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

+ **CS(COMM) 729/2026**

ZEE ENTERTAINMENT ENTERPRISES LIMITEDPlaintiff

Through: Mr. Abhinav Mukerji, Sr. Advocate
with Ms. Payal Kakra, Mr. Ehraj Z,
Mr. Akash Tyagi, Mr. Pranav, Mr.
Varashwer Singh J, Mr. Suraj Kumar
Thakur, Mr. Pranjal, Ms. Archita
Nigam, Advocates.

versus

META PLATFORMS INC. & ORS.

.....Defendants

Through:

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI

ORDER

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13.07.2026

I.A. 17863/2026

Exemption granted, subject to just exceptions.

Let requisite compliances be made within 01 week.

The application stands disposed-of.

I.A. 17864/2026

By way of the present application filed under section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure 1908 ('CPC'), the plaintiff seeks permission to file lengthy synopsis and list of dates.

2. For the reasons stated in the application, which is duly supported by affidavit, the application is allowed.
3. The lengthy synopsis and list of dates are taken on record.
4. The application is disposed-of.



I.A. 17862/2026

5. By way of the present application filed under section 80 of the CPC, the plaintiff seeks exemption from serving the mandatory 02 months' prior notice under section 80 of the CPC upon defendants Nos. 2, 3, and 4 at this stage.
6. The plaintiff has sought urgent interim relief, including the appointment of a local commissioner.
7. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the plaintiff is exempted from serving the mandatory 02 months' prior notice upon defendants Nos. 2, 3, and 4 at this stage.
8. Application stands disposed-of.

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9. The plaintiff seeks a decree of permanent, mandatory and dynamic injunctions restraining defendants Nos. 1, 5 to 19 from committing infringement of the plaintiff's copyright and broadcast reproduction rights, alongwith damages, rendition of accounts, disclosure, delivery-up, and other consequential and ancillary reliefs.
10. Upon a *prima-facie* conspectus of the matter, let the plaint be registered as a suit.
11. Issue summons in the suit.
12. Upon the plaintiff taking requisite steps within 10 days, let summons be sent to the defendants by all permissible modes, returnable for the next date before the learned Joint Registrar.
13. Let the summons indicate that the defendants are required to file written statement to the plaint within 30 days from the date of receipt of summons, alongwith affidavit of admission/denial of the documents



filed by the plaintiff. The plaintiff may file replication to the written statement within 30 days thereafter, alongwith affidavit of admission/denial of the documents filed by defendants.

14. List before the learned Joint Registrar for completion of pleadings, for admission/denial of documents and marking of exhibits on 15th October 2026.

15. List before court thereafter.

I.A. 17861/2026

16. By way of the present application filed under Order XXXIX Rules 1 and 2 read with section 151 of the CPC, the plaintiff seeks the following interim reliefs:

- a. Pass an *ex-parte ad-interim* order (s)/direction(s) by way of temporary injunction, including dynamic in nature, restraining the Defendant No.1 (Meta Platforms Inc.) and Defendant No. 5-19 (John Doe/unknown persons), their agents, employees, representatives, and all persons acting on their behalf, from hosting, reproducing, distributing, broadcasting, streaming, or otherwise communicating to the public any content in which the Plaintiff holds copyright or broadcast reproduction rights, including but not limited to its television serials, web series, or other audio-visual works;
- b. Issue an appropriate order(s)/direction(s) to all the Defendants, including Defendant No.1 & 3, to immediately identify the repeated infringers as pointed out and block the accounts of all the persons who are involved in the violating of copyright of the Petitioner till date.
- c. Direct the Defendant No. 3/MeitY, to immediately conduct an investigation/enquiry and submit its status/empirical report in respect to all infringing contents that are uploaded by the Defendant No 5- 19,



as provided in the Document 7 & 8 of the present plaint, or any other videos and/or content in any format which violates the copyright of the Plaintiff as specified in the plaint;

17. The plaintiff which is a broadcasting company and creates content seeks *ad-interim* orders of restraint against defendants Nos.1 and 5 to 19, submitting that defendants Nos. 5 to 19 are uploading on their Facebook pages infringing content belonging to the plaintiff, and disseminating such content on a real-time and continuing basis across defendant Nos.1's platforms from multiple log-in accounts and pages.
18. Mr. Abhinav Mukerji, learned senior counsel appearing for the plaintiff submits, that when take-down notices are issued to defendant No.1, they sometime carry-out the take-down restricted only to certain geographical locations; but the same infringing content shows-up in other locations.
19. Mr. Mukerji submits, that defendants Nos. 5 to 19 are monetising the plaintiff's content by also carrying advertisements on their respective Facebook pages; and it would appear that defendant No.1 is also benefitting from such monetisation.
20. Issue notice.
21. Upon the plaintiff taking steps, let notice be sent to the defendants, by all permissible modes, returnable for the next date before the learned Joint Registrar.



22. Let the notice indicate that reply to the application be filed within 30 days of service; rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within 30 days thereafter; with copies to the opposing counsel.
23. Mr. Mukerji has drawn attention to snapshots of the Facebook pages of defendants Nos. 5 to 19 to substantiate the submission that the plaintiff's content is not only being illegally carried on those Facebook pages but is also being monetised.
24. Mr. Mukerji has handed-up a list of URLs on which defendants Nos. 5 to 19 are carrying the infringing content. The relevant URLs are as follows:

Sr. No.	Defendant Name & Number	Facebook Page URL	Infringing Content and URL	Page No. of Plaintiff
1.	Bhai bhau- Defendant No. 5	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091051686161	Bhagya Lakshmi: https://www.facebook.com/100091051686161/videos/1263141281577442	220-230
2.	CS1- Defendant No. 6	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094742880755	Bhagya Lakshmi: https://www.facebook.com/100094742880755/videos/2001926810315870	212-219
3.	DO 666543 - Defendant No. 7	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61554680967393	Vasudha: https://www.facebook.com/61554680967393/videos/1345015826668814	187-211
4.	New Page - Defendant No. 8	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61571906417821	Bhagya Lakshmi: https://www.facebook.com/61571906417821/videos/9560600263959612	186-196
5.	Sura family	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558177981811	Amar Sangi: https://www.facebook.com/61558177981811/videos/955595323181313	171-185



	vlogs - Defendant No. 9			
6.	পল্লী পায়িল - রাজা Defendant No. 10	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61571786150601	Kumkum Bhagya: https://www.facebook.com/61571786150601/videos/7199179826873011	158-170
7.	Munna Sikder - Defendant No. 11	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577982402532	Jagadhatti (Bengali): https://www.facebook.com/61577982402532/videos/1281319240447194	244-254
8.	Soha Moni - Defendant No. 12	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61578435668374	Kusum: https://www.facebook.com/61578435668374/videos/1155240456663348/	231-243
9.	Arshad Mirzapuri - Defendant No. 13	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61589281600321	Lakshmi Nivas: https://www.facebook.com/reel/1545160070298686	255-265

10.	Asif Awal - Defendant No. 14	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61589305750996	Ganga Mai ki betiyan https://www.facebook.com/reel/27203574512599730	266-275
11.	Asif Liton - Defendant No. 15	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61589700911121	Jane Anjaane Hum Mile: https://www.facebook.com/reel/1616831699601194	276 - 295
12.	Bageshwar Dham - Defendant No. 16	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550198767085	Tum se Tum tak: https://www.facebook.com/reel/2466782423836638	296 - 310
13.	Rasel Mamun - Defendant No. 17	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61590081365271	Tum se Tum tak: https://www.facebook.com/reel/1663125578228126/	311 - 323
14.	Video 33 - Defendant No. 18	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61590204422835	Kusum: https://www.facebook.com/reel/980564444725754	324 - 336

25. Based on a preliminary appreciation of the matter, this court is of the view that the plaintiff has succeeded in making-out a *prima-facie* case in its favour; that the balance of convenience also lies in favour of the



plaintiff and against the defendants; and it would appear that irreparable loss and injury would be caused to the plaintiff if the interim injunction as prayed-for is not granted.

26. Accordingly, an *ad-interim* order of injunction is passed in favour of the plaintiff and against defendant No. 1 and defendants Nos. 5 to 19 *in terms of prayer 19 (a) and (b)*, as extracted above, till the next date of hearing.
27. It is clarified however, that insofar prayer *19(b)* is concerned though this court is *not* persuaded *at this stage* to direct the *blocking* of the accounts of defendants Nos. 5 to 19, defendant No.1 is *directed to take-down* the content with the URLs as set-out above.
28. Plaintiff is directed to comply with the provision of Order XXXIX Rule 3 CPC within 10 days.
29. List before the learned Joint Registrar on 15th October 2026.
30. List before court after completion of pleadings in this application.

ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI, J

JULY 13, 2026

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