

Phoenix wins withdrawal for Arnab's Republic vs India Today in Delhi HC ratings writ



30 May 2017 : Phoenix Legal and senior counsel **Ramji Srinivasan** won for Arnab Goswami's new TV news venture Republic in the Delhi high court, after the India Today Group withdrew its writ that we had first reported yesterday, which challenged Republic for allegedly violating the telecom law to gain unprecedented TV ratings (TRP).

The writ by India Today Group's news channel TV Today claimed that Republic had purchased multiple listings on the Electronic Programme Guide (EPG) of various operators, thus violating TRAI regulations under which one channel can be listed only under one genre.

After both the Republic as well as TV Today submitted in court today that they were registered only under in the "news and current affairs" genre on the EPG with a single channel, TRAI said that several similar complaints were also pending against other channels including the petitioner and would be dealt with together.

TV Today is understood to have withdrawn the writ after that and the matter was disposed of.

The Republic TV channel has already displayed the headline that the Delhi high court refused to hear the writ.

India Today was represented by senior counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi, while DSK Legal acted for the co-defendant Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC), instructing senior counsel Sandeep Sethi.