



HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. WRIT PETITION No. - 9325 of 2026

Mithilesh Kumar

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 2 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	:	Rishi Kumar Prajapati, Virendra Kumar Maurya
Counsel for Respondent(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 49

HON'BLE AJAY BHANOT, J.

HON'BLE DIVESH CHANDRA SAMANT, J.

Matter relates to posting of obscene videos of the petitioner on a social media handle. The affidavit filed by the investigation officer dated 04.05.2026 asserts as under:

"13. The deponent very respectfully submits herein that as the URL ID and IP address of the X (twitter) by which the obscene videos and photographs have been posted, has not been provided by X Corp. c/o Trust & Safety Legal Policy 1355 Market Street, Suite 900 San Francisco, CA 94103 as yet and under the aforesaid circumstances the deponent is handicapped to proceed further in the matter and as such, the deponent very respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to grant some more time, so that the deponent may reach at logical end and conclude the investigation of the present case."

On account of refusal of concerned senior officials of the social media handle 'X' to cooperate, the police investigation has come to a standstill. Non-cooperation of officials of the social media handle 'X' with police investigations in such matters cannot be countenanced by this Court. Social media handles are not immune from accountability to Indian laws and investigation agencies acting in pursuance of powers vested by law. The arms of the Indian law are long enough to reach any transgression and strong enough to bring the offenders to justice. Prima facie the affidavit appears to be an admission of policing failure. Prima facie responsible officials of 'X' have stonewalled the police

investigations and the police investigations have abdicated their statutory duties. Their conduct will enable the offenders to cheat justice.

The Commissioner of Police, Ghaziabad shall appear in person before the Court on the next date of listing and explain the steps taken to ensure that the responsible officials of the concerned social media handle 'X' lend their cooperation to the police investigation and are held accountable to be process of law.

Put up this matter on 12.08.2026 in the list of fresh cases before the appropriate Bench.

It is clarified that this matter shall not be treated as part heard or tied up to this Bench.

A copy of this order be sent to the Secretary (Home), Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow as well as Director General of Police, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.

(Divesh Chandra Samant,J.) (Ajay Bhanot,J.)

July 2, 2026
Ashish Tripathi