

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Writ Petition(s) (Criminal) No(s). 83/2025

RANVEER GAUTAM ALLAHABADIA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 97402/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 55507/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION, IA No. 41866/2025 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF, IA No. 97400/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 43457/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES and IA No. 43847/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

WITH

W.P.(Cr1.) No. 85/2025 (X)

(IA No. 50613/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

W.P.(C) No. 460/2025 (PIL-W)

Date : 25-08-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. IA No. 205877/2025 (application for impleadment) moved by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Union of India is allowed. The Union of India, through the aforesaid Ministry, is ordered to be impleaded as respondent No. 4.

2. Learned Attorney General states that the proposed guidelines ensuring that the rights of all the parties concerned are adequately protected without impinging upon the individual rights, dignity, honour, and respect, shall be placed on record. Such

guidelines shall be drafted in active consultation with the News Broadcasters & Digital Association. The suggestions/opinions and viewpoints of other stakeholders shall also be invited.

3. It goes without saying that the proposed guidelines will not be merely a reaction to any particular incident but shall be broad and wide enough to cater to future needs, keeping in view the modern-day challenges posed by the advancement of technology in the matter of communication.

4. Counsel for respondent Nos. 6 to 10 (in W.P. (Civil) No. 460/2025) undertakes that each one of them shall place their unconditional apology on their podcasts through their various social media handles and streamed through YouTube on other platforms. They shall also file respective affidavits in response to the suggestion given by Ms. Aparajita Singh, learned senior counsel for the petitioner foundation.

5. In deference to the previous order dated 15.07.2025, respondent Nos. 6 to 10 are present. The appearance of respondent Nos. 6 to 10 is dispensed with as of now, subject to their complying with the above-stated undertaking.

6. The question of appropriate penalty/cost that may be imposed on the private respondent(s) shall be considered at the appropriate stage.

7. Respondent No. 5 may also submit its suggestions, with or without a counter affidavit.

8. Post the matters for further consideration on 21.11.2025.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

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ASSISTANT REGISTRAR