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Hollywood producers begin pushback against two TV channels with lawsuit

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The lawsuit, by four industry associations and 34 producers, seeks to restrain them from interfering with the right to privacy of persons associated with the Hindi film industry

a cloud since actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death in June and the pushback is the first time that the biggest names of the Hindi film industry have banded together in such a way, said industry insiders.

The civil suit, which cites reportage of Rajput's death and the subsequent Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) probe into the alleged role of some actors following allegations of drug abuse in the industry, is likely to come up for hearing later this week.

Those who have approached the court include the Producers Guild of India, Cine and TV Artiste Association, Film and TV Producers Council, Shah Rukh Khan's Red Chillies Entertain-

ment, Aamir Khan Productions, Ajay Devgn Films, Akshay Kumar's Cape of Good Films, Karan Johar's Dharma Productions, Yash Raj Films and Farhan Akhtar and Ritesh Sidhwani's Excel Entertainment.

The producers said they are "not seeking a blanket gag order" but want the defendants to abide by the provisions of the Programme Code under the Cable Television Networks Rules and to withdraw, recall and take down all the defamatory content published by them against the film industry.

"This comes in the wake of these channels using highly derogatory words and expressions for Bollywood such as 'dirt', 'filth', 'scum', 'druggies' and expressions such as 'it is Bollywood where the dirt needs to be cleaned', 'all the perfumes of Arabia cannot take away the stench and the stink of this filth and scum of the underbelly of Bollywood', 'This is the dirtiest industry in the country', and 'cocaine and LSD drenched Bollywood'," the suit filed through DSK Legal firm said.

The industry, the filmmakers said, is unique and dependent almost solely on the goodwill, appreciation and acceptance of its audience. It is also a big source of employment and the livelihood of persons associated with it is "severely impacted" by the smear campaign being run by the defendants, the plea said.

It pointed to the Covid-19 pandemic that has resulted in the loss of revenue and work. The producers also issued a statement that ended with the hashtag '#Bollywood Strikes Back'.

"The entire industry was pained by the malicious media trials going on for the past few months now... We thought it was about time to unite and fight this and decided to go to the court," a member of the Screenwriters Association told PTI on condition of anonymity.

"The industry has more than five lakh people working in various capacities. The name calling was affecting even spot boys. This was the last resort and we aim to fight it out legally," he said.

TN signs 14 MoUs worth ₹10,000 cr; to generate 7,000 additional jobs

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TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT on Monday signed 14 memoranda of understanding (MoUs) worth ₹10,055 crore, aimed at creating an additional 7,000 new jobs in the state. The fresh MoUs follow 42 MoUs worth ₹31,464 crore in Q1 and Q2 that were targeted at generating 69,712 jobs.

Tamil Nadu, as a frontrunner for investments in renewable energy, signed an MoU with JSW Renew Energy's hybrid project for ₹6,300 crore. MoUs with Aosheng & TPI Composites were also signed for renewable energy manufacturing. Keeping the impetus for data centre investments worth ₹8,300 crore from Yotta infrastructure, HDCl Data Centre Holdings and ST Tele Media, an MoU was signed with Spain's Mantra Data Centre for ₹750 crore making the state an emerging hub for data centres with competitive real estate and submarine cable landing stations.

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THE COVID-19 pandemic has and continues to adversely impact every sector in the country and the Gujarat-based brass parts industry is no exception. The ₹300-crore industry situated in and around Jamnagar town is facing a double whammy of increased cost of raw materials and subdued domestic demand.

Volatile international scrap market is a disturbing factor for over 8,500 brass part manufac-

turing units situated in India's biggest such cluster, said Lakhbhai Keshwala, president of Jamnagar Factory Owner's Association, adding, "Before the first lockdown in March, prices of brass scrap was in the range of ₹290 to ₹300 per kg. However, the pandemic-led global lockdown completely disturbed the supply chain of scrap. As a result, prices have shot up at least 10% instantly. Despite factory owners being ready to pay increased cost, there is no surety of guaranteed supply on time."

Nearly 80% raw materials

for brass units in Gujarat are being sourced from the US. After the coronavirus outbreak, US suppliers are not able to maintain consistency in exporting scrap to India and other countries, said Keshwala.

Jamnagar brass-parts cluster consumes over 8,000 tonne of brass scraps every month. The manufacturers solely depend upon import of the raw material. Of the total units, nearly 40 to 50 are export-oriented units. Before the outbreak of coronavirus, Jamnagar-based units used to export 10 to 12% of the total

turnover. These exporters are facing even bigger trouble as the cost of their products have gone up amid plummeting demand of finished products in the international market, he said, adding the situation in domestic brass parts market is not encouraging.

China is the biggest competitor of India in global markets. If Chinese brass parts makers have mastery in making giant-size brass items, including industrial valves, their Indian counterparts are specialised in manufacturing tiny parts used in electrical and auto industries.

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