



**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD
LUCKNOW**

WRIT - C No. - 8918 of 2025

Sharad Chandra Srivastava 7 Others

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. Thru. Prin. Secy. Home Deptt. Lko.
And 9 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	: Ranjana Agnihotri, Utkarsh Pratap Singh
Counsel for Respondent(s)	: C.S.C., A.S.G.I., Aanad Dwivedi, Deepansi, Kuldeep Kumar Srivastava, Mangal Sen Yadav, Pankaj Verma

Court No. - 3

**HON'BLE SHEKHAR B. SARAF, J.
HON'BLE PRASHANT KUMAR, J.**

1. 'Vakalatnama' filed by Shri Utkarsh Srivastava, Advocate on behalf of respondent no. 9 is taken on record.
2. Heard Ms.Ranjana Agnihotri, learned counsel for the petitioners, Shri Pankaj Khare, learned Additional Chief Standing Counsel for the State, Shri S.B. Pandey, Deputy Solicitor General of India as well as Senior Advocate assisted by Shri Anand Dwivedi, learned counsel for respondent nos. 2 and 3, Shri Varun Pathak along with Shri Gantavya as well as Shri Mayur Narang, learned counsel for respondent nos. 6 and 7 through video conferencing and Ms. Deepansi, learned counsel for respondent no. 10.
3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent nos. 6 and 7 submits that the respondent nos. 6 and 7 that have been made as party in the writ petition, are not the correct parties. He further submits that the correct party is 'Meta Platforms, Inc.' having its address at Unit 28 and 29, The Executive Center Level 18, DLF Cyber City, Building No.5, Tower-A, Phase-III, Gurgaon, India 122002.
4. In light of the same, learned counsel for the petitioners is directed to carry out the changes in the writ petition during the course of the day.
5. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent nos. 8 and 9

submits that name of both the entities is incorrect and the correct name of the entity would be 'Google LLC' having its address at India Liaison Office, Unit No. 26, The Executive Center, Level 8, DLF Centre, Sansad Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi 110001.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioners is also directed to carry out these changes during the course of the day.

7. It is to be noted that the Division Bench of this High Court by an order dated September 17, 2025 had directed the respondent nos. 6 to 9 to take down the objectionable contents.

8. Counsel appearing on behalf of respondent nos. 6 and 7 i.e. Meta Platforms, Inc. has requested learned counsel for the petitioners to provide the URL links, as without the same, they are unable to take down the objectionable content(s).

9. Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners has agreed to provide the said link(s) to counsel appearing on behalf of Meta Platforms, Inc.

10. Learned counsel for the petitioners is also directed to provide URL links to learned counsel appearing for Google LLC, if any, apart from the links mentioned in para 14 of the writ petition.

11. Learned counsel for the Google LLC submits that the link mentioned in para-14 of the writ petition has already been removed.

12. Once the URL information is provided to the Meta Platforms, Inc., the link should be taken down within a period of 48 hours.

13. With regard to the complaints made by the petitioners to the State respondents being respondent nos. 1 to 5, counsel appearing on behalf of State of Uttar Pradesh (respondent no. 1) has submitted that a notice has been issued to the respondent no.10 and the respondent 10 is due to appear before the respondent no. 5/Deputy Commissioner, Office of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) on 18.10.2025.

14. Counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents have prayed for time to file counter affidavit in the matter.

15. Accordingly, let counter affidavit be filed by the respondents within a period of three weeks, rejoinder affidavit, if any, to be filed within a week thereafter.

16. List this matter on 11.11.2025.

(Prashant Kumar,J.) (Shekhar B. Saraf,J.)

October 8, 2025
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