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SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

VENAGRO & ORS. - Petitioner(s)

Versus

INCRED FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD (ERSTRWHILE KNOWN AS VISU LEASING FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED) - Respondent(s)

Transfer Petition(s)(Criminal) No(s).68/2024

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.19156/2024-EX-PARTE STAY)

WITH

Transfer Petition(s)(Criminal) No(s).66/2024 (II) (Item No. 1619)

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.17897/2024-EX-PARTE STAY and IA

No.17898/2024-EXEMPTION FROM filing O.T.)

Transfer Petition(s)(Criminal) No(s).65/2024 (II-B)

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.17852/2024-EX-PARTE STAY)

WITH

Transfer Petition(s)(Criminal) No(s). 70/2024 (II-B) (Item No.

1621)

FOR ADMISSION and IA No.19854/2024-EX-PARTE STAY)

WITH

T.P.(Crl.) No. 75/2024 (II-B)

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.20458/2024-EX-PARTE STAY)

T.P.(Crl.) No. 69/2024 (II-B)

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.19823/2024-EX-PARTE STAY)

WITH

Transfer Petition(s)(Criminal) No(s).64/2024 (II-B)(Item No. 1622)

(FOR ADMISSION and IA No.17786/2024-STAY APPLICATION)

Date: 29-01-2024 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA



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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

ORDER

The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the subject <u>loan agreement</u> consequent upon which the cheque was issued by the petitioners, was executed at Hyderabad and the respondents have their offices at Hyderabad. The entire <u>cause of action</u> for filing the present complaints under <u>Section 138</u> of the *Negotiable Instruments Act 1881* has accrued at Hyderabad yet the complaint has been submitted before the Court at Calcutta, Jaipur and Gurugram only to harass the petitioners.

Issue notice. Tag with Transfer Petition(Crl.) No.26/2024 In the meantime, there shall be stay of further proceedings in:-

- 1. CS No.29612 of 2022 titled as "Incred Financial Services Ltd. Vs. Venagro & Ors.", pending before before the Court of 11th Metropolitan Magistrate, Calcutta.
- 2. Complaint No.8660 of 2022 titled as "Shriram City Union Finance Limited vs. Venagro Nutrifoods Private Limited & Another", pending before the Court of Special Metropolitan Magistrate, N.I. Act No.9, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- 3. C.S. No. 18673 of 2022 titled as" Poonawalla Fincorp Limited (formerly known as Magma Fincorp Limited) vs. Venagro Nutrifoods Private Limited & Ors.", pending before the Court of 3 rd Metropolitan Magistrate at Calcutta.
- 4. C.S. No.108859 of 2022 titled as "Ugro Capital Limited vs. Venagro Nutrifoods Private Limited & Ors.", pending before the 10th Metropolitan Magistrate at Calcutta.
- 5. C.S. No. 54120 of 2023 titled as "Aditya Birla Finance Limited vs. Venagro & Ors.", pending before the 12th Metropolitan Magistrate at Calcutta.
- 6. NACT No.32208 of 2022, titled as "M/s Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited vs. Venu Akula", pending before the Court of Judicial Magistrate First Class at Gurugram, Haryana.
- 7. C.S. No.107813 of 2021 titled as "Poonawalla Fincorp Limited vs. Venagro Nutrifoods Private Limited & Ors.", pending before the Court of 8rd Metropolitan Magistrate at Calcutta.