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BEFORE THE SOLE ARBITRATOR UNDER THE .IN DOMAIN NAME DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY

(Appointed by the National Internet Exchange of India)

ARBITRATION AWARD

Disputed Domain Name: <MELBET.BIZ.IN>

IN THE MATTER OF

BATNESTO LTD

Poseidonos 1,  
Flat/Office 201, Aglantzia,  
CY-2101 Nicosia, Cyprus.

..... Complainant

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IAN CHRIS JULIO ESTHER

Porthote Ltd Suite 3,  
1st Floor, La Ciotat Building  
'Monte Fleuri, Mahe - SS92SA Seychelles

..... Respondent

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VIKRANT RANA

The **Complainant** in this arbitration proceeding is **Batnesto Ltd**, a limited liability company, formed under the laws of Cyprus, bearing registration number HE 407712, having its principal place of business at 'Poseidonos 1, Flat/Office 201, Aglantzia, CY-2101 Nicosia, Cyprus'.

The **Respondent** in this arbitration proceeding is '**Ian Chris Julio Esther**', of the address 'Porthote Ltd, Suite 3, 1st Floor, La Ciotat Building, Mont Fleuri, Seychelles SS92SA', as per the WHOIS records of the .IN Registry.

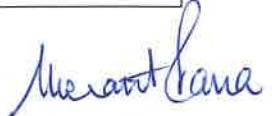
### **1. The Domain Name, Registrar and Registrant**

The present arbitration proceeding pertains to a dispute concerning the registration of the domain name <**MELBET.BIZ.IN**> with the .IN Registry. The Registrant in the present matter is '**Ian Chris Julio Esther**' as per the WHOIS records, and the Registrar is **openprovider - Registrar.eu**.

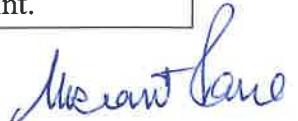
### **2. Procedural History**

The arbitration proceeding is in accordance with the .IN Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (INDRP), adopted by the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI). The procedural history of the matter is tabulated below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
October 10, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NIXI sought consent of Mr. Vikrant Rana, to act as the Sole Arbitrator in the matter.</li> <li>- The Arbitrator informed of his availability.</li> </ul>
October 11, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Arbitrator provided the Statement of Acceptance and Declaration of Impartiality and Independence in compliance with the INDRP Rules of Procedure.</li> </ul>
October 30, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NIXI handed over the Domain Complaint and Annexures thereto to the Arbitrator.</li> <li>- Arbitrator directed the Complainant's Counsel to furnish requisite Board Resolution and an apostilled/notarized authorisation document within <b>seven (7) days</b> of the email.</li> </ul>
November 03, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complainant's counsel informed that they are in the process of arranging the documents and will revert at the earliest.</li> </ul>
November 06, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complainant's counsel provided the notarised POA and the MOA of the company, indicating the director's authority as per Article 99.</li> </ul>
November 07, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complainant's Counsel was directed to provide any document which affirms the designation of the signatory, within <b>seven (7) days</b> of the email.</li> </ul>



November 10, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complainant's Counsel provided Certificate of Director and Secretary, confirming that the signatory is a director of the Complainant company.</li> </ul>
November 11, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complainant's Counsel was asked to confirm the status of delivery of the domain complaint upon the Respondent and was directed to serve a full set of the domain complaint and annexures upon the Respondent (by email as well as physical mode) and provide proof of service within <b>seven (7) days</b>, if the same was not yet served upon the Respondent by them.</li> </ul>
November 12, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complainant's Counsel confirmed having sent the domain complaint and annexures to the Respondent via email and courier.</li> </ul>
November 18, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complainant's counsel stated that since the respondent is in Seychelles, it would take a minimum of <b>20 days</b> for the post to be delivered. However, the soft copy has been served, and no failure notice of delivery has been received.</li> <li>- Complainant's counsel was directed to furnish the email delivery receipt evidencing successful delivery of the email to the Respondent. In the event that the earlier email was sent without enabling a delivery receipt, the Complainant's counsel was directed to re-serve the domain complaint upon the Respondent via email and submit proof of service within <b>three (3) days</b> from the email.</li> <li>- Complainant's counsel stated that certain email providers, such as Gmail or Hotmail, do not support delivery receipts and requested that the arbitration proceedings proceed, as no delivery failure notice has been received.</li> </ul>
November 19, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Respondent was granted <b>three (3) days</b> to confirm whether they have received the domain complaint along with its annexures sent by the Complainant via email.</li> </ul>
November 24, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As the deadline given to the Respondent to acknowledge receipt of the domain complaint and annexures via email had elapsed, and no bounce-back from the Respondent's email ID or reply had been received, the Arbitrator accordingly commenced the arbitration proceedings in respect of the matter.</li> <li>- Respondent was granted time of fourteen (14) days, to submit a response.</li> </ul>
December 09, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As no bounce-back from the Respondent's email ID was received and no response was submitted by the Respondent within the stipulated time period, the Arbitrator granted a final non-extendible extension of three (3) days to respond to the complaint.</li> </ul>



December 15, 2025	- As no bounce-back from the Respondent's email ID was received and no response was submitted by the Respondent within the stipulated time period, the Arbitrator concluded the proceedings and reserved the present award.
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### **3. Factual Background – Complainant**

Counsel for the Complainant, on behalf of the Complainant in the present matter, has submitted as follows:

- That the Complainant is a limited liability company duly incorporated and existing under the laws of the Republic of Cyprus and is an internationally recognized online sports betting and gaming platform, founded in 2012, which has since gained the trust and recognition of millions of users worldwide.
- Through its betting services offered via its official websites and applications, players and users can place bets on thousands of events across more than 60 sports, including e-sports, virtual sports, and live casino games, through its website and mobile applications (iOS and Android), available in over 70 languages.
- That the Complainant has actively sponsored a variety of sporting events worldwide. In 2020, the Complainant partnered with prominent football clubs, including the Italian club Juventus FC, thereby showcasing its global marketing reach and commitment to expanding its international presence.
- In 2021, the Complainant sponsored the Kyetume FC football team from Uganda. Additionally, the Complainant has partnered with former professional footballer Didier Drogba, further demonstrating its well-known status and global recognition.

In this regard, the Complainant has annexed screenshots evidencing the aforementioned sponsorships and partnerships as **Annexure 3**.

- That the Complainant offers approximately 30,000 pre-match betting events per month and also provides a high definition live streaming service featuring numerous matches from leading football leagues, including La Liga, Bundesliga, and the Premier League. One of the key achievements of the Complainant is its role as a media partner of the Spanish La Liga, one of the most renowned sports organisations based in Spain and responsible for conducting national professional football competitions involving several internationally recognised football clubs.

In this regard, the Complainant has annexed screenshots evidencing association with the La Liga as **Annexure 4**.



- That the Complainant is the proprietor of the trademark "**MELBET**", along with its figurative mark (hereinafter referred to as the "Subject Mark"). The details of the trademark registrations and applications filed by the Complainant in respect of the Subject Mark are tabulated in accordance with Paragraph 4(b)(v) of the Rules of Procedure. Extracts from global trademark databases, along with the current status of the marks, are annexed hereto and marked as **Annexure 5**.
- That the Complainant is also recorded as the registered proprietor of the Subject Mark, which was transferred from Linkbiz Marketing to the Complainant pursuant to valid transfer/assignment certificates. The list of such trademarks is provided below:

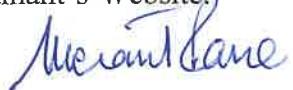
Classes	Country	Registration Number	Date Of Registration
9,16, 21, 25, 28,30	European Union	No.019060714	12th Nov 2024
35,41,42	Eswatini	SZ/T/2022/385	10th Nov 2022
35,41,42	Mauritius	34042/2023	09th Nov 2022
42	Tanzania	TZ/S/2022/1349	11th Nov 2022
42	Kazakhstan	85081	14th Nov 2022
35,41,42	Liberia	LR/M/2023/00036	15th April 2023
41	Zanzibar	ZN/S/608	14th Dec 2022
35,41,42	Burindi	10242/BI	15th Nov 2022
09	Zambia	1692/2022	10th Nov 2022
16	Zambia	1692/2022	10th Nov 2022

In this regard the Complainant has annexed copies of the TM Registration Certificates containing the detailed description of the services of the above-mentioned Marks obtained from the relevant websites, the assignment certificates in favour of the Complainant, and the status page of extracted from the relevant websites as **Annexure 6**.

- That the Complainant registered its official domain name www.melbet.com on 18 September 2012 and has enjoyed continuous use of the trademark "**MELBET**" since that date.

The Complainant has annexed the WHOIS data page and a screenshot of the website as **Annexure 7**.

- That the Complainant's website is currently redirected to another website, www.melbet-india.net (hereinafter referred to as the "Affiliated Website"). In this regard, Complainant has mentioned that a Domain Name Lease Agreement was executed between the Complainant and Veral Business Limited, confirming the latter's right to use and operate the Complainant's Website. Further, Veral Business Limited, by way of an official authorisation, has granted Pelican Entertainment B.V., a limited liability company, the right to use, operate, and maintain the Complainant's Website.



The Complainant, therefore, asserts its legitimate contractual and operational rights over the Complainant's Website.

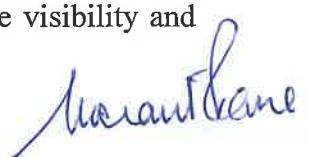
Extracts from the registrar's interface of the Affiliated Website evidencing the Complainant's ownership, a copy of the Domain Name Lease Agreement between the Complainant and Veral Business Limited, and the authorisation issued by Veral Business Limited in favour of Pelican Entertainment B.V. are annexed as **Annexure 8**.

- That the Complainant has taken effective steps to protect the design, layout, and source code of their Website in the European Union (EU) and the United Kingdom (UK). In this regard, the Complainant has annexed its EU design registrations relating to the website layout of the website as **Annexure 9** whereas, the UK copyright registrations pertaining to the layout and source code of the website are annexed as **Annexure 10**.
- That in 2020, the Complainant received four nominations at the SBC Awards, including Best Mobile App, Best Affiliate Program, and Rising Star in the sports betting and casino categories. These nominations serve as a testament to the Complainant's well-known status and reputation in the gaming field. The nomination list for the same is attached as **Annexure 11**.
- That the Complainant is also the Winner of the 2023 EVENTUS Award for Best Online Gaming Operator. Copy of the award/screenshot proving the same is marked as **Annexure 12**.
- That the Complainant also wishes to place on record the list of domain names containing the Subject Mark as owned by them:

S.No.	Domain Name	Date of Creation
1.	Melbet.com	18th September 2012
2.	Melbet.ac	2nd September 2022
3.	Melbet.ax	2nd September 2022
4.	Melbet-india.net	04th April 2023
5.	Melbet.org	03rd June 2015

In this regard the Complainant has annexed the screenshots of WHOIS Data pages as **Annexure 13**.

- That the Complainant appointed renowned international cricketers, such as Faf du Plessis (in 2022), as global brand ambassadors, thereby enhancing the visibility and reputation of its marks among cricket fans.



- That the Complainant has actively sponsored cricket teams and tournaments, including serving as an official sponsor and partnering with the Trinbago Knight Riders in the Caribbean Premier League.

In this regard, the Complainant has annexed screenshots evidencing the aforementioned association with the cricketer and the team franchise as **Annexure 14**.

- That the Complainant has initiated UDRP proceedings against various cybersquatters and has been successful in all such actions. In this regard, the Complainant has provided a list of cases in which the disputed domains were transferred to them are as follows:

<b>Case No.</b>	<b>Parties</b>	<b>Disputed Domains</b>
CAC-UDRP-107057	Batnesto Ltd.v.Alex Voronov	Melbets-az.com
CAC-UDRP 106874	Batnesto Ltd.v.Askar Rubas	melbet-eg.com
CAC-UDRP 107231	Batnesto Ltd.vHost Master (NjallaOkta LLC)	melbet-uz.bet
CAC-UDRP 107245	Batnesto Ltd.v..Kory Lattrell	melbetagent.com
DIO2024-0036	Batnesto Ltd.v..Lenildo Nogueira, Victoria Games Solutions B.V.	Metbet.io

#### **4. Contentions And Legal Grounds Submitted By The Complainant**

In support of the requirements under the captioned provisions of the INDRP (combined with the relevant Rules of Procedure) the Complainant has submitted that:

##### **A. The Domain Name is identical and/or confusingly similar to a name, trademark, or service mark in which the Complainant has right**

- That the Disputed Domain Name is identical or confusingly similar to the Subject Mark, thereby satisfying the threshold requirement of the INDRP rules for filing of the case.
- That the Disputed Domain Name incorporates the Complainant's Subject Mark in its entirety, with an addition of the extension ".biz.in".
- In support of their submissions, Complainant has relied on the below prior decisions/ cases:
  - i. ITC Limited v. Travel India (INDRP Case No. 065),
  - ii. Allied DOMEQ Spirits and Wine Limited v. Roberto Ferrari (INDRP Case No. 071),
  - iii. International Business Machines Corporation v. Zhu Xumei (INDRP Case No. 646) and
  - iv. Jaguar Land Rover v. Yitao (INDRP Case No. 641).



v. Canva Pty Ltd. V Jun Yin, INDRP1831/2024.

**B. The Respondent has no rights or legitimate interests in respect of the Domain Name.**

- That the Disputed Domain Name resolves to an active webpage, where the Respondent is purportedly operating an online sports betting platform using the Complainant's mark "Melbet".
- That the Respondent's webpage bears a striking resemblance to the Complainant's Website in terms of trade dress, layout, design, get-up, and user interface, thereby creating a false impression of affiliation or origin.
- That the term "Melbet" is a coined and distinctive word, not commonly used in trade, and it is highly unlikely that any trader would adopt it independently, unless the intent is to mislead users into believing an association with the Complainant.
- That the Complainant is the rightful proprietor of the Subject Mark and has been using it continuously since 2012, during which it has acquired significant reputation and goodwill in the online betting and gaming industry. The Respondent's adoption of a confusingly similar domain name clearly demonstrates an intention to ride on the established goodwill of the Complainant.
- That the Complainant states that it has not licensed or otherwise permitted the Respondent to use its Subject Mark, nor to apply for or use any domain name incorporating the Subject Mark. Accordingly, the Respondent has no rights in respect of the Disputed Domain Name.
- Upon clicking the "Registration" tab on the Disputed Domain Name, users are redirected to a website that is the Complainant's Affiliated Website.

In this regard the Complainant has annexed the screenshots demonstrating the redirection, copied content, references to Pelican Entertainment B.V are as **Annexure 15**.

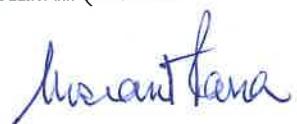
**C. The Domain Name was registered or is being used in bad faith**

- That the Complainant's Subject Mark "Melbet" is a coined and distinctive word that has acquired significant reputation and goodwill over the years.
- That the Disputed Domain Name incorporates the Complainant's well-known mark "Melbet" in its entirety.
- That the Respondent was fully aware of the goodwill and reputation associated with the Subject Mark and the Complainant's Website, yet registered the Disputed Domain



Name with malafide intent to divert internet traffic from the Complainant to the Respondent's Disputed Domain Name, thereby seeking to unlawfully enrich itself.

- That the contents of the webpages in the Disputed Domain Name clearly demonstrate that the Respondent was well aware of the Complainant and its service offerings. This indicates that the Disputed Domain Name was registered and is being used in bad faith by the Respondent.
- That the Respondent has intentionally attempted to confuse internet users and attract them to the Disputed Domain Name for commercial gain by creating content that is identical or confusingly similar to the Complainant's Website.
- That the illegal adoption of the Disputed Domain Name is causing irreparable damage to the Complainant's reputation and goodwill.
- That the overall layout, look, and feel of the Disputed Domain Name is strikingly similar to that of the Complainant's Website. The general colour scheme, sidebar menus, and homepage slide banners closely mirror those of the Complainant, indicating a deliberate attempt by the Respondent to pass off the Disputed Domain Name as that of the Complainant's Website.
- That both the Complainant's Website and the Disputed Domain display identical customer support features, including 24/7 live chat, email, telephone, and social media contact options. Notably, the Disputed Domain Name provides email addresses with extensions that are actually held by the Complainant, further demonstrating the Respondent's bad faith.
- In support of their submissions, Complainant has relied on the below prior decisions/cases:
  - i. Societe des Produits Nestle S.A. v Dotpe Pvt. Ltd (Case no. INDRP Case no. 1778/2023).
  - ii. New cross healthcare solutions ltd. v. Amelia Gibbs (INDRP Case No. 1798/2024).
  - iii. Virgin Enterprises Limited v. Alex Willian (INDRP Case no. 1790/2023).
  - iv. Mattel Inc. v. Ria Sardana (INDRP Case no. 1780/2023).
  - v. Yahoo! Inc. vs Akash Arora & Anr. (78 (1999) DLT 285); and Rediff Communication Ltd Vs. Cyberbooth and Anr AIR 2000 AIR Bom. 27.
  - vi. Bharti Airtel Limited vs. Rajeev Garg, (INDRP Case No. 285).
  - vii. Merck KGaA v. Zeng Wei (INDRP Case No. 323).
  - viii. General Motors India Pvt. Ltd. & Anr. v. Anish Sharma (INDRP Case No. 799).
  - ix. Sensient Technologies Corporation v. Katrina Kaif, Corporate Domain (INDRP Case No. 207).



- x. Massachusetts Financial Services Company v SI Mandowara, (INDRP Case No. 1808/2024).
- xi. M/s. Dropbox, Inc. vs. M/s Kristina Ivanova (INDRP Case no. 1807/2024).
- xii. Case No. CAC-UDRP-107057 in Batnesto Ltd vs. Alex Voronov.
- xiii. Satyam Infoway Ltd. v. Sifynet Solutions Pvt. Ltd., AIR 2004 SC 3540.

## **5. Reliefs claimed by the Complainant**

The Complainant has requested that the domain name <**MELBET.BIZ.IN**> be transferred to them, and further seeks an award for the costs of the proceedings

## **6. Respondent's Contentions**

As already mentioned in the procedural history of the matter, despite having been duly served with a copy of the Domain complaint as filed, and thereafter granted adequate time and opportunities to respond to the same, the Respondent had not submitted any response thereto, or in fact any communication of any kind to the Arbitrator during the pendency of the arbitral proceedings in the captioned matter.

## **7. Discussion and Findings**

As mentioned in Paragraph 4 of the .IN Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy, a Complainant is required to satisfy the below three conditions in a domain complaint:

- i. The Registrant's domain name is identical and confusingly similar to a name, trade mark or service mark in which the Complainant has rights; and
- ii. The Registrant has no rights and legitimate interest in respect of the domain name; and
- iii. The Registrant's domain name has been registered or is being used either in bad faith or for illegal/ unlawful purpose.

i. **The Registrant's domain name is identical or confusingly similar to a name, trade mark or service mark in which the Complainant has rights.**  
**(Paragraph 4(a) of the INDRP)**

The Complainant herein has provided details of their **MELBET** and **MELBET** figurative trade mark registrations globally (**annexed as Annexure-6**), which predate the registration

of the disputed domain name by Respondent. The Complainant has also provided details of various domain names <**Melbet.com**>, <**Melbet.ac**>, <**Melbet.ax**>, <**Melbet-india.net**>, <**Melbet.org**> comprising its **MELBET** trade mark, establishing their longstanding rights in their trademark **MELBET**.

In this regard, it is pertinent to point out that it has been held by numerous prior INDRP panels that there exists confusing similarity wherein the disputed name incorporates the Complainant's trade mark, including but not limited to in the decisions in *Kenneth Cole Productions v. Viswas Infomedia INDRP/093*, *Indian Hotel Companies Limited v. Mr. Sanjay Jha, INDRP/148* <*Gingerhotels.co.in*>, *Carrier Corporation, USA v. Prakash K.R. INDRP/238* <*Carrier.net.in*>, *M/s Merck KGaA v. Zeng Wei INDRP/323* <*Merckchemicals.in*>, *Colgate-Palmolive Company & Anr. v. Zhaxia INDRP/887* <*Colgate.in*>, *The Singer Company Limited v. Novation In Limited INDRP/905* <*singer.co.in*>, *Tata Digital Private Limited & Tata Sons Pvt Limited v. Miiraj Miiraj INDRP/1876*, *Radisson Hospitality Belgium BV/SRL v. NAJIM INDRP/1818*, *Tata Communications Limited v. Chandan [INDRP/1880]*, etc.

Moreover, it is not a prerequisite to have a trademark applied for and registered in India to establish the first prong of the INDRP. For instance, reliance is placed on *Xometry, Inc. v. Sarang Dambre [INDRP/2012]*, *Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited v. ABC XYZ [INDRP/1298]*, *Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited v. ABC XYZ [INDRP/1299]*, *Hotel Engine, Inc. v. Rishabh Nandi [INDRP/1816]*, etc.

In view of the aforesaid, the Arbitrator finds that Complainant has been successful in establishing their rights in the trademark **MELBET**.

Accordingly, it may be stated that the disputed domain name <**MELBET.BIZ.IN**> is confusingly similar to the Complainant's **MELBET** trademark and incorporates the same in entirety.

In view of the aforesaid, the Arbitrator accepts that the Complainant's rights in its trademarks, under Paragraph 4(a) of the INDRP has been established.

ii. **The Registrant has no rights and legitimate interest in respect of the domain name (Paragraph 4(b) and Paragraph 6 of the INDRP)**

As per paragraph 6 of the Policy, a Registrant may show legitimate rights and interests in a domain name by demonstrating any of the following circumstances:

(a) before any notice to the Registrant of the dispute, the Registrant's use of, or demonstrable preparations to use the domain name or a name corresponding to the domain name in connection with a bona fide offering of goods or services;



(b) the Registrant (as an individual, business, or other organization) has been commonly known by the domain name, even if the Registrant has acquired no Trademark or Service Mark rights; or

(c) the Registrant is making a legitimate non-commercial or fair use of the domain name, without the intention of commercial gain by misleadingly or diverting consumers or to tarnish the Trademark or Service Mark at issue.

In this regard, in the absence of any rebuttal from the Respondent, and in light of the below assertions of the Complainant, the Arbitrator accepts the Complainant's assertion, that the Respondent has no rights or legitimate interests in the disputed domain name in accordance with Paragraph 4(b) of the INDRP.

- That the Complainant has not licensed or otherwise permitted the Respondent to use its Subject Mark, nor to apply for or use any domain name incorporating the Subject Mark. Accordingly, the Respondent has no rights in respect of the Disputed Domain Name.
- Upon clicking the “Registration” tab on the Disputed Domain Name, users are redirected to a website that is the Complainant's Affiliated Website (**annexed as Annexure-15**).
- That the Complainant is the rightful proprietor of the Subject Mark and has been using it continuously since 2012, during which it has acquired significant reputation and goodwill in the online betting and gaming industry. The Respondent's adoption of a confusingly similar domain name clearly demonstrates an intention to ride on the established goodwill of the Complainant.
- That the Respondent's webpage bears a striking resemblance to the Complainant's Website in terms of trade dress, layout, design, get-up, and user interface, thereby creating a false impression of affiliation or origin.

In the present domain dispute, the Respondent has not joined the arbitral proceedings, despite being duly served with the domain complaint, and consequently, not come forward with any assertion or evidence to show any bona fides. Thus, as mentioned above, in view of the lack of assertions on part of the Respondent, coupled with the other contentions put forth by the Complainant, the Arbitrator accepts the Complainant's assertion, that the Respondent has no rights or legitimate interests in the disputed domain name in accordance with Paragraph 4(b) of the INDRP.



iii. **The Registrant's domain name has been registered or is being used in bad faith and for illegal/ unlawful purpose (Paragraph 4(c) and Paragraph 7 of the INDRP)**

In view of the consolidated submissions of the Complainant, the Arbitrator finds that the Respondent's registration and use of the disputed domain name *prima facie* appears to constitute conduct as mentioned in paragraph 7(c) of the Policy, namely "*(c) by using the domain name, the Registrant has intentionally attempted to attract Internet users to the Registrant's website or other on-line location, by creating a likelihood of confusion with the Complainant's name or mark as to the source, sponsorship, affiliation, or endorsement of the Registrant's website or location or of a product or service on the Registrant's website or location*".

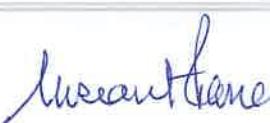
The Complainant has successfully established that the Respondent acted with *mala fide* intent in registering and using the disputed domain name. The evidence demonstrates that the Respondent sought to freeride upon the Complainant's established goodwill and reputation by deploying the disputed domain for identical services, thereby creating a likelihood of confusion amongst consumers. Such conduct clearly indicates that the Respondent's adoption and use of the domain name was not in good faith, but rather intended to exploit the commercial value and recognition associated with the Complainant's mark.

In view of the aforesaid, the Arbitrator concludes that the Complainant has satisfactorily proved the requirements of Paragraph 4(c) and Paragraph 7 of the INDRP.

### **8. Decision**

Based upon the facts and circumstances, the Arbitrator allows the prayer of the Complainant and hereby directs the .IN Registry to transfer the domain <**MELBET.BIZ.IN**> to the Complainant.

The Award is accordingly passed and the parties are directed to bear their own costs.



**Vikrant Rana, Sole Arbitrator**

**Date: January 16, 2026.**

**Place: New Delhi, India.**