

ITEM NO.39

COURT NO.1

SECTION PIL-W

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition (Civil) No. 269/2025

ASADUDDIN OWAISI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 90396/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

IA No. 90399/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 90397/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION

IA No. 89994/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 90398/2025 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON

IA No. 86885/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE SYNOPSIS AND LIST OF DATES

IA No. 86879/2025 - STAY APPLICATION

WITH

W.P.(C) No. 283/2025 (X)

W.P.(C) No. 286/2025 (PIL-W)

FOR ADMISSION

W.P.(C) No. 276/2025 (X)

IA No. 88593/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION

IA No. 90429/2025 - STAY APPLICATION

W.P.(C) No. 280/2025 (PIL-W)

IA No. 89571/2025 - STAY APPLICATION

W.P.(C) No. 278/2025 (X)

FOR ADMISSION

W.P.(C) No. 279/2025 (X)

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W.P.(C) No. 290/2025 (X)

W.P.(C) No. 284/2025 (X)

FOR ADMISSION

W.P.(C) No. 289/2025 (PIL-W)

Date : 17-04-2025 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

During the course of the hearing, Mr. Tushar Mehta, the learned Solicitor General, stated that the respondents would like to file a reply/response within a period of seven days from today. He assures this Court that till the next date of hearing, no

appointments would be made to the Central Waqf Council and the Waqf Boards in the States and the National Capital Territory of Delhi, under Sections 9 and 14 respectively of the principal Act, that is, the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 1995,<sup>1</sup> as amended by the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025. He further states that if the Government of any State or the National Capital Territory of Delhi makes any such appointment(s), the same may be declared void.

It is also stated that till the next date of hearing, no Waqf, including a Waqf by user, whether declared by way of notification or by way of registration, shall be de-notified, nor will their character or status be changed.

We take these statements on record.

Rejoinder affidavit to the reply/response of the respondents may be filed within a period of five days from the date of its service.

It is agreed by the learned counsel for the petitioners that the following five writ petitions may be treated as lead cases:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Case No.</b>	<b>Cause Title</b>
1.	W.P.(C) No. 276/2025	<i>Arshad Madani v. Union of India</i>
2.	W.P.(C) No. 314/2025	<i>Muhammad Jameel Merchant v. Union of India</i>

1 For short, "1995 Waqf Act".

3.	W.P.(C) No. 284/2025	<i>Mohammed Fazlurrahim &amp; Anr. v. Union of India &amp; Ors.</i>
4.	W.P.(C) No. 331/2025	<i>Sheikh Noorul Hassan v. The Union of India &amp; Ors.</i>
5.	W.P.(C) No. 269/2025	<i>Asaduddin Owaisi v. Union of India</i>

The other writ petitions/matters will be treated as intervention/impleadment applications filed in the aforesaid writ petitions.

The writ petitions challenging the 1995 Waqf Act and the amendments made therein in 2013 including W.P.(C) No. 353/2025 "*Hari Shankar Jain and Anr. v. Union of India and Ors.*" and W.P.(C) Diary No. 19103/2025 titled "*Parul Khera v. Union of India and Ors.*", shall be separately shown in the cause list.

As a special case, liberty is granted to the petitioners, who have filed writ petitions challenging the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, to file their response to the said writ petitions.

The Union of India, the State Governments and the Waqf Boards may file preliminary reply/response to these writ petitions within a period of seven days from today.

Rejoinder affidavit(s), if any, may be filed within five days after service of the preliminary reply/response.

Both sides, that is, the petitioners and the respondents, have appointed Nodal Counsel for effecting service and for filing of



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We clarify that the hearing fixed on the next date will be a preliminary hearing and, if required, interim orders will be passed.

The cause titles of the five writ petitions will read as follows:

S. No.	Case No.	Cause Title
1.	W.P.(C) No. 276/2025	In Re: The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 (1)
2.	W.P.(C) No. 314/2025	In Re: The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 (2)
3.	W.P.(C) No. 284/2025	In Re: The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 (3)
4.	W.P.(C) No. 331/2025	In Re: The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 (4)
5.	W.P.(C) No. 269/2025	In Re: The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 (5)

Re-list on 05.05.2025 at 02.00 p.m.

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