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

+ **CS(COMM) 358/2026**

**HOME BOX OFFICE INC**

.....Plaintiff

Through: Mr. Siddharth Chopra, Mr. Saikrishna  
Rajagopal, Mr. Raghav Goyal, Ms.  
Mehr Sidhu, Mr. Affan Moin and Mr.  
Aditya Thakur, Advocates.

versus

**MOVIEBOX.PH & ORS.**

.....Defendants

Through: Mr. Shivansh Tiwari and Ms. Kruttika  
Vijay, Advocates for D-21/Porkbun  
LLC.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TUSHAR RAO GEDELA**

**ORDER**

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**06.04.2026**

**I.A. 9146/2026 (Additional Documents)**

1. The present application has been filed on behalf of the plaintiff under Order XI Rule 1(4) of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 ('CPC') as applicable to commercial suits under the Commercial Courts Act, 2015 ('CC Act') seeking leave to place on record additional documents.
2. The plaintiff is permitted to file additional documents in accordance with the provisions of the CC Act and the Delhi High Court (Original Side) Rules, 2018.
3. Accordingly, the application stands disposed of.

**I.A. 9147/2026 (Seeking Additional time to file Court fees)**

4. The present application has been filed by the plaintiff under Section 149 read with Section 151 of CPC, seeking exemption from payment of Court Fees at the time of the filing of the suit.
5. Considering the submissions made in the present application, an extension of two weeks is granted to affix the requisite Court Fees.



6. The application stands disposed of.

**I.A. 9145/2026 (Exemption from issuing notices to D-41 and D-42)**

7. The present application has been filed on behalf of the plaintiff under Section 80 read with Section 151 of CPC seeking exemption from issuing prior notices to defendant no.41/DoT and defendant no.42/MEITY.

8. In view of the urgent nature of relief sought against defendant nos.1 to 20, the plaintiff is exempted from effecting prior notice under Section 80 of the CPC upon defendant nos.41 and 42 at this stage.

9. The application stands disposed of.

**I.A. 9144/2026 (Order XXXIX Rules 1 & 2, CPC)**

10. Present application has been filed on behalf of the plaintiff under Order XXXIX Rules 1 & 2 of CPC, 1908 seeking *ex-parte ad-interim* injunction against the defendants.

11. Plaintiff claims to be a company incorporated in the State of Delaware, USA. Plaintiff is an entertainment company which has produced acclaimed television series such as “Game of Thrones” and “The Wire”. Plaintiff was accorded international award for ‘Outstanding Drama Series’ at the Primetime Emmy Awards in 2019 for the show “Game of Thrones” and in 2023, for the show “Succession”. Plaintiff claims to be a reputed production house and a studio involved in the business of production, acquisition, co-production, promotion, marketing, distribution of various cinematograph films and audio-visual contents in various languages, in multiple formats worldwide including television, digital and internet connected platforms.

12. The plaintiff has produced in the past, the Series called ‘Euphoria: Season 1’ and ‘Euphoria: Season 2’ (hereinafter referred to as ‘*the Series*’). The plaintiff also is planning to launch ‘Euphoria: Season 3’ (hereinafter referred to as ‘*the Show*’) on 15.04.2026 in India on the Over-The-Top (OTT) platform JioHotstar and on 12.04.2026, globally. Plaintiff states that it has applied for



registration of copyright of the Show in USA on 11.03.2026.

13. In para 6 of the plaint, the plaintiff has given the brief background of what the Series contain. In para 7, the plaintiff has given details of various awards as well as nominations by the Series including 25 Primetime Emmy Awards (9 wins), 1 Golden Globe Award, 3 Critics' Choice Television Awards, 1 Peabody Award etc. The lead actress also won 'Outstanding Lead Actress' in the Series.

14. The plaintiff has claimed to have spent large sums of money in production of the Series and the Show and has actively promoted the Show prior to the release. Plaintiff has released the official trailer of the Show on 14.01.2026 on YouTube which generated more than 6 million views as on 31.03.2026.

15. Plaintiff's Series and Show are works of visual recording including sound recording and qualify as "Cinematographic Film" under the provisions of Copyright Act, 1957. Plaintiff asserts to be the owner of the original artistic works embodied in the Series and the Show. By virtue of provisions of Section 40 of the Copyright Act, 1957 read with the International Copyright Order, 1999, the rights of the plaintiff are recognised, protected and enforceable in India. In para 11 of the plaint, the plaintiff has enlisted an illustrative list of cinematographic films/shows of which it is the author and/or first owner. The same is enumerated hereunder:-

Studio	Title	Year
HBO	The Sopranos	1999
HBO	Band of Brothers	2001
HBO	The Wire	2002
HBO	Games of Thrones	2011
HBO	Succession	2018
HBO	Euphoria - Season 1	2019
HBO	The White Lotus	2021
HBO	House of The Dragons	2022
HBO	Euphoria - Season 2	2022
HBO	The Gilded Age	2022
HBO	A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms	2026



16. Plaintiff asserts that it has not issued any license or any authorisation to any of the defendants and the plaintiff has a clear apprehension that the defendant nos.1 to 20 are likely to host, upload, stream, reproduce, download, distribute, broadcast, make available to the public and/or communicate to the public the Series and the Show.

17. Plaintiff claims that in the industry, it is an ordinary practice of prudence that the Series which is released on paid OTT Platforms, the initial stage of release and subsequent days constitute primary and most crucial in the commercial lifecycle of the content. On the basis of the viewership and popularity that the Show achieves during this period, the plaintiff is able to recover and recoup substantial investment made in the production, promotion and distribution of the Show. It is when parties like defendant nos.1 to 20 and defendant no.43/Ashok Kumar(s) indulge in the aforesaid copyright violations that the plaintiff would suffer huge financial losses, and such unscrupulous defendants unjustly enrich themselves with.

18. Plaintiff claims that the parallel availability of infringing copies of the the Show in the form of unauthorised digital downloads on the internet and mobile platforms during the official release window would amount to infringement. It is stated that this directly impacts plaintiff's business and erodes the commercial value of the Show. It is stated that the defendants' websites are available all across the world including India thereby conferring territorial jurisdiction with this Court to pass necessary orders to protect the interests of the plaintiff.

19. The plaintiff has enlisted the domain names pertaining to defendant nos.1 to 20 in para no.24 of the plaint. Plaintiff states that the infringing websites are online locations which enable users of the said websites to, (a) view (by a process known as streaming/downloading) cinematograph films/television shows, being motion pictures, television and anime programs,



or other audio-visual content, on devices connected to the internet; (b) cause copies of those cinematograph films/shows to be downloaded onto the memory of their devices for watching later or enabling others to watch or make further copy of those cinematograph films/shows; and/or (c) identify other online locations (by a process known as linking) which enable users to engage in the activities set out in (a) or (b).

20. Based on the judgment of this Court in ***UTV Software Communication Ltd. & Anr. vs. 1337x.to & Ors.***, in ***CS(COMM) 724/2017***, the plaintiff states that the infringing websites of the defendants are rogue websites which are likely to commit acts of infringement as stated above and thus, are required to be restrained from infringing the copyrights of the plaintiff in the Show as well as the Series. Plaintiff also apprehends that the rogue websites might, at the launch and during the currency of the Show and subsequently, may create mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites which may also need to be restrained by way of dynamic injunction as propounded in ***UTV Software (supra)***.

21. Plaintiff also asserts that on previous occasions, this Court has adopted real-time blocking measures to curb infringement by the rogue websites, as reflected by the order dated 30.01.2026 passed in ***CS(COMM) 89/2026*** titled ***JioStar India Pvt. Ltd. vs. GHD Sports & Ors.***, and consequently, such illegal/rogue websites have been enjoined and taken down by way of the dynamic injunction granted by this Court.

22. The *modus operandi* undertaken by the defendant nos.1 to 20 and defendant no.43/Ashok Kumar(s) are clearly mentioned in para nos.30 to 34 of the plaint and are not repeated herein for the sake of prolixity. Some of the websites owned by the defendants which have been blocked in other jurisdictions are mentioned in para 36 of the plaint. In order to support the contents of the plaint and the manner in which rogue websites operate, the plaintiff has annexed with the plaint the affidavit of an investigator, namely Mr.



Manish Vaishampayan, the details of which are mentioned in para nos.42 to 47.

23. Predicated on the above, plaintiff seeks an *ex-parte ad-interim* injunction and other reliefs in its favour and against the defendants.

24. Having considered the submissions made by the learned counsel for the plaintiff and perusing the pleadings and the documents on record, this Court is of the opinion that an *ex-parte ad-interim* injunction would be in order.

25. The plaintiff being the producer and owner of the Series and the Show has the exclusive distribution rights to publicly exhibit and communicate the Series and contents associated with it, through all modes. The apprehension of the unauthorized dissemination, telecasting, or communication of the Series and the Show on the websites shall pose a significant threat to the plaintiff's revenue streams undermining the value of the considerable investment made by the plaintiff in producing the said Series and the Show. The issue of the websites engaging in the piracy of copyrighted content presents a recurring threat and disseminating or communicating any portions of the Series and the Show, without proper authorization or licensing from the plaintiff, would violate the plaintiff's copyright.

26. In view of the above and given the fact that the plaintiff has copyright in the Series and the Show in question, if an *ex-parte ad-interim* injunction is not granted at this stage, irreparable harm would be caused to the plaintiff as the Show is scheduled to be released on OTT Platform JioHotstar on 15.04.2026 in India and on 12.04.2026 globally. Considering the possibility of unauthorized dissemination of the Series and the Show in question in the age of internet, it would require effective and swift means to contain the spread of unauthorized dissemination of the same. Balance of convenience also lies in the favour of the plaintiff. The need for immediate relief is particularly pressing in this case, considering the release of the upcoming season of the Euphoria Series. Any delay in blocking access to websites or any other rogue websites providing the



impugned services, could lead to financial losses for the plaintiff, and an irreparable breach of their copyright. Therefore, swift action to prevent the alleged infringements is crucial in the present case.

27. In view of the above, the following directions are passed:-

- i. The defendant nos.1 to 20 and any such other mirror/redirect/alphanumeric website which appears to be associated with any of the defendant websites, either based on its name, branding, the identity of its operator, or source of the content or discovered to provide additional means of accessing the defendant websites and other domains/domain alongwith their sub-domains and sub-directories, owners/website operators/entities which are discovered during the course of the proceedings to have been engaged in infringing the plaintiff's exclusive rights and copyrights in the Series – Euphoria: Season 1, Euphoria: Season 2 and/or the upcoming season of the same – Euphoria: Season 3, its owners, partners, proprietors, officers, servants, employees, and all others in capacity of principal or agent acting for and on their behalf, or anyone claiming through, by or under it, are restrained from, in any manner, hosting, streaming, reproducing, distributing, making available to the public and/or communicating to the public, or facilitating the same on their websites, through the internet in any manner whatsoever, in respect of the Series – Euphoria: Season 1, Euphoria: Season 2 and/or the upcoming season of the same – Euphoria: Season 3 in which the plaintiff has copyright;
- ii. Defendant nos.21 to 31 i.e., the Domain Name Registrars (DNRs), their directors, partners, proprietors, officers, affiliates, servants, employees, and all others in capacity of principal or agent acting for and on their behalf, or anyone claiming through, by or under it, are directed to lock/suspend and provide all details including but not limited to names



- of registrants of the said defendant nos.1 to 20 websites, including KYC, credit card, mobile number etc., to the plaintiff, identified in the instant suit, within 72 hours of receiving a copy of this Order. Specific DNRs for each website are disclosed in Annexure-A appended to this Order;
- iii. Defendant nos.32 to 40/ISPs, their directors, partners, proprietors, officers, affiliates, servants, employees, and all others in capacity of principal or agent acting for and on their behalf, or anyone claiming through, by or under it, are directed to block access to the defendant nos.1 to 20 websites as identified by plaintiff in the instant suit, within 72 hours of receiving a copy of this Order. The details for the same are identified in Annexure-B appended to this Order;
- iv. If any further websites are discovered during the course of the proceedings, which are found to be unauthorizedly streaming, communicating, hosting or making available content over which the plaintiff has exclusive copyright in respect of the Series – Euphoria: Season 1, Euphoria: Season 2 and/or the upcoming season of the same – Euphoria: Season 3, the plaintiff is at liberty to communicate the details of such websites, domain names, URLs to defendant nos.21 to 31/DNRs and defendant nos.32 to 40/Internet Service Providers (ISPs). Upon receiving such intimation from the plaintiff alongwith supporting evidence, defendant nos.21 to 31/DNRs are directed to forthwith lock or suspend the domain name registrations of such newly discovered infringing websites and defendant nos.32 to 40/ISPs are directed to immediately block access to the said websites;
- v. Defendant no.41/DoT and defendant no.42/MEITY are directed to issue a notification calling upon the various ISPs registered under it to block access to the various infringing websites identified by the plaintiff in the instant suit, as well as any additional infringing websites discovered



during the course of the release of the Series and the Show – Euphoria, and notified by the plaintiff on real time basis;

28. For any further infringing websites discovered by the plaintiff, which are found to be offering or dealing in the plaintiff's copyright content in the Series and the Show, the plaintiff shall be at liberty to approach the learned Joint Registrar (Judicial) by filing an appropriate application under Order I Rule 10, CPC for impleadment of such infringers.

29. For extension of the present *ex-parte ad-interim* injunction against such newly discovered infringers, the plaintiff shall also be at liberty to approach this Court in accordance with law.

30. The plaintiff shall continue to file affidavits providing details of the newly discovered websites, their domain names and the URLs, which are communicated and blocked to ensure that this Court is fully informed of the websites in respect of which blocking orders are sought.

31. If any website, which is not primarily an infringing website, is blocked in pursuance of this Order, it is permitted to approach the Court by giving an undertaking that it does not intend to do any illegal dissemination of the content over which the plaintiff has copyright and the Court would consider modifying the injunction if the facts and circumstances so warrant.

32. Issue notice.

33. Let a reply to this application be filed by the defendants within four weeks from service. Rejoinder, thereto, if any, be filed within two weeks thereafter.

34. Compliance of Order XXXIX Rule 3 of CPC shall be done within ten days from date.

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35. Let the plaint be registered as a suit.

36. Upon filing of the process fee, issue summons of the suit to the



defendants through all permissible modes.

37. Mr. Shivansh Tiwari, learned counsel appears on behalf of defendant no.21/Porkbun LLC (DNR) and accepts summons.

38. The summons shall state that the Written Statement shall be filed by the defendants within 30 days from the date of the receipt of summons. Alongwith the Written Statement, the defendants shall also file Affidavit of Admission/Denial of the documents of the plaintiff, without which the Written Statement shall not be taken on record.

39. Liberty is granted to the plaintiff to file Replication, if any, within 30 days from the receipt of the Written Statement. Along with the Replication filed by the plaintiff, an Affidavit of Admission/Denial of the documents of defendants be filed by the plaintiff, without which the Replication shall not be taken on record.

40. In case any party is placing reliance on a document, which is not in their power and possession, its details and source shall be mentioned in the list of reliance, which shall also be filed with the pleadings.

41. If any of the parties wish to seek inspection of any documents, the same shall be sought and given within the prescribed timelines.

42. List before the Joint Registrar (Judicial) on 09.07.2026 for completion of service and pleadings.

43. List before the Court on 22.09.2026.

**TUSHAR RAO GEDELA, J**

**APRIL 6, 2026/JYH**



## ANNEXURE-A

Defendant No.	DNR	Domain Names
21.	Porkbun LLC	cuevanago.online cuevanahdpro.cam cuevanahub.online cuevanaoficial.online cuevanastorm.cam gocuevana.online lacuevana.pics cuevana-hd.legal thecuevana.club thecuevana.lat thecuevana.online cue-vana.pro flihq.tw n1.olamovies.info olamovies.info olamovies.app hurawatch.fm hurawatch.tw braflix.la
22.	Tucows Domains Inc.	katmoviehd.pictures flihq-tv.lol moviesmod.pink moviesmod.town cinegram.nethdhub4u.catering
23.	NameSilo, LLC	multimovies.sarl
24.	Spaceship, Inc.	wvv-fmovies.com
25.	Immaterialism Limited	new4.hdhub4u.fo hdhub4u.hn cineby.gd
26.	Dynadot LLC	cuevana.bi
27.	Namecheap, Inc.	kisskh.ws cineb.gg series2watch.net myfliker.watch
28.	NETIM SARL	seriesonline.sx
29.	Key Systems GmbH	multimovies.nl 1shows.nl braflix.nl
30.	Registrar NIC.DO	kisskh.do
31.	AsiaRegister, Inc.	moviebox.ph



## ANNEXURE-B

Sr. No.	Defendant Domain	URL	IP Addresses
Defendant No. 1			
1.	moviebox.ph	https://moviebox.ph	10.0.10.3
Defendant No. 2			
2.	flihq.tw	https://flihq.tw	172.67.204.164 104.21.77.48
3.	flihq-tv.lol	https://flihq-tv.lol	104.21.63.139 172.67.146.17
Defendant No. 3			
4.	katmoviehd.pictures	https://hatmoviehd.pictures	104.21.48.236 172.67.188.91
Defendant No. 4			
5.	cuevana.bi	https://cuevana.bi	104.21.4.62
6.	cuevanago.online	https://cuevanago.online	104.21.20.192 172.67.194.23
7.	cuevanahdpro.cam	https://cuevanahdpro.cam	104.21.71.93 172.67.170.80
8.	cuevanahub.online	https://cuevanahub.online	104.21.43.115 172.67.178.143
9.	cuevanaoficial.online	https://cuevanaoficial.online	172.67.222.60 104.21.46.12
10.	cuevanastorm.cam	https://cuevanastorm.cam	172.67.184.200 104.21.76.5
11.	gocuevana.online	https://gocuevana.online	172.67.144.202 104.21.71.116
12.	lacuevana.pics	https://lacuevana.pics	172.67.190.118 104.21.19.233
13.	cuevana-hd.legal	https://cuevana-hd.legal	104.21.25.230 172.67.168.46
14.	thecuevana.club	https://thecuevana.club	172.67.159.35 104.21.9.59
15.	thecuevana.lat	https://thecuevana.lat	104.21.59.103 172.67.223.9
16.	thecuevana.online	https://thecuevana.online	172.67.137.39 104.21.7.181
17.	cue-vana.pro	https://cue-vana.pro	172.67.173.112 104.21.55.217
Defendant No. 5			
18.	n1.olamovies.info	https://n1.olamovies.info	104.21.92.109 172.67.192.20
19.	olamovies.info	https://olamovies.info	104.21.92.109 172.67.192.20
20.	olamovies.app	https://olamovies.app	172.67.206.248 104.21.69.96



Defendant No. 6			
21.	moviesmod.pink	https://moviesmod.pink	104.21.15.140 172.67.162.187
22.	moviesmod.town	https://moviesmod.town	172.67.210.228 104.21.83.26
Defendant No. 7			
23.	multimovies.sarl	https://multimovies.sarl	104.21.89.139 172.67.160.53
24.	multimovies.nl	https://multimovies.nl	172.67.210.176 104.21.69.174
Defendant No. 8			
25.	kisskh.ws	https://kisskh.ws	104.21.31.129 172.67.176.136
26.	kisskh.do	https://kisskh.do	104.21.95.144 172.67.170.119
Defendant No. 9			
27.	cineby.gd	https://cineby.gd	104.21.64.235 172.67.188.49
28.	cineb.gg	https://cineb.gg	172.67.152.123 104.21.56.139
Defendant No. 10			
29.	sflix.ps	https://sflix.ps	104.21.80.141 172.67.185.14
Defendant No. 11			
30.	series2watch.net	https://series2watch.net	172.67.202.187 104.21.85.56
Defendant No. 12			
31.	seriesonline.sx	https://seriesonline.sx	104.21.47.138 172.67.171.77
Defendant No. 13			
32.	flixtor.mov	https://flixtor.mov	104.21.20.252 172.67.195.62
Defendant No. 14			
33.	myflixer.watch	https://myflixer.watch	104.21.18.180 172.67.183.25
Defendant No. 15			
34.	wvv-fmovies.com	https://wvv-fmovies.com	172.67.178.50 104.21.17.192
Defendant No. 16			
35.	hurawatch.fm	https://hurawatch.fm	104.21.21.128 172.67.198.161
36.	hurawatch.tw	https://hurawatch.tw	104.21.17.42 172.67.220.253
Defendant No. 17			
37.	1shows.nl	https://1shows.nl	104.21.55.26 172.67.144.36



Defendant No. 18			
38.	cinegram.net	https://cinegram.net	172.67.179.124
			104.21.67.188
Defendant No. 19			
39.	braflix.la	https://braflix.la	172.67.137.247
			104.21.73.25
40.	braflix.nl	https://braflix.nl	172.67.162.149
			104.21.15.118
Defendant No. 20			
41.	hdhub4u.hn	https://hdhub4u.hn	104.21.57.108
			172.67.145.95
42.	hdhub4u.catering	https://hdhub4u.catering	104.21.90.168
			172.67.158.53
43.	new4.hdhub4u.fo	https://new4.hdhub4u.fo	104.21.10.190
			172.67.131.179