

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
INTERIM APPLICATION (I) NO. 23075 OF 2026
IN
COMMERCIAL SUIT (L) NO. 22856 OF 2026**

Phantom Studios India Private Limited ...Applicant/Plaintiff

Versus

Jiostar India Private Limited & Anr ...Respondents

Mr. Shyam Kapadia a/w. Rohan Dakshini, Nikita Mishra & Nishi Doshi i/b.
M/s. Rashmikant and Partners for the Applicant/Plaintiff

Mr. Ravi Kadam, Senior Advocate a/w. R. Khandkear, Anand Mohan,
Ameet Naik, Madhu Gadodia, Vivek Dwivedi, Sakshi Dube, Fatima Ali i/b.
Anand & Naik for the Defendant No. 1

Mr. Vikramaditya Chavan a/w. Udita Chavan for the Defendant No. 2

CORAM : GAURI GODSE, J.

DATED : 9th JULY 2026

ORDER:

1. Not on board. Taken on production board in view of the production praecipe submitted on behalf of the applicant/plaintiff.
2. Learned counsel for the plaintiff submits that there is an extreme urgency in the matter as defendant no. 1 is likely to release the film or create third party rights in respect of the film in which the plaintiff has 50% of joint equal ownership of all intellectual property rights. He relies upon the various averments in the plaint to support his submissions that since early 2025, when the plaintiff came

across the media reports the plaintiff has been corresponding with defendant no. 1. He further submits that recently on 1st July 2026, the lead actress of the new film has given a media interview that the shooting of the film is wrapped up. He therefore submits that there is urgency to grant ad-interim relief, as defendant no. 1 is likely to release the film and create third party rights.

3. Learned senior counsel for defendant no. 1 submits that defendant no. 1 had already replied to the legal notice issued by the plaintiff in April 2026. Hence, the plaintiff was already aware about the response of defendant no. 1. He therefore seeks time to file reply to the interim application.

4. I have perused the plaint and the interim application. The plaintiff's pleadings indicates that since early 2025, the plaintiff was aware about the film in which the plaintiff allegedly seeks 50% joint ownership of intellectual property rights. In the plaint or the interim application, there is no such extreme urgency pleaded to grant any urgent ad-interim relief without calling upon the defendants to file reply to the interim application. The alleged recent media interview of 1st July 2026 is not part of the pleadings. Hence, cannot be considered at this stage.

5. The defendants shall file reply within two weeks. Reply to be served in advance to the learned advocate for the plaintiff.

6. At the request of learned counsel for the plaintiff, stand over to 4th August 2026.

(GAURI GODSE, J.)