Assuring good films

Dhillin Mehta Managing Director, Shree Ashtavinayak Cine Vision Ltd.promises to keep up the hit parade post *Golmaal-Fun Limited*, *Jab We Met*, *Bhagam Bhag* and *Maine Pyar Kyun Kiya*

What about the USD 33 million that you raised through FCCB? How did you use these funds?

You are right. We have successfully completed the Foreign Currency Convertible Bond (FCCB), issue of around USD 33 million in January last. These funds were used for opening up a subsidiary. It has recently been made optional for investors. The company is focussed on expanding its territorial base in the overseas market mainly targeting markets like USA, UK, West Asia and Mauritius.

After *Jab We Met* you have taken a while to come to the news.

After *Jab We Met* we made another film by the name of *Superstar*. We have now come out with an announcement of the several films that we are doing with a pledge that we undertake to dish out good films from time to time.

Your company has been termed as a successful filmmaker. Comment.

Even after the success of our earlier films, our strategy still is to deliver good quality entertainment to the audiences, which these days has become a necessity. Keeping up to our reputation, we have lined up multiple releases.

Could you talk about your projects that are in the offing?

The first of the multiple releases from us is Shivam Nair's suspense thriller *Maharathi* that is based on Paresh Rawal's popular Gujarati play. The film features Naseeruddin Shah, Om Puri, Boman Irani, Paresh Rawal, Tara Sharma and Neha Dhupia. This will be followed by *Kidnap*, an action thriller directed by Sanjay Gadhvi, which will feature Sanjay Dutt, Minnisha Lamba, Vidya Malavde, Rahul Dev and Imran Khan.

We have lined up *Golmaal Returns* for this Diwali season with Ajay Devgan, Arshad Warsi, Tusshar Kapoor, Shreyas Talpade, Kareena Kapoor, Celina Jaitley, Amrita Arora and Anjana Sukhani under the direction of Rohit Shetty. Then we also have Neeraj Vora's *Run Bhola Run* that has Govinda, Tusshar Kapoor, Tanushree Dutta and Amisha Patel. Neeraj Vora will also be directing another *One Way Ticket* starring Anil Kapoor, Akshaye Khanna and two heroines.Our biggest project is *Blue*, an action film directed by Anthony D'Souza that stars Sanjay Dutt, Akshay Kumar, Lara Dutta, Katrina Kaif and Zayed Khan. Next on the anvil is *Luck*, an action film directed by Soham Shah that will see the debut of Kamal Hassan's daughter Shruti Haasan who will star alongside Sanjay Dutt, Imran Khan, Danny Denzongpa, Ravi Kissen and Mithun Chakraborty.

Can we also look at further tie-ups like you did for *Jab We Met*?

We do not have exclusive tie-ups with anybody. We basically involve ourselves with our home-productions which are produced and released by us. Right now we are not thinking about any kind of tie-ups but we will declare if there is anything at any time.

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