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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: <ycombinator.in>

INDRP Case No: 2154
IN THE MATTER OF
YCX LLC,
335 Pioneer Way, Mountain View,
California 94041,
United States of America

.....Complainant

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Shubhendu Sharma,
Tofu Tech,
Indira Nagar, Bangalore,
Karnataka – 560001, India
Ph: 9845908038

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..... Respondent

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1. The Parties

The Complainant in this arbitration proceeding is **YCX LLC**, of the address 335 Pioneer Way, Mountain View, California 94041, United States of America.

The Respondent in this arbitration proceeding is Mr. **Shubhendu Sharma** of the address Tofu Tech, Indira Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560001, India as per the WHOIS records.

2. The Domain Name, Registrar and Registrant

The present arbitration proceeding pertains to a dispute concerning the registration of the domain name <**ycombinator.in**> with the .IN Registry. The Registrant in the present matter is, and the Registrar is GoDaddy.com, LLC.

3. 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:

Date	Event
July 13, 2026	NIXI sought consent of Ms. Lucy Rana to act as the Sole Arbitrator in the matter.
July 14, 2026	Arbitrator provided the Statement of Acceptance and Declaration of Impartiality and Independence in compliance with the INDRP Rules of Procedure.
July 21, 2026	NIXI handed over the Domain Complaint, Annexures and Power of Attorney thereto to the Arbitrator. NIXI further stipulated that in case the Complainant has failed to submit a notarized Power of Attorney or annexures at this stage, they can submit the same directly to the Ld. Arbitrator marking all others in CC.
July 22, 2026	The Arbitrator directed the Complainant's Counsel to provide the requisite Board Resolution/Authority Letter as well as the designation of the signatory, within seven (7) days.
July 24, 2026	The Complainant's Counsel requested an extension of the July 28, 2026, deadline, stating that as the Complainant is based out of the United States of America, procuring the relevant documentation from the Complainant may take some time.

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	On the same day, the Arbitrator granted an extension until August 03, 2026, to provide the requisite Board Resolution/Authority Letter and designation of the signatory.
July 31, 2026	The Complainant's Counsel furnished a duly certified and notarized document (extracts of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Complainant, YCX, LLC) evidencing the authority of the signatory to execute the Power of Attorney.
August 04, 2026	The Arbitrator directed the Complainant's Counsel to confirm service of the domain complaint and annexures upon the Respondent, and if not already done, to serve a full set of the domain complaint as filed, along with annexures, upon the Respondent by email as well as physical mode and provide proof of service within seven (7) days.
August 06, 2026	The Complainant's Counsel confirmed having electronically and physically served the Complaint and Annexures upon the Respondent on August 05, 2026, and provided copies of the email service and courier receipt as proof of service.
August 07, 2026	The arbitral proceedings were commenced. The Respondent was granted a period of fourteen (14) days to file its response to the Complaint.
August 24, 2026	An email received from the Complainant's Counsel noting the expiry of the August 21, 2026, deadline without any response from the Respondent, and requesting that the matter be decided on the basis of the material available on record.
August 25, 2026	In the interest of justice, the Respondent was granted a final and non-extendable period of three (03) days to submit its response (if any) by the arbitrator.
August 26, 2026	The Respondent filed its Response to the Complaint, inter alia stating that he is a Y Combinator alumnus (Winter 2017 batch), that the disputed domain name was registered for non-commercial purposes, that the GoDaddy parking page was registrar-generated, and that the domain name was never offered for sale or monetized. The Respondent also stated that he had not received the earlier legal notice or a physical copy of the Complaint and prayed for dismissal of the Complaint.
August 27, 2026	The Arbitrator granted the Complainant ten (10) days, i.e., till September 06, 2026, to file a rejoinder to the Response filed by the Complainant.
August 28, 2026	The Complainant's Counsel sought an extension of time to file the rejoinder, citing time required to obtain instructions from the Complainant and upcoming public holidays.

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	The Arbitrator allowed the request and granted the Complainant non-extendable time until September 10, 2026, to file its rejoinder, which was acknowledged by the Complainant's Counsel.
September 07, 2026	An email received from the Respondent, expressing willingness to voluntarily transfer the disputed domain name to the Complainant without any monetary or other consideration, while clarifying that the same is not an admission of the allegations in the Complaint.
September 08, 2026	The Complainant's Counsel filed the Rejoinder to the respondent's reply to the complaint, wherein they also stated that they believe that based on the material available on the record the domain should be transferred to the complainant. The Arbitrator granted the Parties leave to engage in settlement discussions and directed them to file an executed settlement agreement within ten (10) days.
September 11, 2026	The Complainant's Counsel informed that the Complainant has initiated settlement discussions with the Respondent.
September 17, 2026	The Complainant's Counsel filed a settlement agreement, duly executed by both Parties, setting out the terms for the voluntary transfer of the disputed domain name to the Complainant.
September 18, 2026	The Arbitrator acknowledged receipt of the executed settlement agreement, concluded the proceedings and reserved the present award.

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Decision:

This matter came before the Arbitrator pursuant to a complaint filed by the Complainant concerning the disputed domain name < **ycombinator.in** >. Following the commencement of proceedings, the parties informed the Arbitrator that they have reached an amicable settlement, under which the aforesaid disputed domain name shall be transferred to the Complainant.

A copy of the duly executed settlement agreement has been submitted and placed on record.

Having reviewed the duly executed settlement agreement, and with the consent of both parties, the Arbitrator hereby dismisses the arbitration proceedings without going into the merits of the complaint. Further, NIXI is hereby directed to transfer the disputed domain name < **ycombinator.in** > to the Complainant, pursuant to the settlement agreement placed on record.

Lucy Rana, Sole Arbitrator

Date: September 29, 2026.

Place: New Delhi, India.