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NC: 2026:KHC:40580
WP No. 8530 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 3RD DAY OF AUGUST, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.G.S. KAMAL

WRIT PETITION NO. 8530 OF 2023 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

LT. COL. D. K. HAVANOR (RETD.)
S/O LATE GURNATH RAO
AGED ABOUT 68 YEARS
R/AT NO. C-12/71, BDA MIG PLOT
DOMLUR 2ND STAGE, BENGALURU - 560 071,
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...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. RAVI K.G, ADVOCATE FOR
SMT. RACHITHA NANAIAH, ADVOCATE)

AND:



1. THE UNION OF INDIA
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
'A' WING, SHASTRY BHVAN GARAGE
NO. 14, RAJENMDRA PRASAD ROAD
NEW DELHI - 110 001.
2. REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NO. 100, EVEREST, MARINE DRIVE
MUMBAI - 400 002.



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3. EBAY INDIA COMMERCE SERVICES PVT. LTD.,
14TH FLOOR, NORTH BLOCK
R. TECH PARK
WESTERN EXPRESS HIGHWAY
GOREGAON (EAST),
MUMBAI - 400 063.
4. EBAY INDIA CENTER PVT. LTD.,
101, 'B' AKRUTHI CORPORATE PARK
KANJUR B.S. MARG (WEST)
MUMBAI - 400 079.
5. THE E-BAY COM OF EBAY INC,
HEADQUATERS WHATMAN COMPANY, 2068
HAMILTON AVENUE, CALIFORNIA 95/25,
USA, EBAY INC SEC NO. 0001068088.
6. EBAY INDIA PVT LTD.,
(THEN REPRESENTED EBAY.COM IN INDIA)
14TH FLOOR, NORTH BLOCK
R TECH PVT LTD.,
WESTERN EXPRESS HIGHWAY,
GOREGAON (EAST),
MUMBAI - 400 067.
(SL. NO. 3 TO 6 REPRESENTED
BY THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS)
7. SRIRAM SAM
DIN - 02152826
NO. 58, ABM AVENUE
FLAT NO. 3, RA PURAM, CHENNAI,
TAMIL NADU - 600 028, INDIA.
8. MR. MIHIR RASHIBHAI METHA
DIN 02339292



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NO. CEEBROS ORCHID, BLOCK 2
IGN NO. 263, VELACHERY MAIN ROAD,
CHENNAI, TAMIL NADU - 600 042, INDIA.

9. MR. RAJENDRA NILKENTH PANDE
DIN 02376801
NO. FLAT 7C, VISHAL FILM CITY ROAD,
GOREGAON EAST, MUMBAI
MAHARASTRA - 400 063, INDIA
(SL 3, 4, 5 AND 6 COMPANIES ARE REGISTERED
UNDER COMPANIES ACT, 1954)

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. KUMAR M.N, CGC FOR R1 AND R2;
SMT. GITANJALI MIRIAM MATHEW, ADVOCATE FOR R3
AND R5;
R9 SERVED AND UNEPRESENTED)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF
THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE WRIT
AWARDING USD 2,500,000 (2.5 MILLION USD) AS MENTIONED
IN ANNEX-G DTD 2.6.2014 TO ME TO BE PAID BY R3 TO 6
THROUGH THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ETC.,

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY,
ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.G.S. KAMAL

ORAL ORDER

1. Petitioner essentially seeking redressal of his grievance of
infringement of copyright, allegedly committed by
respondent Nos. 3 to 9. Petitioner also claimed to have
initiated the proceedings by filing complaints before the



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Halasuru Police Station, Bengaluru, one of which is registered in Crime No.366 of 2013.

2. Averments in the petition and the grounds urged indicate that, eBay.com of EBay Incorporation represented by EBay India Pty. Ltd. has displayed Book purportedly belonging to the petitioner by way of trade and has also offered sale and sold the same for 12.53 US dollars.
3. Petitioner has issued notice through his counsel on 02.06.2014, seeking payment of damages in 2,500,000 (2.5 million US dollars) to be paid to him, on account of infringement of his intellectual property rights.
4. Thus, suffice to state that the grievance of the petitioner is alleged infringement of his purported copyrights.
5. Writ petition seeking direction to respondent Nos. 3 to 9, who are the private parties to pay said damages of 2,500,000 (2.5 million US dollars) cannot be entertained.
6. Learned counsel for respondent Nos. 1 and 2 submit that, they have no role of any nature whatsoever in the cause of action being propagated by the petitioner, and that they have been misjoined as parties to the petition.



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7. In view of the above, the petition is ***disposed of*** reserving liberty to the petitioner to seek redressal of his grievance before a competent Court of law, if so, advised.

**Sd/-
(M.G.S. KAMAL)
JUDGE**

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