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A Film's Title Alone Can't Claim Copyright Shield

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The courtroom battle over the name Lootere ended with a clear pronouncement—titles, no matter how famous or nostalgic, cannot be wrapped in the cloak of copyright. The Bombay High Court dismissed a plea by Sunil Darshan Saberwal, producer of the 1993 Hindi film Lootere, who sought to block the streaming of a new web series on JioHotstar carrying the same title. Saberwal argued that since he had registered the title...

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