



BEFORE BHARAT S KUMAR, SOLE ARBITRATOR  
.IN REGISTRY  
NATIONAL INTERNET EXCHANGE OF INDIA (NIXI)  
INDRP ARBITRATION  
INDRP Case No. 2134  
Disputed Domain Name: < qvedha.in >  
ARBITRATION AWARD DATED JUNE 08, 2026

IN THE MATTER OF:

Ionq, Inc.  
4505 Campus Drive,  
College Park, MD 20740,  
USA

Complainant

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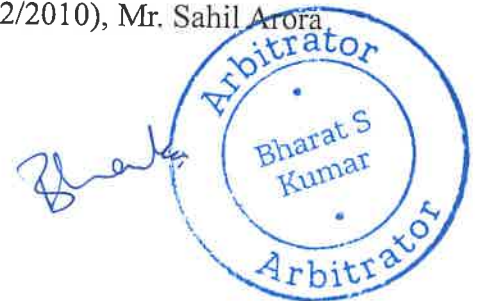
Qvedha  
VIT AP University,  
G34 Amaravati,  
Andhra Pradesh – 522237,  
India

Respondent

**1. The Parties in the proceeding:**

**The complainant:**

The complainant in this administrative proceeding is IONQ Inc, an organization with its place of business at 4505 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740, United States of America. A Power of Attorney (POA) has been filed by the complainant, authorizing Mr. Rohit Kochhar, Mr. Amit Panigrahi (D/1712/2010), Mr. Sahil Arora

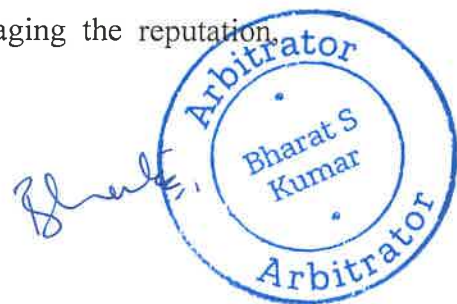


(D/4486/2018), Mr. Akash Chaudhary (D/6426/2020), Ms. Ishikaa Seth (D/7581/2025) and all Advocates of Kochhar & Co., having office at the address, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tower A, DLF Towers Jasola, Jasola District Center, New Delhi 110025.

The complainant states that it was founded in 2015 by Dr. Christopher Monroe and Dr. Jungsang Kim, based on nearly 30 years of pioneering academic research in quantum information science, originating from institutions such as the University of Maryland and Duke University of the United States. The complainant asserts in its complaint that it is one of the world's leading commercial quantum computing companies. The complainant states that it develops leading quantum technology solutions designed to address some of the world's most complex computational challenges. The complainant states in the complaint that its core technology is based on trapped-ion quantum computing architecture, which utilizes electrically charged atoms (ions) as qubits and is widely recognized for its high fidelity, scalability and long coherence times, making it suitable for solving complex computational problems.

**The Registrant and the Disputed Domain Name:**

The complainant avers that the disputed domain name is qvedha.in. The complainant further avers that allegedly it has credible information and documentary evidence from third parties, including communications addressed to an entity named 'Sripto Corporation Private Limited', wherein it has been expressly stated that the operators of the Impugned Domain were impersonating a project under the name "Qvedha" and soliciting funds from the public. It claims that the said operators were misrepresenting that IONQ was an active partner or investor in the said project, that the operators were misusing proprietary materials, including presentations and screenshots purportedly showing association or approval from IONQ, in order to allegedly falsely legitimize their activities. It further claims the operators were falsely claiming association with legitimate individuals/entities to gain credibility and induce reliance from unsuspecting third parties. It claims that the aforesaid acts clearly establish that the respondent was dishonestly leveraging the reputation,



goodwill and technological stature of the complainant's IONQ mark to lend credibility to its fraudulent activities, with the sole intention of allegedly deceiving the public.

The complainant avers that Mr. Hari Nandhan, is the owner of the disputed domain name, [qvedha.in](http://qvedha.in). The complainant states that the respondent's address is VIT AP University, G34 Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh – 522237, India. It also states that the phone number of the respondent is: +91 7328975888 and his email address is [hari.nandhan.golla@gmail.com](mailto:hari.nandhan.golla@gmail.com) . A copy of the complete WHOIS details of the domain [qvedha.in](http://qvedha.in) has been filed and attached with the complaint as **Annexure A**.

## **2. Domain Name and Registrar:-**

The disputed domain name is < [qvedha.in](http://qvedha.in) >. The domain name was created on 31.01.2026. The registrar with which the domain name is registered and the contact details are as under:

HOSTINGER operations, UAB

URL: <http://www.hostinger.com>

Whois Server: [whois.hostinger.com](http://whois.hostinger.com)

Email: [domains@hostinger.com](mailto:domains@hostinger.com)

## **3. Procedural History:**

3.1 This arbitration proceeding is in accordance with the .IN Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (the "Policy") adopted by the National Internet Exchange of India ("NIXI") and the INDRP Rules of Procedure (the "Rules"). The arbitration proceeding is approved in accordance with the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. By registering the disputed domain name with a NIXI accredited registrar, the respondent agreed to the resolution of disputes pursuant to the said Policy and the Rules.



3.2 The complaint was filed by the complainant with NIXI against the respondent. On 22.05.2026, to ensure compliance, I had submitted statement of acceptance and declaration of impartiality and independence as required by the Arbitrator's Empanelment Rules (Rule 5). On 22.05.2026, I was appointed as sole arbitrator to decide the disputes between the parties. NIXI notified both the parties of my appointment as Arbitrator *via* email dated 22.05.2026. NIXI had also served by email an electronic copy of the complainant with annexures, on the respondent at the email addresses of the respondent, Mr Hari Nandhan, [hari.nandhan.golla@gmail.com](mailto:hari.nandhan.golla@gmail.com) . **My appointment was confirmed by both parties on 26.05.2026.**

3.3 On 23.05.2026, I had issued notice to the respondent on [hari.nandhan.golla@gmail.com](mailto:hari.nandhan.golla@gmail.com) and directed the complainant to serve the complete paperbook on the respondent by email and post, both. The service was duly completed by the complainant. That on 26.05.2026, pursuant to effective service, Mr. Nandhan replied back and stated that:

*"I acknowledge receipt of the email below and confirm my acceptance of the appointment of the learned Sole Arbitrator in the present matter. I am currently a second-year bachelor's degree student and am in the process of organizing the relevant supporting documents for filing my response within the prescribed timeline."*

3.4 That subsequently on 01.06.2026, I was informed by Ms. Ishikaa Seth, the counsel for the complainant that the dispute had been settled between the parties. Ms. Seth had also attached the scanned copy of the compromise deed (undertaking) dated 30.05.2026, which categorically affirmed that the dispute had been settled and the disputed domain, <[qvedha.in](http://qvedha.in)> , be transferred to the complainant by the respondent. The copy of the settlement deed is attached with this award. However, since the settlement confirmation had come from the complainant, I had vide email dated 01.06.2026 asked the respondent if the



dispute had been settled, that he had signed the compromise deed by himself and that whether the disputed domain be been transferred to the complainant from him, as per the settlement. The respondent vide email dated 01.06.2026 affirmed to all the queries raised by me, thereby requesting for a transfer of the disputed domain name from him to the complainant. A snapshot of the email is affixed hereinbelow:



**Hari Nandhan**

Jun 1, 2026, 4:34 PM (7 days ago)



to me, Ishikaa, Legal, Rajiv, Rishab, Amit, trademarks.ip@kochhar.com

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your email and for your time in overseeing this matter.

I am writing to formally confirm the following points as requested:

1. I confirm that the Undertaking in the attached file was indeed signed and executed by me.
2. I confirm that I have successfully and amicably settled this dispute with them.
3. I confirm and fully consent that the disputed domain name, "qvedha.in", be transferred to the Complainant in light of our amicable settlement.

Thank you again for your guidance and assistance in formally concluding these proceedings.

Best Regards,

**Golla Naga Sri Nandhan**  
Respondent

3.5 I wish to highlight Clause 13(b) of the INDRP Rules of procedure, which requires that the arbitrator shall at all times treat the parties with equality and provide each one of them with a fair opportunity to present their case. In light of the respondent's voluntary surrender of the disputed domain name, <qvedha.in>, I had on 01.06.2026, reserved the verdict.



### Decision

In view of the aforementioned, the respondent's settlement with the complainant and his voluntary relinquishment/surrender of the Disputed Domain Name <vedha.in>, I direct that <vedha.in> be transferred to the complainant in accordance with the INDRP rules and procedures. No order as to costs.

Delhi

Dated: 08.06.2026





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Government of Andhra Pradesh

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| Certificate Issue Date    | 30 May 2025 01:11 PM                                  |
| Agreement Reference       | NEWAMPAT/01 (SV) 021007404/AD-NTR-AP-SUB-2024/01/2025 |
| DIN Code                  | 2700270001 01/15/25                                   |
| Unique Doc. Reference     | SUBIN-AP-AP18/07404/03700173152652Y                   |
| Documented by             | GOLLA NAGA SRINANDHAN                                 |
| Description of Document   | Article 0 Not Mentioned                               |
| Property Description      | UNDERTAKING   |
| Consideration Price (Rs.) | 0<br>(Zero)   |
| First Party               | GOLLA NAGA SRINANDHAN                                 |
| Second Party              | Not Applicable  |
| Paid By (for Whom)        | GOLLA NAGA SRINANDHAN                                 |
| Stamp Duty Amount (Rs.)   | 100<br>(One Hundred only)                             |



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UNDERTAKING - INFRINGING USE

THIS UNDERTAKING is entered into -

I We Golla Naga Srinandhan (name of representative), acting in my/our individual capacity as a collaborator and contributor to the project known as "Q-VEDIA" (hereinafter referred to as the "Impugned Project") and as the registrant and unauthorised operator of the domain name www.qvedia.in (hereinafter referred to as the "Impugned Domain"), hereinafter individually and collectively referred to as the "First Party"

In Favour Of

IonQ, Inc., a corporation duly organised and existing under the laws of the United States of America, together with its subsidiaries, affiliates, associated entities, officers, directors, legal heirs, successors-in-title, and assigns in business, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Second Party"

The First Party and the Second Party together shall be referred to as "Parties" hereinafter.

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1. The validity of this stamp certificate shall be verified at [www.stampcert.gov.in](http://www.stampcert.gov.in) or using the Stamp Mobile App of Stock Exchanges.  
2. For discrepancy in the details on this certificate or its availability on the website, the concerned authority shall be contacted.  
3. In case of any discrepancy please contact the concerned authority.

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WHEREAS, the Second Party is the sole and exclusive owner of the mark "IONQ" and all formative, derivative, and associated marks thereof (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "IONQ Marks"), all of which constitute the valuable intellectual property and exclusive proprietary rights of the Second Party and in which the Second Party holds all right, title, and interest, including but not limited to trademark registrations, pending applications, and common law rights in all applicable jurisdictions,

AND WHEREAS, the Impugned Project, was originally conceived and submitted in connection with, and bearing an affiliation to, the Second Party, which affiliation was expressly acknowledged and represented by or on behalf of the original project submitters at the time of its inception.

AND WHEREAS, the First Party, having been a collaborator and contributor to the Impugned Project, proceeded to independently register and operate the Impugned Domain www.qvedha.in, without the knowledge, authorisation, consent, or endorsement of the Second Party or the original project submitters, thereby creating a false impression of affiliation, association, sponsorship, or endorsement by the Second Party.

AND WHEREAS, the Second Party was made cognisant of the serious and unauthorised misuse of the IONQ Marks, and the false and misleading representations made in connection with the Impugned Project and the Impugned Domain. It is hereby categorically affirmed and acknowledged by the First Party that the Impugned Domain bears no affiliation, association, endorsement, authorisation, or connection whatsoever with the Second Party or the original project submitters, and that the First Party had no authority to register or operate the Impugned Domain in the manner it was presented.

AND WHEREAS, in consideration of the Second Party exercising its discretion to forebear, at this time, from initiating civil and/or criminal legal proceedings against the First Party for the acts, omissions, violations, and claims set forth in the Cease-&-Desist Notice dated 28-May-2016 (hereinafter referred to as the "Notice"), and without prejudice to the Second Party's right to initiate such proceedings in the event of any breach of this Undertaking, the

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First Party, acting voluntarily, consciously, and with full knowledge of the legal consequences hereof, hereby unconditionally and irrevocably undertakes as follows:

1. The First Party shall immediately and permanently cease representing, implying, or suggesting, whether directly or indirectly, any affiliation, association, authorization, sponsorship, or endorsement by the Second Party in connection with the Impugned Project or any other project, platform, or activity of any nature whatsoever.
2. The First Party shall, from the date of execution of this Undertaking, permanently take down, suspend, and relinquish the Impugned Domain [www.qvedha.in](http://www.qvedha.in), and shall transfer ownership and control of the Impugned Domain to the Second Party or its nominated representative, along with all associated credentials and access. The First Party shall further remove all associated web pages, email addresses, social media accounts, posts, third-party listings, and any other online or offline presence that references, implies, or creates an impression of affiliation with the Second Party or the IONQ Marks, and shall provide written confirmation of compliance with all of the foregoing to the Second Party within the said period.
3. The First Party shall not, at any time in the future, register or operate any domain name, platform, account, or project that incorporates the IONQ Marks or any deceptively similar mark, or that represents or implies any affiliation with the Second Party, without the Second Party's prior written consent.
4. The First Party acknowledges the Second Party's exclusive ownership of the IONQ Marks and all associated goodwill, and shall not, now or in the future, contest or challenge the Second Party's rights, ownership, or the validity and enforceability of the IONQ Marks.
5. The Second Party agrees to forebear from initiating legal proceedings in connection with the present matter, subject to the First Party's full compliance with this Undertaking and reserves all rights in the event of any breach thereof.

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6. The First Party warrants that they have the full capacity and authority to execute this Undertaking and to perform every obligation set out herein, and that this Undertaking shall be binding upon them personally.
7. The scope of this Undertaking shall be worldwide and any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Undertaking, including any question regarding its existence, validity, interpretation, or breach, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Delhi, and this Undertaking shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India.

**BREACH OF UNDERTAKING:**

**Without Prejudice**, this Undertaking is executed and delivered without prejudice to any and all rights, claims, and remedies available to the Second Party under applicable law, equity, contract, or otherwise, all of which are expressly reserved in their entirety.

In the event of any breach of this Undertaking, the Second Party shall be entitled to all available remedies under statutory law, common law, and equity, including damages (compensatory, punitive, and aggravated), recovery of legal costs, and an injunction restraining the First Party from using the IONQ Marks or any deceptively similar mark, name, logo, or domain name, or from making any false representation of affiliation with the Second Party, in any manner whatsoever, along with any other relief a court of competent jurisdiction may deem fit.

This Undertaking shall: (a) be binding upon the First Party and each of the First Party's heirs, legal representatives, executors, administrators, successors-in-interest, assignees, and any entity or individual acting under, through, or in concert with the First Party; and (b) inure to the benefit of the Second Party and each of its subsidiaries, affiliates, associated entities, officers, directors, legal heirs, successors-in-title, and assigns in business, each of whom shall be entitled to enforce this Undertaking as if an original party hereto.

The First Party hereby acknowledges and confirms that:

this Undertaking has been read, understood, and executed with full knowledge of its legal implications.



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