



NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL
MUMBAI BENCH COURT VI

Item No. P1.

C.P. (IB)/1068(MB)2025

CORAM:

SHRI SAMEER KAKAR
HON'BLE MEMBER (TECHNICAL)

SHRI NILESH SHARMA
HON'BLE MEMBER (JUDICIAL)

ORDER SHEET OF HEARING (HYBRID) DATED **11.12.2025**

NAME OF THE PARTIES:

Canara Bank

Vs

M/s. Krishna Showbiz Services Pvt. Ltd

Under Section 7 of the IBC.

ORDER

The case is fixed for pronouncement of the order. The order is pronounced in the open court, *vide* separate order. Detailed order is being uploaded on the NCLT portal today.

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SAMEER KAKAR
MEMBER (TECHNICAL)

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NILESH SHARMA
MEMBER (JUDICIAL)



IN THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL MUMBAI BENCH-VI

CP (IB) No.1068/MB/2025

[Under Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 read with Rule 4 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Application to Adjudicating Authority) Rules, 2016]

IN THE MATTER OF:

CANARA BANK

[PAN No. AAACC6106G]

Branch office: Canara Bank Building

B Wing, 8th Floor, C-14, G-block

Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East

Mumbai - 400051, Maharashtra.

...Financial Creditor/Applicant

V/s

M/S. KRISHNA SHOWBIZ SERVICES PVT. LTD.

[CIN: U22110MH2013PTC244043]

3-4, Sukh Shanti, 8th Road

JVPD Scheme Vile Parle (W)

Mumbai - 400049, Maharashtra.

...Corporate Debtor

Pronounced: 11.12.2025

CORAM:

HON'BLE SHRI NILESH SHARMA, MEMBER (JUDICIAL)

HON'BLE SHRI SAMEER KAKAR, MEMBER (TECHNICAL)

Appearances: Hybrid

Financial Creditor: Adv. Mr. Gajendra A Rajput.

Corporate Debtor: Adv. Mr. Hrishik Gale i/b Jain Law Partners



ORDER

[PER: BENCH]

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This is an Application bearing C.P. (IB) No.1068/MB/2025 filed on 01.10.2025 by Canara Bank, the Applicant (Financial Creditor) under Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as “the Code”) read with Rule 4 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Application to Adjudicating Authority) Rules, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as “the AAA Rules”) through Mr. Rupesh Pillewan - Authorised Signatory of the Applicant *vide* Power of Attorney dated 16.11.2024 for initiating Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (hereinafter referred to as “CIRP”) in respect of M/s. Krishna Showbiz Services Pvt. Ltd., the Corporate Debtor (CD).
- 1.2 The Applicant is incorporated under Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 (Act v of 1970) on 31.03.1970. The CD is a group company of Sri Adhikari Brothers Television Network Ltd.
- 1.3 The Applicant has relied on the following documents:
- i. Copy of Master Data of the Corporate Debtor alongwith Registration of Charge
 - ii. Copy of Record of Default with Information Utility
 - iii. Copies of Sanction Letters dated 09.01.2014 and 29.12.2014
 - iv. Copy of Board resolution of Sri Adhikari Brothers Television Network Ltd. and Krishan Showbiz Services Pvt. Ltd. dated 14.04.2014
 - v. Copy of Hypothecation Cum Loan Agreement dated 17.04.2014
 - vi. Copy of Letter Evidencing Deposit of Title Deeds Declaration Cum Undertaking dated 17.04.2014



- vii. Copy of Guarantee Agreement executed by Mr. Gautam Adhikari and Mr. Markand Adhikari and Corporate Guarantee Agreement executed by Sri Adhikari Brothers Television Network Limited dated 17.04.2014
- viii. Copies of Board Resolution of Krishna Showbiz Services Pvt. Ltd and M/s. Kalash Trading and Investments Pvt. Ltd. dated 29.12.2014
- ix. Copy of Letter for Loan/Advances of M/s. Kalash Trading and Investments Pvt. Ltd. dated 30.12.2014
- x. Copy of M/s. Global Showbiz Pvt. Ltd. Board Resolution dated 29.12.2014
- xi. Copy of Letter for Loans/Advances against Shares/Debentures dated 30.12.2014
- xii. Copy of Letter issued by M/s. Krishna Showbiz Services Pvt. Ltd. dated 30.12.2014
- xiii. Copy of Acknowledgement of Debt and Security dated 30.09.2016
- xiv. Copy of the Letter issued by Canara Bank to M/s. Krishna Showbiz Services Pvt. Ltd. dated 19.10.2017
- xv. Copy of Reply given by M/s. Krishna Showbiz Services Pvt. Ltd to the Letter dated.13.09.2017 issued by Canara Bank dated 27.09.2017
- xvi. Copy of Letter/notice issued by Canara Bank to M/s. Krishna Showbiz Services Pvt. Ltd dated 16.09.2017
- xvii. Copy of Letter given by M/s. Krishna Showbiz Services Pvt. Ltd to Canara Bank dated 29.12.2017
- xviii. Copy of Reply by bank to the Letter given by M/s. Krishna Showbiz Services Pvt. Ltd to Canara Bank dated 16.01.2018
- xix. Copy of Reply by M/s. Krishna Showbiz Services Pvt. Ltd to Canara Bank dated 31.01.2018



- xx. Copy of Demand Notice issued under Sec 13(2) of SARFAESI Act dated 31.03.2018
- xxi. Copy of Letters issued by Canara Bank for Invocation of Guarantee dated 23.04.2018
- xxii. Copy of Reply given by Sn Adhikari Brothers Television Network Limited and Markand Adhikari to the Letters issued by Canara Bank for Invocation of Guarantee dated 17.05.2018
- xxiii. Copy of Legal Notice issued by Canara Bank through Orbit Law Services dated 08.05.2018
- xxiv. Copy of Reply given by ELP to the Legal Notice issued by Canara Bank through Orbit Law Services dated 21.05.2018
- xxv. Copy of Form No.CHG-1
- xxvi. Copy of CERSAI Registration of Security Interest
- xxvii. Copy of Balance Sheet of the financial year 2016 – 2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024
- xxviii. Copy of Order passed in CP (7B)/145/MB/2025 dated 21.07.2025
- xxix. Copy of Extract of Term Loan account No.0214773000041
- xxx. Copy of Demand Notice issued by Petitioner dated 09.09.2024
- xxxi. Copy of Written communication by IRP validity certificate

2. AVERMENTS OF THE APPLICANT

2.1 As per Part-IV of the Application the total amount claimed to be in default by the Applicant is Rs. 261,93,58,361.08/- (Two Hundred and Sixty-One Crore Ninety-Three Lakhs Fifty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-One Rupees and Eight Paisa) including principal amount of Rs. 83,62,51,830.43/- (Eighty-Three Crore Sixty-Two



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Lakhs Fifty-One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Rupees and Forty-Three paise) and uncharged interest amount of Rs. 178,31,06,530.65/- (One Hundred and Seventy-Eight Crores Thirty-One Lakhs Six Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Rupees and Sixty-Five Paise).

2.2 The date of default is mentioned as 18.10.2017.

2.3 It is submitted that the Applicant sanctioned Term Loan Facility aggregating to Rs. 100,00,00,000/- which is disbursed as follows:

Date	Amount (in Rs.)
17.04.2014	34,75,00,000
28.04.2014	15,25,00,000
30.12.2014	50,00,00,000
Total	100,00,00,000

2.4 This Tribunal *vide* interim order dated 10.10.2025 directed the Applicant to file an additional affidavit clarifying the date of default mentioned in the Application and if the Application is within the limitation period.

2.5 The Applicant in compliance of the above-mentioned direction, filed an Additional Affidavit dated 06.11.2025 and clarified the following:

- i. In the Application the date of default is stated 18.10.2017 based on information/data reported to NeSL-RoD. However, as per the Demand Notice dated 31.03.2018 issued under section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the loan recall notice dated 08.05.2018, and Original Application No.203/2021, the Applicant has stated the date of NPA as 15.09.2017.



- ii. The date of NPA stated in Demand Notice dated 31.03.2018 issued under section 13(2) of the Securitisation Act, 2002, the loan recall notice dated 08.05.2016, and Original Application No.203/2021 is based on the actual and factual record maintained and prepared by the bank in regular course of business, thus 15.09.2017 be treated as NPA date and date of default.
- iii. The date reported to NeSL is not the source to determine the date of NPA and the date of default. The source is books of account maintained by the petitioner bank in its regular course of business; thus, the date of NPA and date of default as per the record of the bank is 15.09.2017, and the same be treated as the date of default for the present petition instead of 18.10.2017.
- iv. The present Application is within limitation from the date of default i.e. 15.09.2017. The CD has given admissions of liability in its balance sheet of the financial years 2017-2018 to 2023-2024 as can be seen from balance sheet.
- v. The amount borrowed from the Applicant is shown in the balance sheet by the CD. Thus, it amounts to the acknowledgment of liability by the CD due to which the period of limitation gets extended in view of section 18 of the Limitation Act, 1963.
- vi. The entries in the books of account of the CD is an acknowledgment of the liability within the purview of section 238-A of IBC read with section 18 of the Limitation Act, 1963.
- vii. The existence of debt due by the CD to the Applicant is proved beyond doubt, and the CD has admitted its liability and its financial



papers prepared and maintained as per the provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and Income Tax Act, 1961. That once the liability is admitted in its books of account by the CD it cannot make a distance from said books of account to escape from the provisions of Code.

viii. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited Vs. Bishal Jaiswal and Another reported in (2021) 6 SCC 366, held that an entry made in the company's balance sheet amounts to an acknowledgment of debt and has the effect of extending the period of limitation under section 18 of Limitation Act 1963.

3. CONTENTIONS OF CORPORATE DEBTOR

3.1 This Tribunal *vide* interim order dated 10.10.2025 records as follows:

7. Ld. Counsel Mr. Ansh Agal appears on behalf of the Respondent and undertakes to file his Vakalatnama by the end of the day today. He further states that as per the instructions received by him the Respondent admits that default has been made in making payment of the amount claimed by the Applicant and that he is not having any objection to the company being admitted to the CIRP process.

3.2 From the above order it is clear that the CD has admitted the debt and default and is having no objection in admitting this Application.

3.3 The CD filed an Additional Affidavit dated 05.11.2025 and stated the following: -

- i. The Additional Affidavit is affirmed by Ms. Latasha Laxman Jadhav, Director of the CD authorised *vide* Board Resolution dated 09.06.2025.
- ii. The CD submits that the principal amount claimed by Canara Bank to be outstanding is not disputed by the CD.



- iii. The CD does not oppose the admission of the present Application filed under Section 7 of the Code and submits that the Application may be allowed in accordance with law.

4. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS OF FINANCIAL CREDITOR

4.1 The Applicant has relied on the following judgment:

- i. Hon'ble Supreme Court in Innoventive Industries Ltd. v. ICICI Bank (2018) 1 SCC 407.

5. ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

5.1 We have heard the Ld. Counsels for the Applicant and the CD and have perused the records as placed before us. Our findings in the matter are as under: -

5.2 The CD had approached the Applicant for financial facility. On perusal of the documents it is seen that the Applicant had sanctioned a Term Loan facility of Rs. 100 crores vide Sanction Letter dated 09.01.2014 having Ref. No. CBFM/CR716/1129/SSJ/2014. The CD had sought modification in the above said Term Loan facility and the same was permitted by the Applicant vide Sanction Letter dated 03.04.2014 having Ref. No. CBFM/CR716/1433/SSJ/2014. However, the sanction letter had no change in the term loan. Further, vide Sanction Letter dated 29.12.2014, the Applicant allowed a balance amount of Rs. 50 crores under the Term Loan of Rs. 100 crores.

5.3 On perusal of the Term Loan A/c bearing No: 0214773000041, the Applicant had disbursed the above facility as follows:

Date	Amount (in Rs.)
17.04.2014	34,75,00,000



28.04.2014	15,25,00,000
30.12.2014	50,00,00,000
Total	100,00,00,000

5.4 It is noted from the aforesaid facts that the Applicant had disbursed the amounts and there arose a financial relation between the parties.

5.5 The loan facilities were secured by way of Hypothecation cum loan Agreement dated 17.04.2014, Letter evidencing Deposit of Title Deeds Declaration cum Undertaking dated 17.04.2014 and Guarantee Agreements dated 17.04.2014. Further, the CD has acknowledged the debt *vide* letter dated 30.09.2016.

5.6 The repayment terms of the term loan account as per the Sanction Letter dated 09.01.2014 are as follows:

Repayment	72 monthly instalments, as per the following repayment schedule. (Rs. in crore)						
	FY	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Repayment		7.00%	8.50%	11.50%	19.00%	27.00%	27.00%
Amt.		7.00	8.50	11.50	19.00	27.00	27.00
Interest to paid on monthly basis as and when due.							

5.7 From the above terms, we see that the CD had to repay the term loan facility in 72 monthly instalments, however the interest was to be paid monthly as and when due.

5.8 Further, the events of default as per the Sanction Letter dated 09.01.2014, is reproduced as below:



<p>Events of Default ("EOD")</p>	<p>Each of the following shall, inter alia, constitute an Event of Default under the Financing Agreements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Payment Default; 2. Non compliance of sanction terms; 3. Breach of obligations; 4. Misrepresentation; 5. Not meeting financial covenant; 6. Failure by the Sponsors / Shareholders to make any contribution, by way of subscription to equity or otherwise as scheduled or committed; 7. Change in control of the Borrower; 8. Utilization of facility for purposes other than for which they have been granted; 9. Default with respect to any project documents which may have a material adverse effect; 10. Material Adverse Effect; 11. Winding-up or dissolution of Borrower, unless voluntary winding up or dissolution approved by Lenders; 12. Insolvency of Borrower (within the meaning of section 434(1)(c)
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	<p>of the Companies Act 1956);</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Cessation/threat of cessation of business of Borrower; 14. Sale/transfer of assets which in reasonable opinion of Lenders has/ shall have Material Adverse Effect; 15. Compulsory acquisition, nationalization or expropriation of assets of the Borrower; 16. Any Security ceasing to be effective; 17. Repudiation, termination, unenforceability or invalidity of any license or statutory approvals; 18. Revocation of any commercial agreement which, if terminated and not replaced, would be expected to have a material adverse effect; 19. Cross Default; 20. Any of the Financing Agreements becomes ineffective, unenforceable or invalid; 21. Liquidation or dissolution of any of the Sponsors; 22. Breach of Shareholder/Sponsor Undertakings; 23. The occurrence of any event or circumstance, which would or is likely to prejudicially or adversely affect in any manner the capacity of the Borrower to repay the loan; 24. Failure of the borrower to pay any amount due and payable to the Lender(s) under the financing agreement on the respective due date; <p>The above are indicative and shall be defined in detail in the Facility Agreement including consequence & Remedies of event of default. Upon the occurrence of any of the Events of Default mentioned in clauses that is capable of remedy, a suitable cure period shall be provided from the date of the occurrence of such event.</p>
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5.9 As per the above-mentioned events of default, we notice that the CD had not complied with the sanction terms.

5.10 Further, the Applicant sent reminder letters dated 13.09.2017 and 16.09.2017 requesting to repay the overdues in loan account and informed that loan account will slip into NPA on 15.09.2017 due to non-payment of the overdues. The Applicant issued another letter dated 19.10.2017 to the CD informing about the downfall in shares pledged as security to the term loan and that the account of the CD has slipped to NPA for not clearing the overdues despite repeated request from the Applicant. To this, the CD replied vide letter dated 27.09.2017 requesting to grant more time to repay the dues. Once again, the CD sent a letter dated 29.12.2017 to the Applicant proposing restructuring of the term loan to which the Applicant replied vide letter dated 16.01.2018 requesting for details as mentioned in that letter before considering restructuring. The CD furnished the details as requested by the Applicant vide letter dated 31.01.2018.

5.11 Thereafter, the Applicant issued notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act dated 31.03.2018 to the CD demanding to pay the outstanding dues amounting to Rs. 97,47,74,522.57/- within 60 days. The demand notice was delivered to the CD as the RPAD's are attached to the Application. The CD failed to pay the outstanding dues within the stipulated time period. Further, the Applicant sent legal notices dated 08.05.2018 and 15.05.2018 to the CD and its guarantors which was received by the CD and its guarantors as we can see from the postal receipts and track reports attached to the Application. The CD replied to these letters *vide* its letters dated 21.05.2018 and 07.06.2018 requesting to recall the demand made by the Applicant. Further, the Applicant sent another letter dated 09.09.2024 for a default amount of Rs.



2,39,31,04,171.77/- which is inclusive of interest as on 09.09.2024. Thereafter, the Applicant filed this Application.

5.12 Further, the Applicant has attached the Balance Sheets of the CD for the FY 2016 – 2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. The admission of liability in the balance sheets amounts to the acknowledgment of liability by the CD due to which the period of limitation gets extended in view of section 18 of the Limitation Act, 1963.

5.13 The Applicant stated that the date of default is 15.09.2017 i.e. the date when the account of CD was declared as NPA. The Applicant has rectified the date of default by way of an Additional Affidavit dated 06.11.2025 wherein it is stated that the date of default as per Demand Notice dated 31.03.2018, loan recall notice dated 08.05.2018 and original application no. 203/2021 states the date of NPA as 15.09.2017. The Applicant has filed the Application on 01.10.2025. Further, the Applicant relies on the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited Vs. Bishal Jaiswal and Another reported in (2021) 6 SCC 366***, wherein it was held that an entry made in the company's balance sheet amounts to an acknowledgment of debt and has the effect of extending the period of limitation under section 18 of Limitation Act 1963. Hence, relying upon the above judgment we note that the Application is within limitation period.

5.14 The Applicant has placed on record the NeSL record of default in Form D, which reflects the Status of Authentication of default as 'Authenticated' and the total outstanding amount as Rs.2,59,09,33,223.08/- and date of default as 18.10.2017.

5.15 The Applicant has relied on the judgment of the ***Hon'ble Supreme Court in Innoventive Industries Ltd. v. ICICI Bank (2018) 1 SCC 407*** wherein the Hon'ble Supreme Court held that, once the debt and default are established than the



Adjudicating Authority must admit the petition. We hold that the reliance placed by the Applicant on the above-mentioned judgment is relevant and appropriate.

- 5.16 Moreover, the CD has admitted the outstanding debt and is not opposing the admission of the CD into CIRP, through an Additional Affidavit dated 05.11.2025.
- 5.17 The Applicant has proposed the name of Mr. Mayank Rameshchandra Jain to act as the Interim Resolution Professional (IRP) and has given his declaration in Form 2, *inter alia*, stating that no disciplinary proceeding is pending against him. The Applicant has attached valid AFA in Form B of the IRP which is valid till 31.12.2026.
- 5.18 Thus, it is clear from perusal of the record that an amount more than the threshold limit of Rs.1 Crore under Section 4 of the Code was due and payable by the CD to the Applicant. Hence, we find that the Applicant has been able to substantiate the existence of a financial debt due and payable by the CD which remained unpaid. The debt so owed by the CD to the Applicant falls within the definition of “financial debt” under Section 5(8) of the Code.
- 5.19 In view of the above, we find that requisite conditions necessary to trigger CIRP in respect of the CD are fulfilled, the Application is complete as all the relevant documents have been attached by the Applicant along with the Application. As a result, the matter deserves to be admitted under Section 7 of the Code.
- 5.20 We make it clear that at this stage we have not crystalized the amount as claimed in this Application, the same is left to be collated by the IRP.

ORDER

In view of the aforesaid findings, Application bearing C.P.(IB) No.1068/MB/2025 filed under Section 7 of the Code by Canara Bank, the Applicant, for initiating CIRP in respect of **M/s Krishna Showbiz Services Private Limited**, the Corporate Debtor is hereby **admitted**.



We further declare moratorium under Section 14 of the Code with consequential directions as mentioned below: -

- I. We prohibit-
 - a) the institution of suits or continuation of pending suits or proceedings against the Corporate Debtor including execution of any judgment, decree or order in any court of law, tribunal, arbitration panel or other authority;
 - b) transferring, encumbering, alienating or disposing of by the Corporate Debtor any of its assets or any legal right or beneficial interest therein;
 - c) any action to foreclose, recover or enforce any security interest created by the Corporate Debtor in respect of its property including any action under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002;
 - d) the recovery of any property by an owner or lessor where such property is occupied by or in possession of the Corporate Debtor.
- II. That the supply of essential goods or services to the Corporate Debtor, if continuing, shall not be terminated or suspended or interrupted during the moratorium period.
- III. That the order of moratorium shall have effect from the date of this order till the completion of the CIRP or until this Tribunal approves the resolution plan under Section 31(1) of the Code or passes an order for the liquidation of the Corporate Debtor under Section 33 thereof, as the case may be.
- IV. That the public announcement of the CIRP shall be made in immediately as specified under Section 13 of the Code read with Regulation 6 of the IBBI



(Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016 and other Rules and Regulations made thereunder.

- V. That this Bench hereby appoints **Mr. Mayank Rameshchandra Jain** a registered Insolvency Professional having Registration Number **IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P01055/2017-2018/11748** and e-mail address jainmayankr@gmail.com having valid Authorisation for Assignment up to 31.12.2026 as the IRP to carry out the functions under the Code.
- VI. That the fee payable to IRP/RP shall be in accordance with such Regulations/Circulars/ Directions as may be issued by the IBBI.
- VII. That during the CIRP Period, the management of the Corporate Debtor shall vest in the IRP or, as the case may be, the RP in terms of Section 17 or Section 25, as the case may be, of the Code. The officers and managers of the Corporate Debtor are directed to provide effective assistance to the IRP as and when he takes charge of the assets and management of the Corporate Debtor. Coercive steps will follow against them under the provisions of the Code read with Rule 11 of the NCLT Rules for any violation of law.
- VIII. That the IRP/IP shall submit to this Tribunal monthly reports with regard to the progress of the CIRP in respect of the Corporate Debtor.
- IX. In exercise of the powers under Rule 11 of the NCLT Rules, 2016, the Applicant is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh) with the IRP to meet the initial CIRP cost arising out of issuing public notice and inviting claims, etc. The amount so deposited shall be interim finance and paid back to the Applicant on priority upon the funds available with IRP/RP from the Committee of



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Creditors (CoC). The expenses incurred by IRP out of this fund are subject to approval by the CoC.

- X. A copy of this Order be sent to the Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra, Mumbai for updating the Master Data of the Corporate Debtor.
- XI. The IRP is directed to issue notice of admission upon all the statutory authorities of the Corporate Debtor without fail.
- XII. A copy of the Order shall also be forwarded to the IBBI for record and dissemination on their website.
- XIII. The Registry is directed to immediately communicate this Order to the Applicant, the Corporate Debtor and the IRP by way of Speed Post, e-mail and WhatsApp.
- XIV. **Compliance report of the order by Designated Registrar is to be submitted today.**

Sd/-

**SAMEER KAKAR
MEMBER (TECHNICAL)**

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