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This is the reason the Madras High Court ordered MS Dhoni to pay ₹10 lakh.

In 2014, Dhoni sued Zee Media and others for defamatory remarks he made about his involvement in IPL match-fixing and betting in 2013.

The Madras High Court has ordered cricketer MS Dhoni to pay ₹10 lakh for the cost of transcribing and translating CDs used in the case, more than ten years after he launched a defamation suit over claims of Indian Premier League (IPL) betting and match-fixing. [Zee Media Corporation v. MS Dhoni]

Justice RN Manjula noted that the court interpreter had begun the job of transcribing and interpreting the CDs in accordance with a previous ruling dated October 28, 2025, provided that the required fees were paid.

The Court was told by the interpreter that the exercise was a "huge undertaking" that would need the time and effort of a typist and at least one interpreter for over three to four months.

Given the time and labor required, the court set the charges at ₹10,00,000, which Dhoni must pay. It was noted that the plaintiff often files the required paperwork with the plaintiff. The plaintiff must cover the expense of the work as the hiring of an official interpreter is required due to the extraneous circumstances and as stated in the previous ruling dated October 28, 2025."

The money must be transferred to the Madras High Court's Chief Justice Relief Fund account by March 12 at the latest, and the transcription must be finished by the third week of March. On March 12, the matter was listed.

Due to claimed malicious remarks and press reports that he was involved in IPL match-fixing and betting in 2013, Dhoni launched a civil defamation suit against Zee Media, IPS officer Sampath Kumar, and others in 2014. At first, Kumar had looked into the IPL betting scandal.

In relation to the accusations, the former captain of the Indian team requested a permanent injunction prohibiting the defendants from making or publishing defamatory remarks about him. An interim injunction prohibiting Zee, Kumar, and others from uttering disparaging remarks about him was previously granted by the High Court.

Dhoni filed an application after the defendants submitted their written statements, claiming that Kumar had continued to make disparaging remarks in his written submissions. He also sought the start of contempt proceedings.

Dhoni also received approval from the High Court in July 2021 to present Zee with 17 interrogatories, arguing that the media company's written statement was generic and lacked specific answers to the accusations. Zee contested the order, claiming that the interrogations highlighted questions that should be addressed during the cross-examination phase of the trial and attempted to obtain evidence beforehand.