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

+ **CS(COMM) 448/2020**

SPORTA TECHNOLOGIES PVT LTD & ANR.Plaintiffs

Through: Mr. Rohan Krishna Seth with Mr.
Ritwik Marwaha, Advs.

versus

DREAM11 PRIME AND OTHERSDefendants

Through: Mr. Vikrant N. Goyal, Mr. Arun
Kumar Yadav, Mr. Kunal Dixit & Mr.
Prince Balyan, Advs. for D-62 and
63.
Ms. Sreeja Sengupta, counsel for D-
52, 54, 57, 60, 123, 222

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA

ORDER

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29.08.2025

CS(COMM) 448/2020

I.A. 12256/2025 (Order XIII A Rule 3 and 6 CPC)

I.A. 9344/2020 (Order XXXIX Rule 1 and 2 CPC)

1. The Plaintiff has filed the present suit seeking restraint against the infringement of Plaintiff's registered trademarks DREAM11 CHAMPIONS,

      (hereinafter, the
'DREAM11 trademarks'), passing off, and other ancillary reliefs.

Case setup in the plaint

2. The relevant facts, as stated in the pleading, are as under:-

2.1 Plaintiff launched its popular fantasy sports platform under the brand



‘Dream11’ in the year 2012, and since then (and as on the date of filing of the present suit) it has been the official sponsor of International Council of Cricket (ICC), The Campeonato Nacional de Liga de Primera Division (La Liga), Vivo Indian Premier League (IPL), KFC Big Bash League (BBL), Hero Caribbean Premier League (CPL) T20, etc.

2.2 The Plaintiff’s Dream11 platform was started as a one-stop provider of a number of online fantasy sports events/ leagues, where a user would draft virtual teams based on real players of a professional sport. These virtual drafted teams get points based on the performance of the players in actual games and depending on the points scored by a user’s virtual team, they would then be rewarded monetarily.

2.3 It is stated that as on the date of filing of the present suit, the Plaintiff’s mobile and online platform had over nine (9) crore users playing fantasy cricket football, hockey, kabaddi, baseball, handball and basketball. The said number has consistently increased since then.

2.4 The Plaintiff is the registered proprietor of the DREAM11 trademarks, with the earliest registration dating back to the year 2009. Additionally, the Plaintiff is also the registrant of the domain ‘dream11.com’, which domain has been registered since 17.03.2008. Details of the Plaintiffs’ DREAM11 trademarks registrations are mentioned at paragraph 9 of the plaint.

2.5 The Plaintiff instituted the present suit against rouge websites that were predominantly using the Plaintiff’s registered DREAM11 trademarks as part of their domain names and that appeared to have cropped up close on the heels of the Indian Premier League 2020 (IPL 2020).

Submissions on behalf of the Plaintiff



3. Learned counsel for the Plaintiff states that some of the rouge websites were copying the entire get-up and layout of the Plaintiff's website (www.dream11.com) in order to deceive and lure customers where they were promoting fake and fraudulent lottery/lucky draw schemes and asking unwary customers to deposit money to claim prizes like cars, scooters, TVs and tablets, or being used for unlawful activities such as betting and gambling.

3.1 He states that among the several domains that were impleaded in the suit, there were some that were purchased and thereafter, parked by the Defendants for the purposes of domain squatting and to sell these domains to third parties at a premium.

3.2 He states that aggrieved by the acts of the Defendants, the Plaintiff filed the present suit and impleaded (i) the domains (being rogue entities), (ii) the Domain Name Registrars (that provided the infringing domains for registration), and (iii) Union of India (Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology ('Meity'), and National Internet Exchange of India).

3.3 He states that since the Plaintiff was witnessing a proliferation of the rogue domains/websites, the Plaintiff also impleaded Defendant No. 65 as 'John Doe', for the purposes of seeking a dynamic injunction. He states that the present suit was originally filed against Defendant Nos. 1 to 65.

3.4 He states that the predecessor Bench of this Court passed an ex-parte ad-interim injunction against Defendant Nos. 1 to 65 vide order dated 14.10.2020 restraining the Defendants from infringing Plaintiff's DREAM11 trademarks.

3.5 He states that during the pendency of the suit proceedings, the



Plaintiff discovered additional domains/websites that were using the Plaintiff's DREAM11 trademarks and were engaged in similar infringing activities; and accordingly, Plaintiff filed the following applications –

- a. I.A. No. 695 of 2021: Sought impleadment of Defendant Nos. 66 to 149. The said application was allowed by the Court on 11.02.2021 and the directions of interim injunction issued in the Order dated 14.10.2020 were extended to the said Defendants.
- b. I.A. No. 11718 of 2021: Sought impleadment of Defendant Nos. 150 to 230. The said application was allowed by the Court on 20.09.2021 and the directions of interim injunction issued in the Order dated 14.10.2020 were extended to the said Defendants as well.

3.6 He submits that for the sake of completeness, the Plaintiff has impleaded (i) the infringing domains (which direct to rogue websites) as Defendant Nos. 1 to 51 and 66 to 216, (ii) the associated Domain Name Registrars (for the purposes of suspension and locking of the above domains) as Defendant Nos. 52 to 61 and 217 to 230, and (iii) the Union of India as Defendant Nos. 62 to 64.

3.7 He states that for Defendant Nos. 1 to 3, 5 to 51, 53, 55, 56, 58 to 230, their failure to file written statements or to appear before this Court entitles the Plaintiff to seek a judgment not only under Order XIII A of the CPC (as amended by the Commercial Courts Act, 2015), but also under Order VIII Rule 10, CPC.

3.8 He has placed reliance on the judgments of the coordinate Benches of this Court in **Satya Infrastructure Ltd. & Ors. vs. Satya Infra & Estates**



Pvt. Ltd.¹ and Su-Kam Power Systems Ltd. v. Kunwer Sachdev and Anr.² and states that time and again it has been held by this Court that in cases such as these, where the Defendants neither file their written statement, nor appear on any of the dates, the Court has the power to pass a judgment under Order VIII Rule 10, CPC as also under Order XIII A of the CPC, 1908.

4. Learned counsel for the Plaintiff has handed over written submissions dated 28.08.2025, along with list of domains/websites forming part of the present suit annexed as **Annexure-B** to the written submissions; and prays that the suit may be decreed qua all the websites/Defendants as mentioned in **Annexure-B** in terms of the prayer (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 39 of the amended plaint.

Proceedings in the Suit

5. In compliance with the orders dated 14.10.2020, 11.02.2021 and 20.09.2021, the Plaintiff served the Defendants in the following manner:-

- a. Defendant Nos. 1 to 65 were served with the summons *via* email on 01.12.2020 and the service affidavit to that effect was filed on 02.02.2021³.
- b. Defendant Nos. 66 to 149 were served with summons *via* email on 26.02.2021 and the service affidavit to that effect was filed on 15.03.2021⁴.
- c. Defendant Nos. 150 to 199, 208 to 214, 217 to 219 and 224 to 228 were served with the summons *via* email on 14.10.2021 and the

¹ 2013 (54) PTC 419 (Del) [Paras 4 and 5]

² 2019 SCC OnLine Del 10764 [Paras 90 to 92]

³ Proof of service annexed as Document - 2 filed along-with I.A. No. 12256 of 2025.

⁴ Proof of service annexed as Document - 3 filed along-with I.A. No. 12256 of 2025.



service affidavit to that effect was filed on 19.10.2021⁵.

d. Defendant Nos. 200 to 207, 215, 216, 220 to 223, 229 and 230 were served with the summons on 16.09.2023 and the service affidavit to that effect was filed on 16.09.2023⁶.

6. Service of summons upon Defendant Nos. 1 to 199 (except Defendant No. 65, who is 'John Doe' impleaded for the purposes of seeking a dynamic injunction), 208 to 214, 217 to 219 and 224 to 228 have been recorded in the Order dated 03.08.2022; and service of summons upon Defendant Nos. 200 to 207, 215, 216, 220 to 223, 229 and 230 have been recorded in the Order dated 25.09.2023. He states that therefore, as on date, all the Defendants stand served.

7. As on date, the written statements have only been filed by Defendant Nos. 4, 52, 54 and 57 (all of whom are Domain Name Registrars). None of the remaining Defendants have filed their written statement and their statutory time (of 120 days) to file the same has also lapsed.

8. Additionally, the Defendant Nos. 30 (dream11.life), 32 (dream11.org), 33 (dream11.net), 35 (dream11.co) and 38 (dream11.co.in) have been removed from the array of parties *vide* Order dated 11.02.2021, as the said domains were acquired/purchased by the Plaintiff during the pendency of the suit proceedings.

9. A perusal of Defendant No. 4's written statement, reflects that the said Defendant has not challenged the Plaintiff's statutory and proprietary right in its DREAM11 trademarks, and has, on the contrary, argued that (i) Defendant No. 52 (i.e., GoDaddy.com, LLC) provided the domain to the

⁵ Proof of service annexed as Document - 4 filed along-with I.A. No. 12256 of 2025.

⁶ Proof of service annexed as Document - 5 filed along-with I.A. No. 12256 of 2025



said Defendant as a suggestion, for registration, and (ii) that after the Order dated 14.10.2020 was communicated to them on 16.10.2020, they have since given-up all use of the domain 'dream11indian.com'. He states that in view of the above stance and the fact that Defendant No. 4 has not appeared before this Court, it is apparent that the said Defendant does not have any objection to suffering a decree in the suit.

10. Defendant Nos. 52, 54 and 57 are Domain Name Registrants and they have not opposed the reliefs prayed for in the plaint.

Findings and Analysis

11. The Court has heard the learned counsel for the Plaintiffs and perused the record of the case.

12. The predecessor bench of this Court vide Order dated 14.10.2020 had granted an ex-parte ad-interim injunction in favour of the Plaintiffs, in terms of prayer (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 22 of I.A. 9344/2020. The websites of the Defendants which have been blocked in pursuance of the said injunction Order are enlisted at **Annexure B** of the written submissions.

13. The plaint has been duly verified and is also supported by the affidavit of the Plaintiffs. In view of the fact that no written statement has been filed by the Defendant Nos. 1 to 3, 5 to 51, 53, 55, 56, 58 to 230, all the averments made in the plaint have to be taken to be admitted. As recorded above Defendant Nos. 4, 52, 54 and 57 are not opposing the reliefs prayed for in the plaint. None of the Defendants have approached the Court for variation or vacation of the injunction Order dated 14.10.2020.

14. At this stage, it would be apposite to refer to Order VIII Rule 10 of CPC. The said rule reads as under: -

“10. Procedure when party fails to present written statement



called for by Court.— Where any party from whom a written statement is required under rule 1 or rule 9 fails to present the same within the time permitted or fixed by the Court, as the case may be, the Court shall pronounce judgment against him, or make such order in relation to the suit as it thinks fit and on the pronouncement of such judgment a decree shall be drawn up.”

15. It would be relevant to refer to the dicta of **Satya Infrastructure Ltd. & Ors. v. Satya Infra & Estates Pvt. Ltd.** (supra), wherein the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court held as under: -

“4. The next question which arises is whether this Court should consider the application for interim relief and direct the plaintiffs to lead ex parte evidence. The counsel for the plaintiff’s states that the plaintiffs are willing to give up the reliefs of delivery, of rendition of accounts and of recovery of damages, if the suit for the relief of injunction alone were to be heard today.

5. I am of the opinion that no purpose will be served in such cases by directing the plaintiffs to lead ex parte evidence in the form of affidavit by way of examination-in chief and which invariably is a repetition of the contents of the plaint. The plaint otherwise, as per the amended CPC, besides being verified, is also supported by affidavits of the plaintiffs. I fail to fathom any reason for according any additional sanctity to the affidavit by way of examination-in-chief than to the affidavit in support of the plaint or to any exhibit marks being put on the documents which have been filed by the plaintiffs and are already on record. I have therefore heard the counsel for the plaintiffs on merits qua the relief of injunction.”

(Emphasis Supplied)

16. Based on the averments made in the plaint, it is clear that the defendants are actively and knowingly, using the Plaintiffs’ DREAM11 trademarks on their Rogue Websites with the common object of exploiting Plaintiffs’ exclusive proprietary rights on its DREAM11 trademarks.

17. The Defendants’ activities have caused irreparable harm to the



Plaintiffs, as these Rogue Websites not only violate and infringe the exclusive rights of the Plaintiffs in its DREAM11 trademarks, but also erode and dilute the value of the exclusive rights by taking away significant revenues from the Plaintiffs.

18. This Court is of the view that given the no contest by the Defendants and the fact that the Plaintiffs have affirmed the plaint on affidavit, this suit does not merit trial, and the suit is capable of being decreed in terms of Order VIII Rule 10 of CPC. And thus, the Plaintiffs are entitled to relief of permanent injunction as claimed in the plaint.

19. Accordingly, a decree of permanent injunction is passed in favour of the Plaintiffs and against all the Defendants, as mentioned in **Schedule**⁷ to this Order, in terms of the prayer clause (a), (b) and (e) of paragraph 39 of the plaint. The interim injunction order dated 14.10.2020 shall merge into the decree.

20. The remaining prayer clauses of the plaintiff are dismissed as not pressed.

21. Let the decree sheet be drawn up.

22. With the aforesaid directions, this suit along with pending applications (if any) stands disposed of.

23. No order as to costs.

24. All future dates stand cancelled.

MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA, J

AUGUST 29, 2025/gm/AM

⁷ **Annexure B** to the written submissions has been adopted as the Schedule.



SCHEDULE

LIST OF DOMAINS/WEBSITES FORMING PART OF THE PRESENT SUIT

Defendant No.	Domain/Website
1	www.dream11prime.com
2	www.dream11predication.com
3	www.dream11tricks.com
4	www.dream11indian.com
5	www.dream11tech.in
6	www.dream11fantasyleague.in
7	www.dream11cricket.com
8	www.dream11guru.in
9	www.dream11.site
10	www.dream11.biz
11	www.dream11predictorpro.com
12	www.dream11prediction.co
13	www.dream11winner.com
14	www.dream11teams.com
15	www.dream11teamfortoday.com
16	www.dream11luckydraw.com
17	www.dream11lab.com
18	www.dream11sage.com
19	www.godream11.com
20	www.dream11teampredictionlive.com
21	www.dream11chasers.com
22	www.dream11prophet.com
23	www.dream11legend.com
24	www.dream11.website
25	www.dream11.online
26	www.dream11.world
27	www.dream11.today
28	www.dream11.tech
29	www.dream11.me
31	www.dream11.club
34	www.dream11.io
36	www.dream11.net.in



Defendant No.	Domain/Website
37	www.dream11.ind.in
39	www.dream11tech.com
40	www.dream11predictions.com
41	www.dream11pro.com
42	www.dream11crickguru.com
43	www.dream11teamtoday.com
44	www.dream11.fun
45	www.thedream11mart.com
46	www.dream11.space
47	www.dream11wins.com
48	www.dream11.app
49	www.dream11-prediction.club
50	www.dream11.cc
51	www.dream11play.cricket
66	www.dream11online.com
67	www.dream11predication.com
68	www.primedream11.com
69	www.dream11baadshah.com
70	www.dream11.company
71	www.mpldream11.com
72	www.dream11prime.in
73	www.prodream11.com
74	www.dream11astrology.com
75	ww1.dream11cricketbettingtips.com
76	www.dream11crickets.com
77	www.dream11x.com
78	www.paydream11.com
79	www.playwindream11.com
80	www.dream11wizard.com
81	www.dream11proprediction.com
82	www.teamsdream11.com
83	www.dream11-team.com
84	www.mydream11predictions.com
85	www.predictdream11team.com
86	www.sportdream11.com
87	www.dream11clone.com



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88	www.dream11kings.com
89	www.dream11crictips.com
90	www.dream11circle.com
91	www.dream11plus.com
92	www.dream11fix.com
93	www.dream11teampro.com
94	www.superdream11.com
95	www.empiredream11.com
96	www.bestdream11tips.com
97	www.dream11matches.com
98	www.dream11cricketprediction.com
99	www.getdream11team.com
100	www.dream11-predictions.com
101	www.dream11bestpredictions.com
102	www.dream11-news.com
103	www.dream11adda.com
104	www.1team1dream11.com
105	www.dream11teamtips.com
106	www.dream11nsfc.com
107	www.dream11pirates.com
108	www.dream11xpert.com
109	www.dream11onlinecontest.com
110	www.ludodream11.com
111	www.dream11smart.com
112	www.dream11hub.com
113	www.dream11-ipl.com
114	www.dream11exch.com
115	www.dream11exch9.com
116	www.dream11ipl2020.com
117	www.mydream11online.com
118	www.dream11fantastic.com
119	www.dream11ipl2021.com
120	www.dream11privatecontests.com
121	www.dream11ipltwenty20.com
122	www.dream11eleven.com
123	www.dream11cricketteams.com



Defendant No.	Domain/Website
124	www.dream11dream11.com
125	www.dream11iplofficial.com
126	www.dream11official.com
127	www.mydream11.fun
128	www.dream11teams.in
129	www.dream11tricks.in
130	www.dream11guruji.in
131	www.dream11prime.co.in
132	www.ipldream11.in
133	www.dream11glteams.in
134	www.dream11prediction.co.in
135	www.dream11-prediction.in
136	www.dream11prediction.com
137	www.dream11.best
138	www.dream11teamprediction.com
139	www.dream11worldcup.com
140	www.khelodream11.com
141	www.dream11livescores.com
142	www.dream11iplt20.com
143	www.dream11.cricket
144	www.dream11prediction.cricket
145	www.dream11.expert
146	www.dream11cricket.cricket
147	www.dream11.download
148	www.dream11cricket.download
149	www.mydream11prediction.com
150	www.dream11.co.uk
151	www.dream11fantasy.today
152	www.dream11team.com
153	www.bawlonedream11.com
154	www.dream110017.com
155	www.dream1124.info
156	www.mydream11team.com
157	www.bigdream11.com
158	www.dream11winningteams.com
159	www.dream11-pro.com



Defendant No.	Domain/Website
160	www.perfectdream11.com
161	www.dream11pandit.com
162	www.teamdream11.com
163	www.dream11play.com
164	www.dream11app.com
165	www.todaydream11team.com
166	www.predictdream11.com
167	www.dream11-prediction.com
168	www.dream11champions.com
169	www.todaydream11.com
170	www.dream11live.com
171	www.edream11.com
172	www.dream11master.com
173	www.dream11fantasy.com
174	www.dream11ipl.xyz
175	www.dream11teampredictions.com
176	www.ipldream11.com
177	www.dream11prediction.com
178	www.cricdream11.com
179	www.yourdream11.com
180	www.sgteam11.com
181	www.icedream11.com
182	www.mydream11.xyz
183	www.dream11ipl20.xyz
184	www.dream11teamone.xyz
185	www.dream11iplschedule.xyz
186	www.dream11prime.xyz
187	www.dream11s.xyz
188	www.indiadream11.com
189	www.visiondream11.com
190	www.bestdream11team.com
191	www.dream11hindi.com
192	www.dream11experts.com
193	www.dream11tips.com
194	www.dream11india.com
195	www.dream11europeancricketseries.com



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196	www.dream11ecs.com
197	www.dream11eurocup.cricket
198	www.dream11ecs.cricket
199	www.dream11europeancricketseries.cricket
200	www.dream112.com
201	www.dream111.com
202	www.youngdream1128.com
203	www.dream1111.com
204	www.yoursexydream11.com
205	www.iidream11.com
206	www.dream11crickettips.com
207	www.idream11.com
208	www.dream11iplprediction.com
209	www.dream11primepremium.com
210	www.dream119.com
211	www.dream11team11.com
212	www.dream11teamipl2020.xyz
213	www.dream11freeteam.com
214	www.dream11hindi.expert
215	www.mydream11.com
216	www.dream114.com