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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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W.P.(C) 16802/2024 and CM APPL.10812/2025 (u/O 1 R 10)

AKSHAT BALDWA & ANR.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Taha Bin Tasneem, Adv. and Mr.
Rahul Bajaj, petitioner in person.

versus

MADDOCK FILMS PRIVATE LIMITED AND ORS.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Harshvardhan Jha, Ms. Madhu
Gadodia, Mr. Aman Pathak and Mr.
Sumeet Mishra, Advs. for R-1, 2, 5
and 7.

Mr. Vineet Dhanda, CGSC, Ms.
Akansha Choudhary and Ms. Shweta
Shandilya, Advs.

Mr. Vedansh Anand, Adv, UOI.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar Mahapatra,
CGSC and Mr. Tribhuvan, Adv. for
R-3.

Mr. Devvrat Joshi, Adv. for R-4.

Mr. Saikrishna Rajagopal and Mr.
Angad, Adv. for proposed R-8
/Netflix.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

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19.05.2025

CM APPL.6363/2025 (for directions on behalf of the petitioner)

1. Mr. Harshvardhan Jha, learned counsel for the respondent nos. 5 and 7, seeks some time to file a reply. He further submits that as far as the film 'Vicky Vidya ka Woh Wala Video' is concerned, necessary steps have already been taken by the producer to incorporate the accessibility features. He seeks some time to take instructions as regards the other two movies



produced by the respondent no.7 i.e. 'Article 370' and 'Shaitaan'.

2. Learned counsel for the proposed respondent no. 8 / Netflix submits that it will coordinate with the producers to ensure that the accessibility features are duly incorporated in their respective productions.

3. Let a reply be filed by the proposed respondent/s, within a period of four weeks.

4. List on 17.07.2025.

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5. At request of learned counsel for respondent nos. 1 and 2, the said respondents are deleted from the array of parties in as much as they have already complied with the directions issued by the Court *vide* order dated 19.12.2024, and the prayers of the petitioner with the regard to the said respondents stand satisfied.

6. However, the petitioner submits that the said respondents be directed to ensure that accessibility features are incorporated in all future productions of the said respondents. Mr. Jha, learned counsel for the respondent nos. 1 and 2, accedes to the same.

7. In the circumstances, taking on record the aforementioned aspects, the respondent nos. 1 and 2 are deleted from the array of parties.

8. The proposed respondent no. 8 / Netflix submits that it will coordinate with the producers of the movies referred to by the petitioner in CM APPL.6363/2025 to ensure that the accessibility features are duly incorporated.

9. An affidavit has been filed by the Union of India (Ministry of Information and Broadcasting) / respondent no. 3, wherein it has been averred as under:



“9. It is respectfully submitted that the answering Respondent is in the process of formulation guidelines for improving disabled friendly accessibility features for content on OTT platforms as per the provisions of RPwD Act, 2016. The draft guidelines in this regard have been prepared by the Ministry and it is proposed to do consultation with stakeholders soon before finalization of the guidelines.”

10. Let the process of issuance of the concerned guidelines by the Union of India (Ministry of Information and Broadcasting) / respondent no. 3 be expedited.

11. List on 17.07.2025.

SACHIN DATTA, J

MAY 19, 2025/cl