domain names are under privacy protect feature and have been registered by Defendant No.8- Dynadot LLC, the DNR. The details of the Grievance Officer of the said DNR is not available. A perusal of the screenshots of the website of the proposed Defendants operating under the said

domain names shows the website owners are impersonating the Plaintiff and are offering loans and carrying out other financial transactions under identical names as that of the Plaintiff. The domain names which are being used are clearly identical / deceptively similar to the Plaintiff's marks 'BAJAJ', 'BAJAJ FINANCE', *etc.* Accordingly, proposed Defendants 36-38 are impleaded as Defendants 36-38.

- 4. Considering that these are *prima facie* fraudulent and illegal domain names infringing the rights of the Plaintiff, the Defendants impleaded today shall stand restrained from using the said domain names or any other identical / deceptively similar domain names consisting of the mark 'BAJAJ', 'BAJAJ FINANCE' and 'BAJAJ FINSERV'.
- 5. The DNR, Defendant No.8 shall block the impugned domain names, maintain *status quo* and keep the same under locked status. The ownership of the said domain names shall not be changed until further orders of the Court.
- 6. Defendant Nos.29 and 30, DoT and MeitY are directed to issue blocking orders to all the ISPs for the said three domain names / websites within 48 hours.
- 7. *I.A.17717/2022* seeking impleadment is disposed of. Amended memo of parties be filed within a period of one week.
- 8. Issue notice in the application under Order XXXIX Rules 1 and 2 CPC.
- 9. Compliance of Order XXXIX Rule 3 CPC be made within a period of one week.
- 10. List on 1st December, 2022.
- 11. This is a part-heard matter.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J.

NOVEMBER 1, 2022/Rahul/SK