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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **CS(COMM) 1304/2025**
SUEZ INTERNATIONAL & ORS.Plaintiffs

Through: Ms. Saya Choudhary, Mr. Sajan
Shankar, Mr. Partheshwar Singh &
Mr. Vishambher Bareja, Advocates.

Versus

ASHOK KUMAR / JOHN DOE & ORS.Defendants

Through: Mr. Aditya Gupta, Advocate for D-5.
Mr. Hardik Malik, Advocate for D-6.
Mr. Satya Ranjan Swain, Mr. Kautilya
Birat, Mr. Ankeesh Kapoor & Mr.
Vishwadeep, Advocates for D-7 to 9.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJAS KARIA

ORDER

% **08.12.2025**

IA Nos. 30614/2025, 30615/2025 & 30616/2025

1. For the reasons stated in the Applications, the same are allowed.
2. The Applications stand disposed of.

I.A. No.30610/2025 (Exemption from pre-institution Mediation)

3. This is an Application filed by the Plaintiffs seeking exemption from instituting pre-litigation Mediation under Section 12A of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015 ("CC Act").
4. As the present matter contemplates urgent interim relief, in light of the judgment of the Supreme Court in *Yamini Manohar v. T.K.D. Krithi*, 2023 SCC OnLine SC 1382, exemption from the requirement of pre-institution Mediation is granted.
5. The Application stands disposed of.



I.A. No.30611/2025 (Exemption from advance service to Defendant Nos.7,8,9&13)

6. The Plaintiffs have filed the present Application under Section 80(2) read with Section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (“CPC”) seeking exemption from serving prior notice under Section 80 of the CPC to Defendant Nos. 7 to 9 and 13.

7. For the reasons stated in the Application, the same is allowed.

8. The Application stands disposed of.

I.A. No.30612/2025 (Exemption from advance service to Defendant No.1)

9. This is an Application filed by the Plaintiffs under Section 151 of the CPC seeking exemption from advance service to Defendant No. 1.

10. In view of the fact that the Plaintiffs have sought an urgent *ex-parte ad-interim* injunction, the exemption from advance service to Defendant No. 1 is granted.

11. The Application is disposed of.

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12. Let the Plaint be registered as a Suit.

13. Issue Summons. The learned Counsel appearing for Defendant Nos. 5, 6 and 7 to 9 accept Summons.

14. Let Summons be served to the remaining Defendants through all permissible modes upon filing of the Process Fee.

15. The Summons shall state that the Written Statement(s) shall be filed by the Defendant(s) within 30 days from the date of the receipt of Summons. Along with the Written Statement(s), the Defendant(s) shall also file an Affidavit of Admission / Denial of the documents of the Plaintiffs, without



which the Written Statement(s) shall not be taken on record.

16. Liberty is granted to the Plaintiffs to file Replication(s), if any, within 30 days from the receipt of the Written Statement(s). Along with the Replication(s) filed by the Plaintiffs, an Affidavit of Admission / Denial of the documents of Defendant(s) be filed by the Plaintiffs, without which the Replication(s) shall not be taken on record.

17. In case any Party is placing reliance on a document, which is not in their power and possession, its details and source shall be mentioned in the list of reliance, which shall also be filed with the pleadings.

18. If any of the Parties wish to seek inspection of any documents, the same shall be sought and given within the prescribed timelines.

19. List before the learned Joint Registrar on 02.02.2026 for completion of service and pleadings.

IA No.30613/2025 (O-XI R-1(4) of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908)

20. The present Application has been filed on behalf of the Plaintiffs under Order XI Rule 1(4) of the CPC as applicable to Commercial Suits under the CC Act seeking leave to place on record additional documents.

21. The Plaintiffs are permitted to file additional documents in accordance with the provisions of the CC Act and the Delhi High Court (Original Side) Rules, 2018.

22. Accordingly, the Application stands disposed of.

I.A. No.30609/2025 (U/O XXXIX Rule 1 & 2 of CPC)

23. Issue Notice. The learned Counsel appearing for Defendant Nos. 5, 6 and 7 to 9 accept Notice.

24. Let Notice be served to all the remaining Defendants through all permissible modes upon filing of the Process Fees.



25. The learned Counsel for the Plaintiffs made the following submissions:

25.1 The Plaintiffs have been active in the Indian water and waste-water management sector since the year 1978 and have been consistently delivering smart and sustainable solutions, by working closely with cities and industries, transferring global knowledge and technologies, ensuring that the citizens of India get access to safe drinking water. The Plaintiffs have built and currently operate more than 50 state-of-the-art water and waste-water treatment infrastructures in India.

25.2 Currently, Plaintiff No. 1, through group companies including Plaintiff Nos. 2 to 4, has operations in 40 countries with 40,000 employees and is providing 68 million people with drinking water worldwide.

25.3 The goodwill and reputation of the Plaintiffs is evident from the expanse of their footprint world over along with their annual turnover for the past three years, which is detailed in the table below:

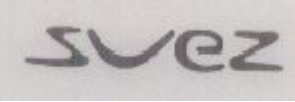
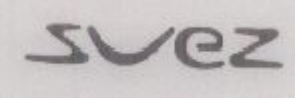
<i>Year</i>	<i>Revenue Billion of Euros</i>
2024	9.2
2023	8.8
2022	6.8

25.4 Plaintiff No. 1 is the registered user of the well-known and popular

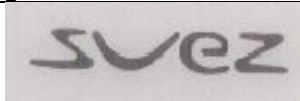
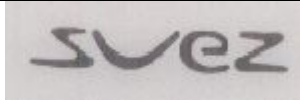
Trade Marks being **suez** /  /  ,
 (“**Plaintiffs’ Marks**”) amongst others, in multiple classes. Plaintiff Nos. 2 to 4 are the licensees of the Plaintiffs’ Marks owned by Plaintiff No. 1 in India. The Plaintiffs have been using the Plaintiffs’ Marks and their various adaptations for more than 40 years in India.



25.5 A table depicting some of the Plaintiffs' present and previously owned registered Marks either by themselves or by their predecessor entities, is as under:

S. No.	Mark	Date of Application	Class	Application Status
1.	 (Device Mark) Application No. 3310428	01.09.2015	Class 99 (Multiple Classes)	Protection Granted
2.	 (Device Mark) Application No. 3157961	19.02.2015	Class 99 (Multiple Classes)	Protection Granted
3.	 International Registration No. 1262281	19.02.2015	Class 99 (Multiple Class)	Registered
4.	 (Device Mark) Application No. 3302532	12.06.2015	Class 99 (Multiple Classes)	Protection Granted
5.	 (Device Mark) Application No. 1027713	16.07.2001	Class 9	Registered
6.	 (Device Mark)	16.07.2001	Class 4	Registered



	Application No. 1027714			
7.	 (Device Mark) Application No. 1027715	16.07.2001	Class 5	Registered
8.	 (Device Mark) Application No. 1027716	16.07.2001	Class 19	Registered
9.	 (Device Mark) Application No. 1790653	27.02.2009	Class 9	Registered
10.	 (Device Mark) Application No. 1790648	27.02.2009	Class 9	Registered

25.6 The Plaintiffs have invested a great amount of time, money and effort to promote the said Marks in various forms and forums. The said Marks have been used extensively in India and abroad by the Plaintiffs and have prominently featured in electronic and print media across the globe.

25.7 Defendant No. 1 are unknown entities who are using the ‘SUEZ’ Mark and are illegally offering fraudulent, fake and sham investment schemes to unsuspecting persons / victims with the intention to dupe them of huge sums of money.

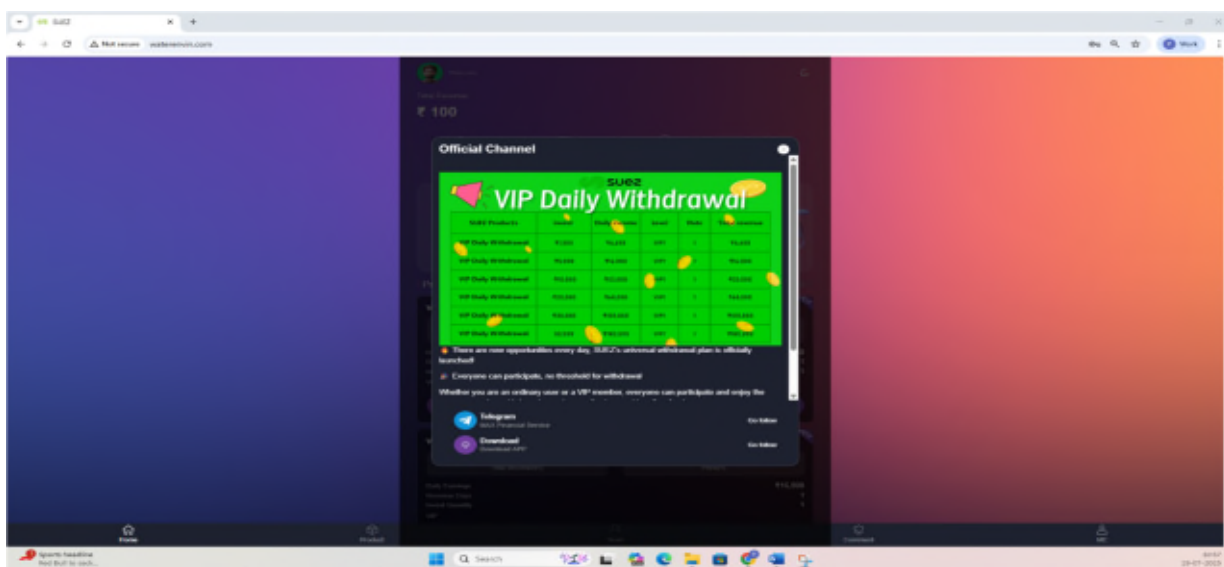
25.8 The Plaintiffs conducted a thorough online search which, along with various subsequent emails received by the Plaintiffs from unsuspecting and

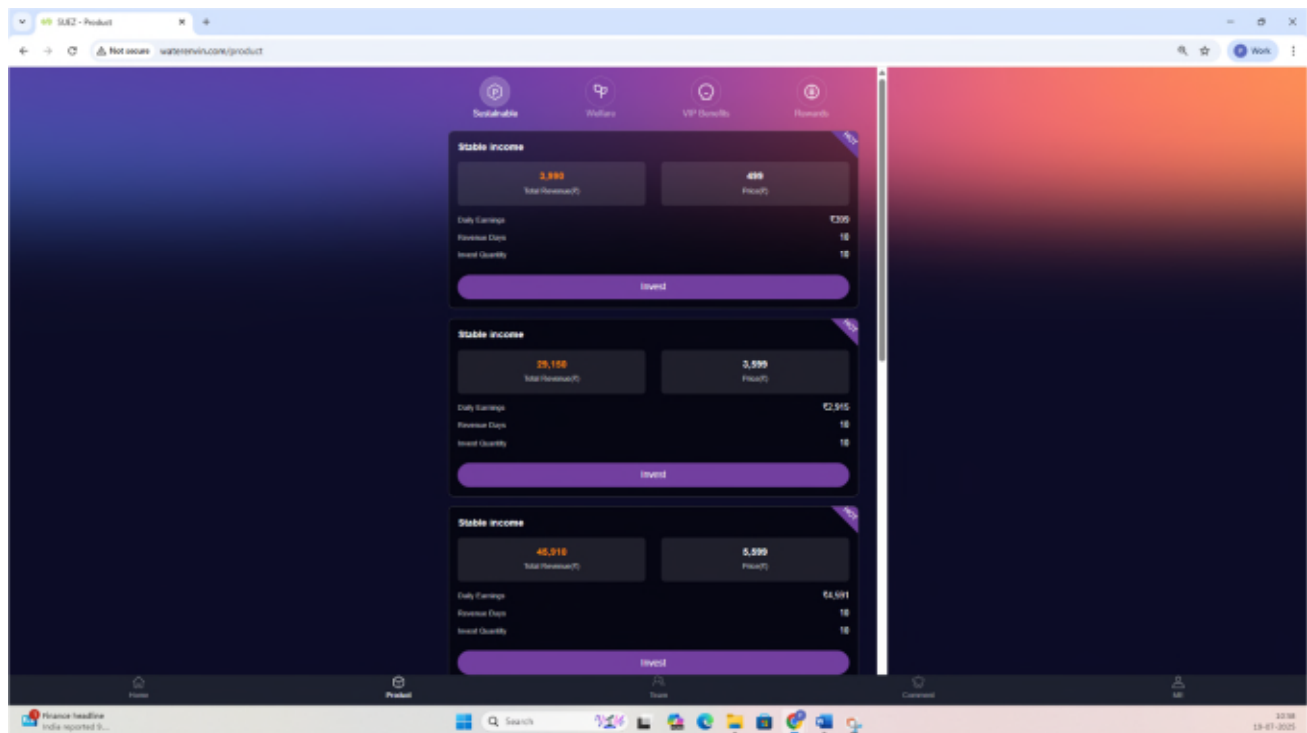
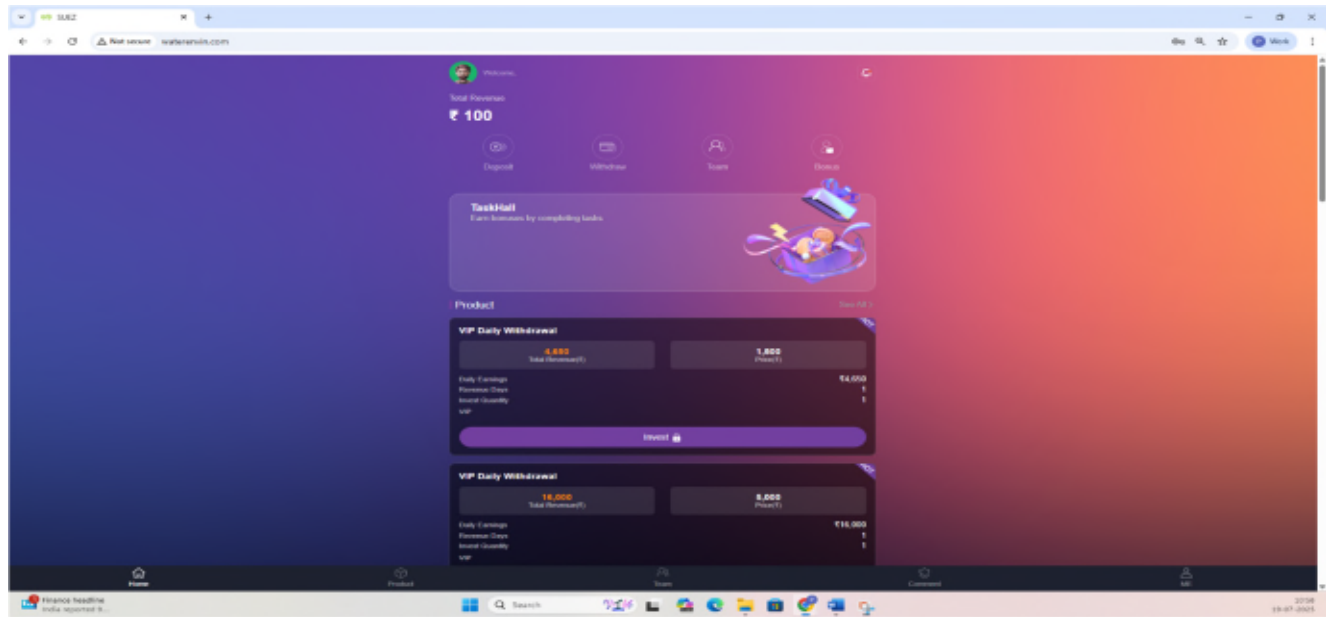


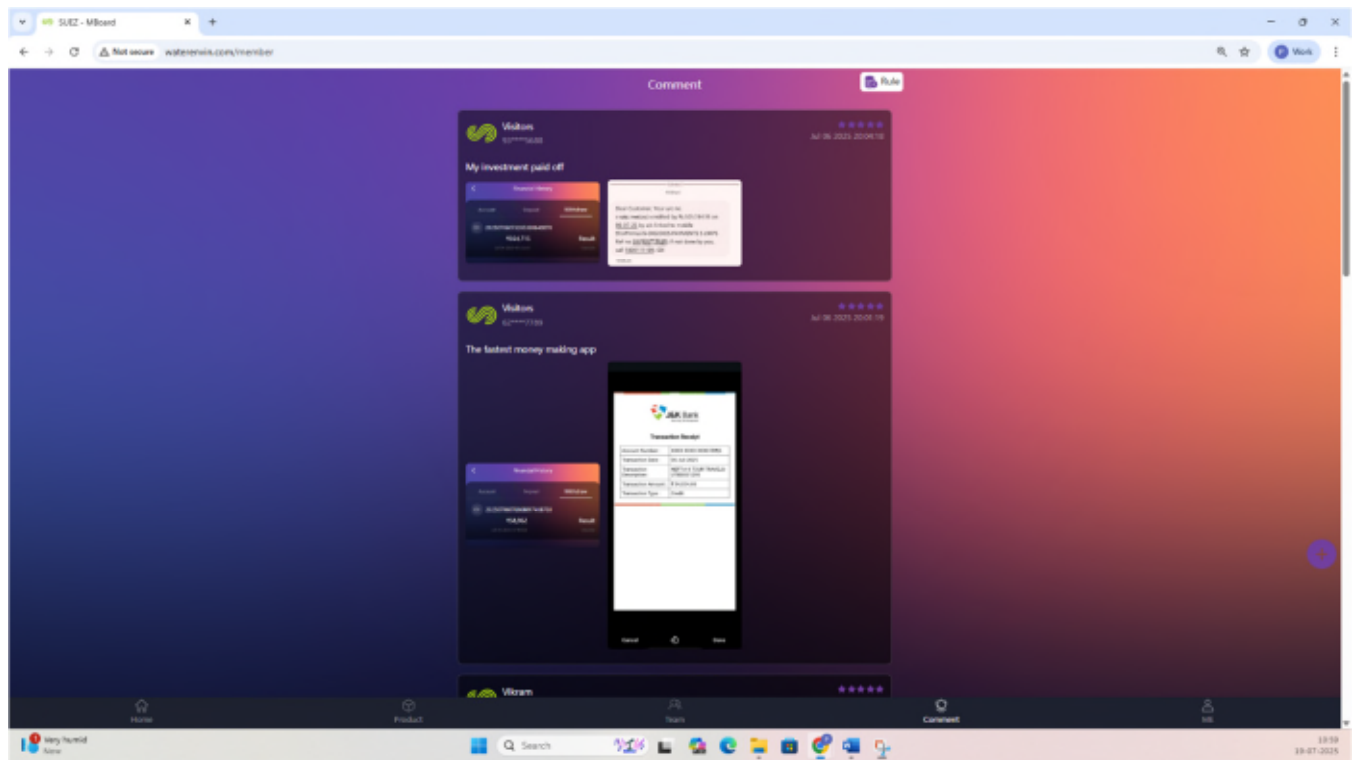
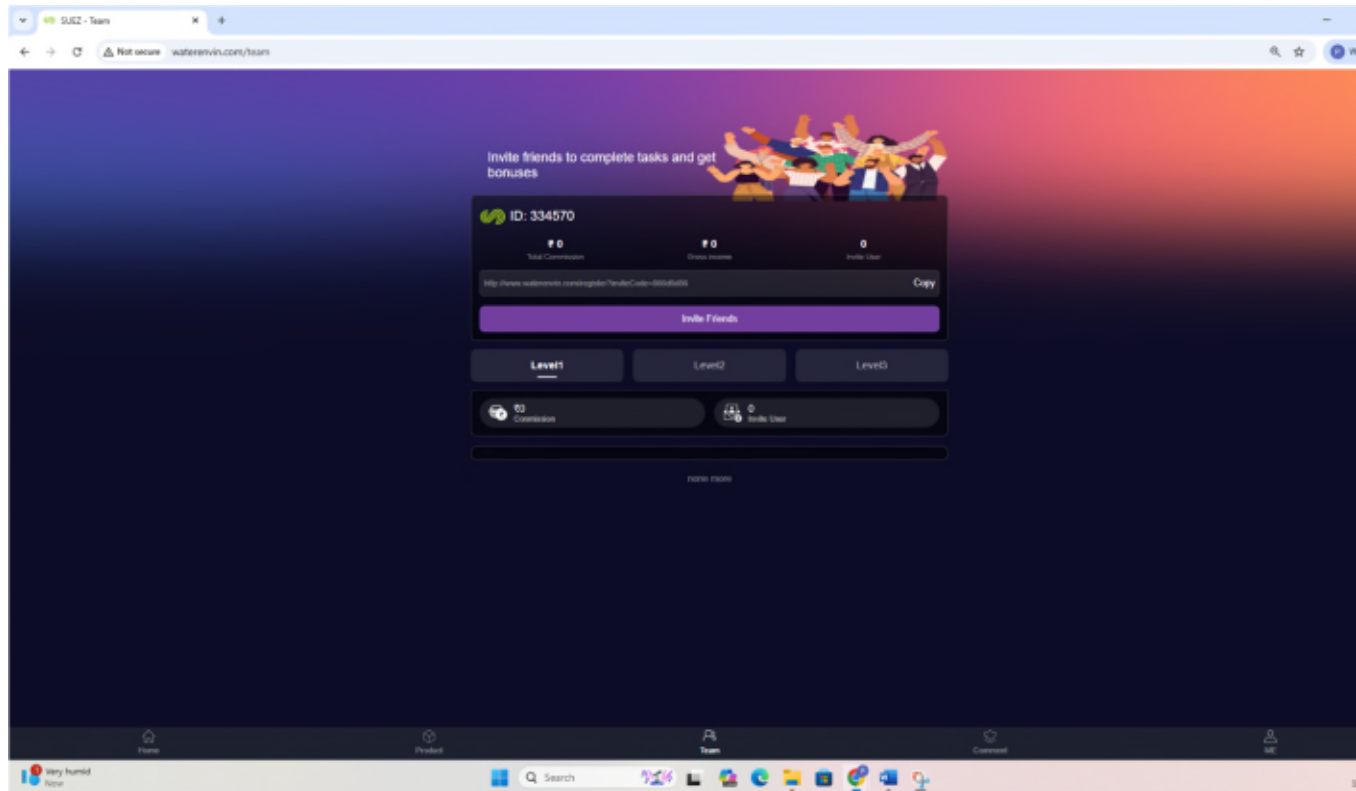
innocent victims, revealed that Defendant No. 1 through infringing websites ('www.waterineco.com' and 'www.waterenvin.com'), Mobile Application called SUEZ, Telegram group, YouTube videos and phone numbers, is running its illegal scheme to lure the members of the public to invest substantial sum of monies. As a result, the members of public have been investing substantial amount of their hard-earned money, with an expectation to get higher returns.

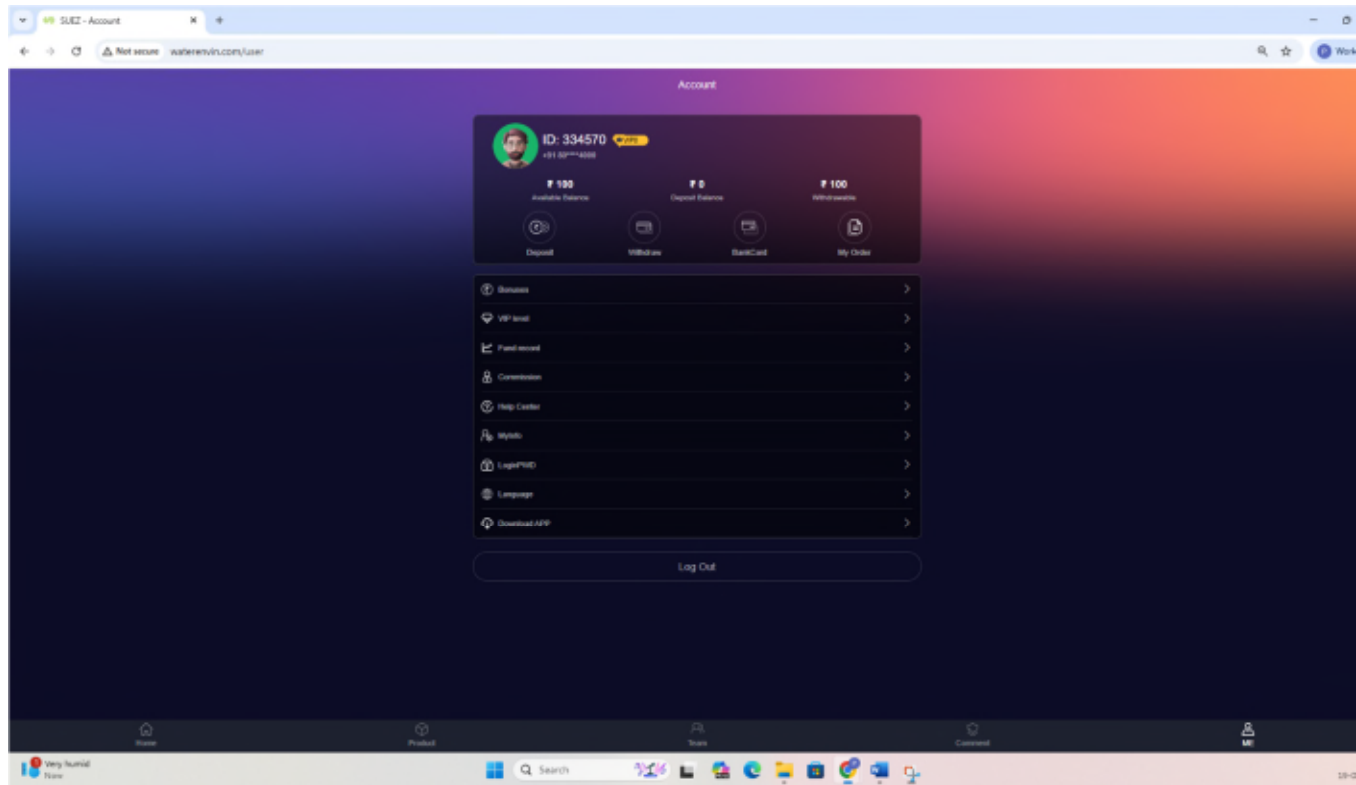
25.9 Defendant No. 1 has obtained registration for the domain names 'www.waterineco.com' and 'www.waterenvin.com' on 07.05.2025, whereby the said fraudulent investment scheme has been made accessible to the victims/investors. Although the said websites/domain names do not directly use the Plaintiffs' Marks, however, once accessed, the tab window uses the Plaintiffs' Marks 'SUEZ'.

25.10 Screenshots of the said websites used by Defendant No. 1 to dupe the members of the public, are reproduced below:



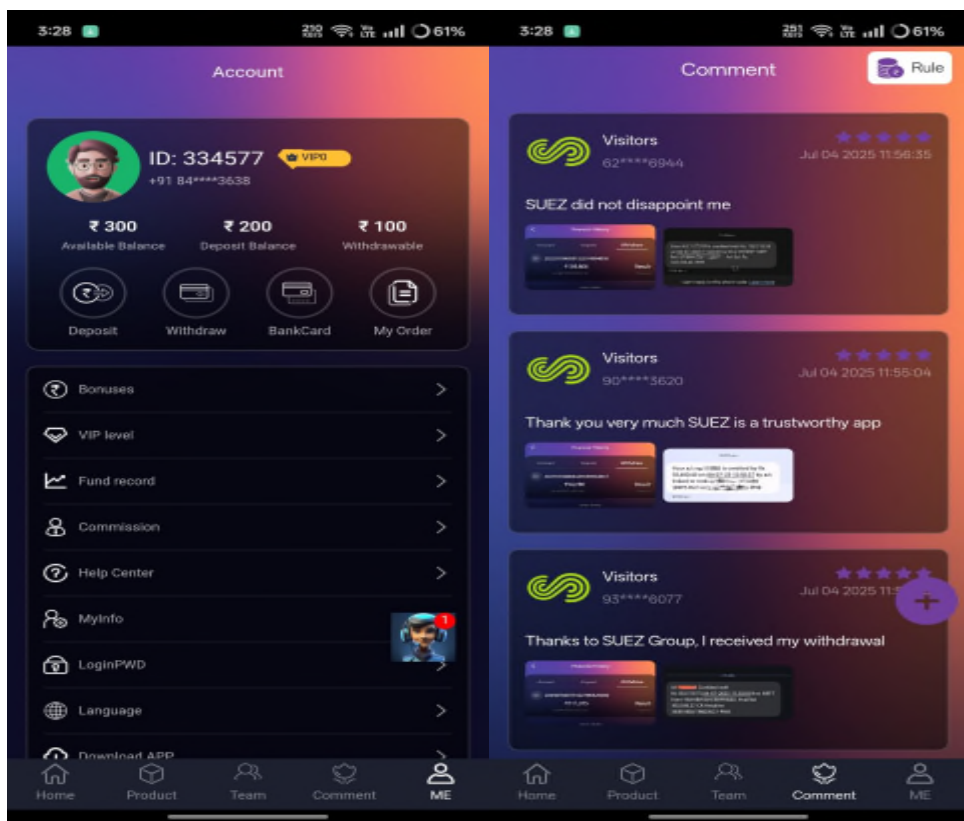
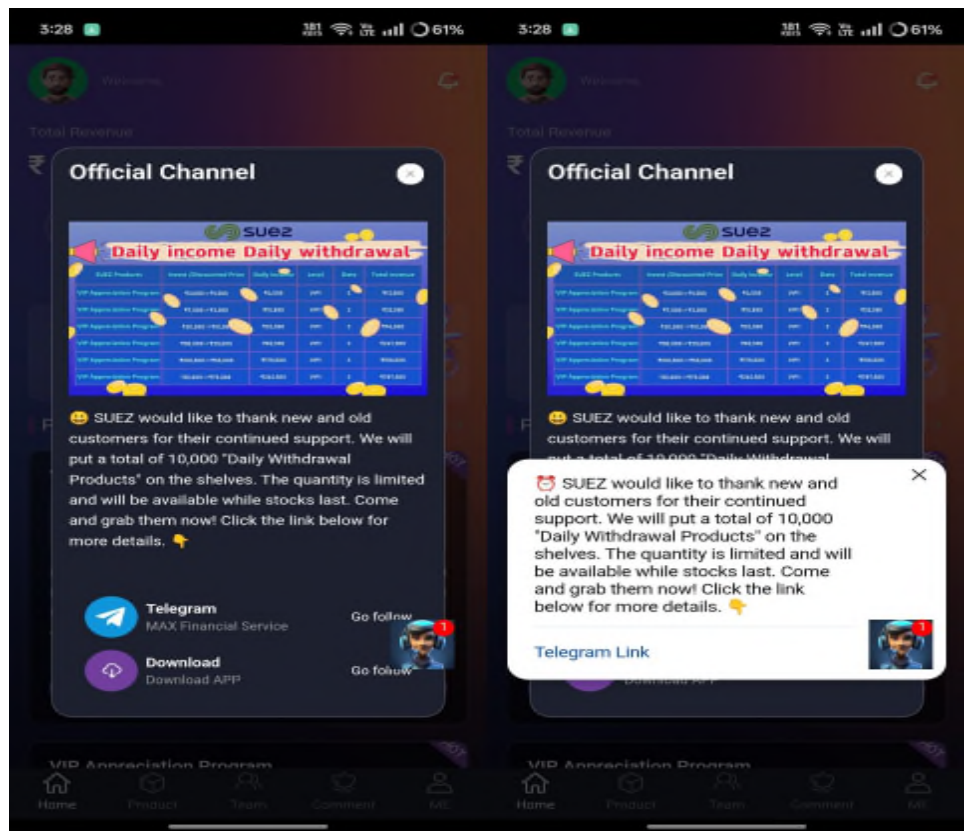


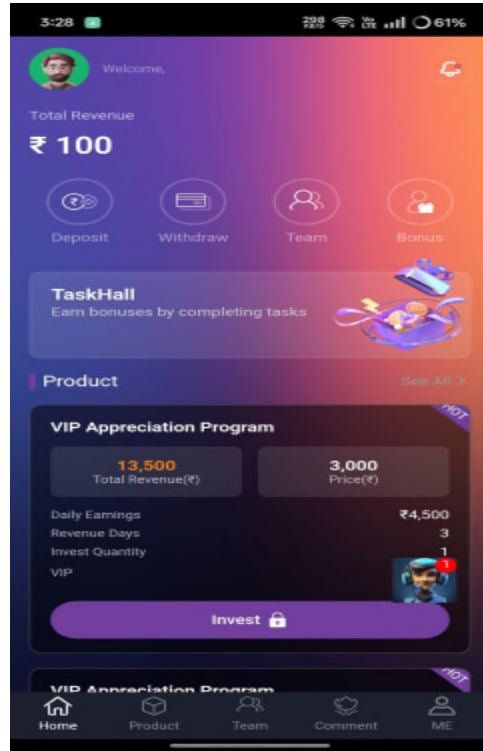
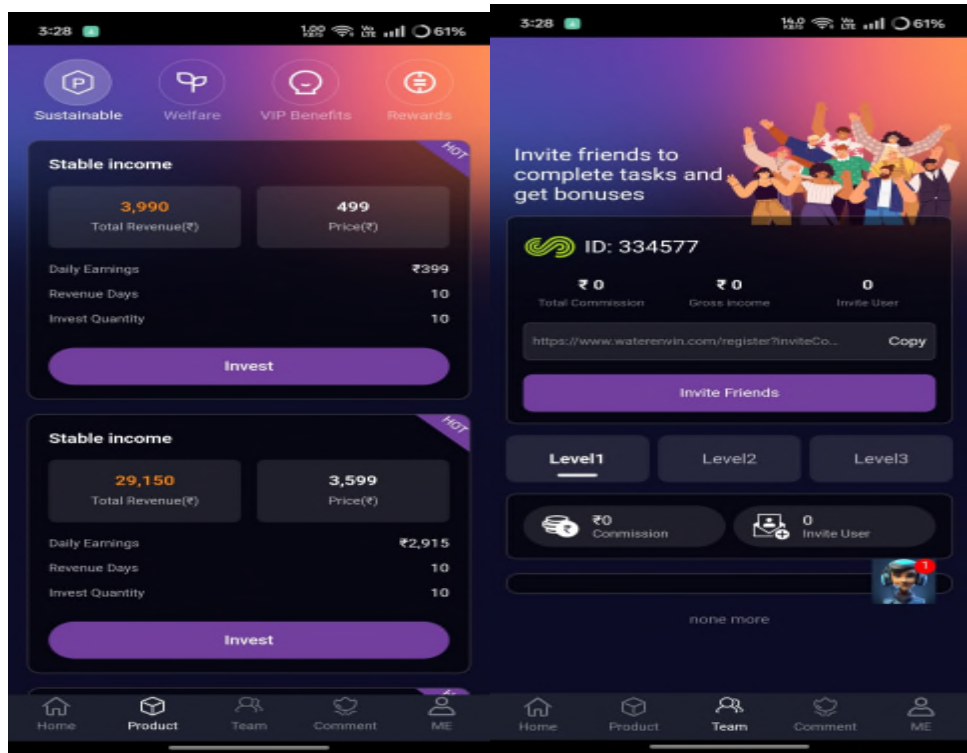




25.11 The infringing domain names used by Defendant No. 1 are registered with Defendant Nos. 2 to 4.

25.12 Defendant No. 1 is also continuing with its fraudulent acts/schemes through a mobile application called SUEZ, which can be downloaded through a link on any mobile device built as per Android OS specification. This mobile application is not available for download on any app distribution platform / marketplace application stores such 'App Store', 'Play Store', etc. However, the said application can be downloaded through the aforementioned website/web links 'www.waterineco.com' and 'www.waterenvin.com' along with invitee links. Screenshots of the said app are attached as under:







25.13 Defendant No.1 is also actively promoting the said investment schemes through social media platforms of Defendant Nos. 5 and 6, i.e., YouTube and Telegram respectively.

25.14 The Plaintiffs also noticed that the videos posted on YouTube are not active throughout, and Defendant No. 1 keeps uploading new videos while removing the old ones to defraud the public. The investment schemes of Defendant No. 1 have attained popularity on the internet due the name of the Plaintiffs being used, and various third-party users/content creators have been uploading tutorial videos on the social media platform YouTube regarding the said schemes and a table pertaining to the same is produced below:

S. No	YouTube Link	Views	Date	Channel Name
1.	https://youtu.be/UTCZu9L7CMY 	17,184	23.05.2025	Unlimited App Wala
2.	https://youtu.be/oJXiv8S_KtY 	888	30.05.2025	IDEAS WITH AAMIR



3.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNdFxn65F-g&t=23s 	673	10.06.2025	Hello earning
4.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5EJZkoTSls&t=123s 	333	26.06.2025	EDGE EARNING
5.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvY0bFqlppo&t=18s 	284	11.06.2025	Hello earning
6.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7w-pvXqj68c 	73	31.05.2025	Anjali and Amaira



7.	https://youtu.be/mkq26nDKIoE  (No longer available)	9,820	27.05.202 5	ALL over trick rakesh
8.	https://youtu.be/iEtfcjcC7p4  (No longer available)	8,523	11.05.202 5	GRANTED EARNING 105K view



9.	https://youtu.be/Qhy_NM52u4k  (No longer available)	3,972	13.06.202 5	GRANTED EARNING
10.	https://youtu.be/Xling0guZ0Y  (No longer available)	3,786	14.05.202 5	GRANTED EARNING
11.	https://youtu.be/xpCySyl72fE  (No longer available)	2,798	10.05.202 5	GRANTED EARNING 105K view



12.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JMdnENe-m5I  (No longer available)	2,795	10.05.2025	Granted Earning
13.	https://youtu.be/vNrv4OoyJ7s  (No longer available)	1,532	26.06.2025	SWEET EARNING 109K view
14.	https://youtu.be/4V6TjH45Juc  (No longer available)	1,414	12.06.2025	GRANTED EARNING



15.	https://youtu.be/MUBHEPCuIzY  (No longer available)	1,242	04.07.2022 5	Tech With Vijay 0.2
16.	https://youtu.be/FuC2A69EyRo  (No longer available)	1,155	03.07.2022 5	Tech With Vijay 0.2
17.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omIv7oRgOwI  (No longer available)	1,847	26.06.2022 5	Granted Earning



18.	https://youtu.be/h-TY_XIYZKc  (No longer available)	934	03.07.202 5	Dinesh New earn game
19.	https://youtu.be/irb3VJYAlek  (No longer available)	830	23.06.202 5	Celebrity Talk
20.	https://youtu.be/xuk2aQ8yoF0  (No longer available)	805	21.06.202 5	GRANTED EARNING



21.	https://youtu.be/oJXiv8S_KtY  (No longer available)	737	30.05.2025 5	IDEAS WITH AAMIR
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25.15 The Plaintiffs apprehend that the said videos along with their clips in the ‘YouTube shorts’ format have reached millions of viewers and have not only induced gullible victims into investing and thereafter, losing money to the fraudulent investment schemes, but also tarnish the goodwill and reputation that has been acquired by the Plaintiffs over a century of quality service.

25.16 The Plaintiffs have received numerous emails from victims/complainants indicating that they were induced and subsequently defrauded through a particular Telegram Group/Channel which is accessible at ‘https://t.me/OfficialGroup_w’.

25.17 In order to investigate further, the Plaintiffs attempted to make transactions on the infringing website / mobile application / channel by creating an account of their own. While doing so, the Plaintiffs discovered numerous phone numbers and UPI IDs to which the said website / mobile application mandated the user / victim to make the payment. It is also important to note that on every attempt, a different UPI ID was shown.

25.18 Defendant No. 1 is involved in infringement of Plaintiffs’ Marks as part of its website and mobile application, which is gravely diluting the goodwill



and reputation in the Plaintiffs' Marks. Defendant No. 1 is also involved in passing off its fraudulent investment schemes as that of the Plaintiffs by impersonating the Plaintiffs. Therefore, Defendant No.1 is adversely affecting and tarnishing the goodwill and reputation built by the Plaintiffs.

26. The learned Counsel for Defendant No. 5 submitted that Defendant No. 5 is willing to take down all the infringing videos available on its platform, YouTube.

27. The learned Counsel for Defendant No. 6 submitted that Defendant No. 6 is willing to block the channel / group infringing the Plaintiffs' Marks and furnish the available details of the operator(s) of the said infringing channel / group.

28. Having considered the submissions advanced by the learned Counsel for the Plaintiffs, Defendant Nos. 5 and 6, it is *prima facie* clear that the Plaintiffs' Marks and name have been used by Defendant No. 1 with the clear intent to defraud and deceive the public by claiming to offer investment schemes across India using the Plaintiffs' Marks through the infringing websites and Telegram group / channel. The unauthorized actions of Defendant No. 1, including the creation and operation of a Telegram group / channel and infringing websites may lead to substantial confusion, leading individuals to falsely believe that the infringing websites and the Telegram group / channel are authorized, associated and affiliated with the Plaintiffs.

29. Defendant No. 1 has attempted to take unfair advantage of the reputation and goodwill of the Plaintiffs' Marks, and has also deceived the unwary consumers of their association with the Plaintiffs by dishonestly using the Plaintiffs' Mark.

30. Therefore, a *prima facie* case has been made out on behalf of the



Plaintiffs for the grant of an *ex-parte ad-interim* injunction. Irreparable injury would be caused to the Plaintiffs if an *ex-parte ad-interim* injunction is not granted and balance of convenience is in favour of the Plaintiffs and against Defendant No. 1.

31. Accordingly, till the next date of hearing, it is directed that:

- i. Defendant No. 1, its owners, partners, proprietors, officers, servants, employees, representatives and all others acting for and on its behalf, or anyone claiming through or under it, are restrained from directly or indirectly using the Plaintiffs' Marks ‘

suez, ‘’, ‘’, and / or any other identical or deceptively similar mark in relation to any investment scheme, as part of domain names / website / mobile applications / social media domain names / email addresses or in any other manner so as to cause infringement of the Plaintiffs' Marks.

- ii. Defendant Nos. 2 to 4 shall lock and suspend the Domain Names ‘www.waterineco.com’ and ‘www.waterenvin.com’ within 7 days of receiving the Notice and shall file all the Basic Subscriber Information, including the name, address, contact information, email addresses, bank details, IP logs and any other relevant information available of the owners / operators of the said Domain Names in a sealed cover / password protected document within four weeks from the receipt of the Notice.
- iii. Defendant No. 5 shall take down, remove, and disable the URLs identified in the table below, within 7 days of receiving the Notice



and shall file the name, address, contact information, email addresses, bank details, IP logs, and any other relevant information available of the owners / operators of the said URLs in a password protected document / sealed envelope within four weeks from the from the receipt of the Notice.

S. No.	URLs	Channel Name
1.	https://youtu.be/UTCZu9L7CMY	Unlimited App Wala
2.	https://youtu.be/oJXiv8S_KtY	IDEAS WITH AAMIR
3.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNdfxn65F-g&t=23s	Hello earning
4.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5EJZkoTSls&t=123s	EDGE EARNING
5.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvY0bFqlppo&t=18s	Hello earning
6.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7w-pvXqj68c	Anjali and Amaira

- iv. Defendant No. 6 shall block / take down / disable the Group / Channel, which is accessible at 'https://t.me/OfficialGroup_w'



within 7 days of receiving the Notice and shall file all the Basic Subscriber Information, including the name, address, contact information, email addresses, bank details, IP logs, and any other relevant information available of the owners / operators of the said Group / Channel in a sealed cover / password protected document within four weeks from the receipt of the Notice.

- v. Defendant Nos. 10 to 12 shall block the phone numbers identified in the table below within 7 days of receiving the Notice and shall file the KYC details and any other relevant information regarding the registrant of the said phone numbers in a password protected document / sealed envelope within four weeks from the receipt of the Notice. Defendant Nos. 10 to 12 shall identify which of these phone numbers are allocated within their network and implement the blocking accordingly.

S. No.	Phone No.
1.	7717726869
2.	6387892683
3.	7477515559
4.	9982674072
5.	8639564782
6.	9122247404
7.	8658257252
8.	8441909956
9.	7086704905
10.	9234090763



11.	7005313932
12.	8756026165
13.	9381188600
14.	9989609015

- vi. Defendant No. 13 shall suspend and disable the UPI IDs identified in the table below within 7 days of receiving the Notice and shall file the details, including the KYC details and the details of the associated bank accounts, pertaining to account holders of the said UPI IDs in a sealed cover / password protected document within four weeks from the receipt of the Notice.

S. No.	UPI IDs	Payment Service Provider
1	nursi@freecharge	Axis Bank
2	spare4628@freecharge	Axis Bank
3	afzalur541@freecharge	Axis Bank
4	ali.mofij@freecharge	Axis Bank
5	shiva138@freecharge	Axis Bank
6	prince7740@indus	IndusInd
7	dhirajkumar02@freecharge	Axis Bank
8	ak7172416@freecharge	Axis Bank
9	sadanand86@freecharge	Axis Bank



10	varshith.v@indus	IndusInd
11	balvinder-44@ptyes	Yes Bank

vii. Defendant Nos. 16 to 18 shall freeze / suspend operations of the respective bank accounts associated with the UPI IDs identified in the table above in Paragraph No. 31 (vi) of this Order and shall file the details, including the KYC details, pertaining to the bank account holders of the bank accounts associated with the said UPI IDs in a sealed cover / password protected document within four weeks from the receipt of the Notice.

32. Let the Reply to the present Application be filed within four weeks after service of Notice. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing.

33. The compliance of Order XXXIX Rule 3 of the CPC be done within two weeks.

34. List before this Court on 19.03.2026.

TEJAS KARIA, J

DECEMBER 8, 2025

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