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Radio royalty

THE HIGH court on Wednesday ruled that radio stations are liable to pay royalty to producers, lyricists and composers for broadcasting their songs. Rejecting a plea of Radio Today Broadcasting Limited, justice A.K. Banerjee said: "Unless the Indian Performing Rights Society assigns exclusive rights of their members to the producers, it is entitled to claim royalty from the radio stations if they want to broadcast their songs." IPRS advocate Phiroze Edulji said that under the copyright law, the moment an artistic piece of work is commercially exploited by anyone, the creator is bound to receive royalty.

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