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Relief for ride-sharing platforms as Delhi HC put stays on Transport Department notice

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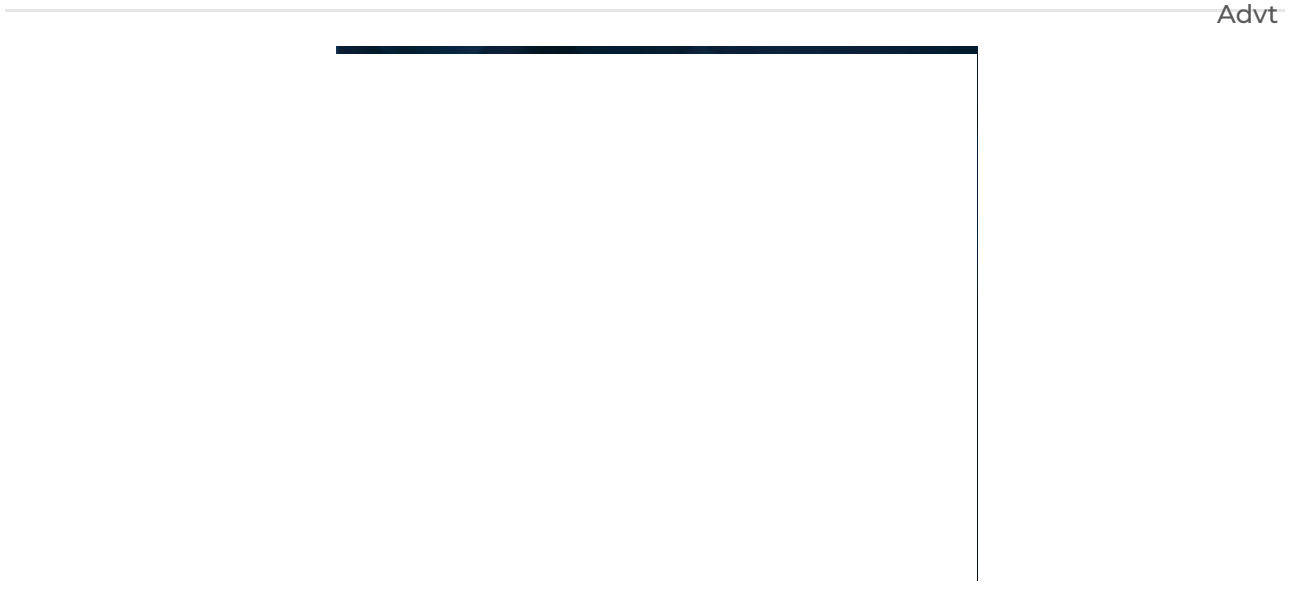
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In February, the app-based aggregators were prevented from plying bike taxis on the road without commercial permits.

The Transport Department, ordering an immediate halt to the bike taxi services provided by these platforms, had warned that any violation will result in penal action.



The public notice by the Transport Department said that the companies defying the orders will be fined up to Rs 1 lakh, as the use of bikes for

commercial purposes violated the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

Following the High Court decision, Uber has expressed its gratitude towards the court's order providing protection to the company against coercive actions regarding its bike taxi service in the capital city.

"We welcome the High Court's order to give Uber protection from coercive action on bike taxis in Delhi. This will bring relief to drivers on our platform whose livelihood had been impacted by the ban as also to the hundreds and thousands of riders who choose to ride on Moto for affordability and last mile connectivity. We are committed to serving the city and being the platform of choice for riders and drivers alike," said Uber in a statement.

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DGCA required to deregister aircrafts, Go First lessors tell Dell HC

Several aircraft lessors of Go First pitched before the Delhi High Court on Friday for deregistration of their planes by aviation regulator DGCA so they could take them b the crisis-hit airline. The lessors submitted before the high court that denial of dere by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is "illegitimate".



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Several aircraft lessors of Go First pitched before the Delhi High Court on Friday for deregistration of their planes by aviation regulator DGCA so they could take them back from the crisis-hit airline. The lessors submitted before the high court that denial of deregistration by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is "illegitimate".

Justice Tara Vitasta Ganju, who heard the arguments advanced by the petitioner lessors for over an hour and half, listed the matter for May 30 for hearing the submissions of the respondents.

The high court also asked the parties to file written submissions a day before the next hearing.

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The lessors who have approached the high court are Accipiter Investments Aircraft 2 Limited, EOS Aviation 12 (Ireland) Limited, Pembroke Aircraft Leasing 11 Limited and SMBC Aviation Capital Limited.

With a moratorium in force on financial obligations and transfer of assets of Go First in the wake of the insolvency resolution proceedings, the lessors are unable to deregister and take back the aircraft leased to the carrier.

The lawyers for the lessors said they had approached the civil aviation regulator for deregistration of their aircraft but it rejected their pleas.

They said they have not received any communication from the DGCA, but having checked the status of their applications on the regulator's website, they found their requests have been rejected.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for one of the lessors, said the aircraft was its property and an interim resolution professional (IRP) has no power to take over assets of a third party.

Senior advocate Dayan Krishnan, representing EOS Aviation 12 (Ireland Limited), said NCLAT cannot deal with the issue of deregistration of aircraft and the remedy lies under Article 226 of the Constitution as the issue is between the lessor and the DGCA.

Another lawyer contended that under Irrevocable De-registration and Export Request Authorisations (IDERA), it was mandatory for the DGCA to deregister the aircraft at their request.

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) had on May 10 allowed the voluntary insolvency resolution plea by Go First.

On May 22, the NCLAT upheld the order of the Delhi-based principal bench of NCLT, which had earlier this month admitted the plea of Go First to initiate voluntary insolvency resolution proceedings, and appointed an interim resolution professional (IRP) to suspend the company's board.

Several lessors have approached aviation regulator for deregistration and repossession of Go First's 45 planes.

Go First stopped flying from May 3.

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