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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

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+ W.P.(C) 3125/2021, CM APPL. 9491/2021 & CM APPL. 18918/2021, CM APPL. 65698/2024

**FOUNDATION FOR INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM & ORS.**

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms. Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and Ms. Swikriti Singhanian, Advs. for BDF.  
Ms. Nitya Ramakrishnan, Sr. Advocate with Mr. Prasanna S and Ms. Stuti Rai, Advs.

Versus

**UNION OF INDIA & ANR.**

...Respondents

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr. Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena, Advs. for UOI.

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+ W.P.(C) 3483/2021 & CM APPL. 27226/2021

**SANJAY KUMAR SINGH**

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms. Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and Ms. Swikriti Singhanian, Advs. for BDF.

Versus



UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr. Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena, Advs. for UOI.

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+ W.P.(C) 3659/2021, CM APPL. 11097/2021 & CM APPL. 18916/2021

QUINT DIGITAL MEDIA LIMITED & ANR. ....Petitioners

Through: Ms. Nitya Ramakrishnan, Sr. Advocate with Mr. Prasanna S and Ms. Stuti Rai, Advs.  
Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms. Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and Ms. Swikriti Singhania, Advs. for BDF.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr. Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena, Advs. for UOI.

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+ W.P.(C) 5973/2021 & CM APPL. 18880/2021

PRAVDA MEDIA FOUNDATION

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Nitya Ramakrishnan, Sr. Advocate with Ms. Stuti Rai, Mr. Aaditya Vijaykumar, Ms. Akshita Katoch Advs.  
Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms. Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and



Ms. Swikriti Singhania, Advs. for  
BDF.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr.  
Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev  
Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena,  
Advs. for UOI.

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+ W.P.(C) 6188/2021 & CM APPL. 19591/2021

THE PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LIMITED

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. N.B. Joshi with Mr. Anurag  
Ranjan and Ms. Archana Murmu,  
Advs.  
Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin  
Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms.  
Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and  
Ms. Swikriti Singhania, Advs. for  
BDF.

Versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr.  
Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev  
Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena,  
Advs. for UOI.

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+ W.P.(C) 7281/2021, CM APPL. 22944/2021 & CM APPL.  
46798/2024

FACEBOOK INC.

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Varun Pathak, Ms. Amee Rana,



Mr. Thejesh Rajendran and Mr. Yash Karunakaran, Advs.

Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms. Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and Ms. Swikriti Singhania, Advs. for BDF.

Versus

UNION OF INDIA

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr. Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena, Advs. for UOI.

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+ W.P.(C) 7284/2021, CM APPL. 22951/2021 & CM APPL. 46558/2024

WHATSAPP LLC

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Tejas Karia, Adv., Ms. Swati Agarwal, Adv., Mr. Shashank Mishra, Adv., Ms. Akshi Rastogi, Adv. Ms. Vedika Rathore, Adv.  
Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms. Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and Ms. Swikriti Singhania, Advs. for BDF.

versus

UNION OF INDIA

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr. Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena, Advs. for UOI.



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+ W.P.(C) 4912/2024, CM APPL. 20090/2024 & CM APPL. 20091/2024

T.V. TODAY NETWORK LIMITED AND ANR. ....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Hrishikesh Baruah, Mr. Anurag Mishra, Mr. Utkarsh Diwedi and Ms. Madhu Vishnoi, Advs.  
Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms. Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and Ms. Swikriti Singhania, Advs. for BDF.

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ....Respondents

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr. Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena, Advs. for UOI.  
Mr. Tejas Karia, Mr. Varun Pathak, Ms. Ameer Rana, Mr. Tejpal Singh Rathore and Ms. Vibhuti Vasisth, Advs. for R-2.

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+ W.P.(C) 6219/2024

LIVE LAW MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED AND ORS....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Apan Gupta, Ms. Vrinda Bhandari, Ms. Anandita Rana and Ms. Rubayya Tasneem, Advs.  
Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms. Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and



Ms. Swikriti Singhanian, Advs. for  
BDF.

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ANR

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr.  
Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev  
Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena,  
Advs. for UOI.

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+ W.P.(C) 6220/2024

BHAKTA TRIPATHY

.....Petitioner

Through: None

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr.  
Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev  
Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena,  
Advs. for UOI.  
Ms. Pratima N. Lakra, CGSC with  
Mr. Chandan Prajapati, Advocate

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+ W.P.(C) 6375/2024

T M KRISHNA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Apan Gupta, Ms. Vrinda  
Bhandari, Ms. Anandita Rana and  
Ms. Rubayya Tasneem, Advs.  
Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin  
Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms.  
Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and



Ms. Swikriti Singhania, Advs. for  
BDF.

versus

UNION OF INDIA ANR

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr.  
Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev  
Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena,  
Advs. for UOI.  
Mr. Ripudaman Bhardwaj, CGSC  
with Kushagra Kumar and Mr.  
Abhinav Bhardwaj, Advs. for UOI.

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+ W.P.(C) 6390/2024

THE NEWS BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION AND ORS.

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Nisha Bhambhani, Mr. Rajat  
Arora and Ms. Mariya, Advs. for  
NBA.  
Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin  
Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms.  
Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and  
Ms. Swikriti Singhania, Advs. for  
BDF.

Versus

MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY AND ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr.  
Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev  
Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena,  
Advs. for UOI.



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+ W.P.(C) 6391/2024

DIGITAL NEWS PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Nachiket B. Joshi, Mr. Shivek Trehan and Ms. Rishika Goyal, Advs. Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms. Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and Ms. Swikriti Singhanian, Advs. for BDF.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ANR .....Respondents

Through: Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr. Apoorv Kurup, CGSC, Ms. Nidhi Mittal and Mr. Arnav Mittal, Advs. for UOI.

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+ W.P.(C) 6393/2024

TRUTH PRO FOUNDATION INDIA .....Petitioner

Through: None.

versus

UNION OF INDIA .....Respondent

Through: Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr. Apoorv Kurup, CGSC, Ms. Nidhi Mittal and Mr. Arnav Mittal, Advs. for UOI.





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+ W.P.(C) 7376/2024

AGIJ PROMOTION OF NINETTENONEA MEDIA PVT. LTD  
AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Darius Khambata, Sr. Adv., Mr. Mihir Desai, Sr. Adv., Mr. C.U. Singh, Sr. Adv. with Mr. Avi Singh, Mr. Nikhil Parikshith, Ms. Astha Sharma, Ms. Anju Thomas, Ms. Mantika Haryani, Mr. Rohin Bhatt and Mr. Sadeeq Sherwani, Advs. Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms. Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and Ms. Swikriti Singhania, Advs. for BDF.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ANR

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr. Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena, Advs. for UOI.

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+ W.P.(C) 7377/2024

NIKHIL MANGESH WAGLE

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Krishan Kumar, Mr. Seemant K. Garg and Mr. Abhay Nevagi, Advs. Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms. Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and Ms. Swikriti Singhania, Advs. for BDF.

versus



UNION OF INDIA

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr. Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena, Advs. for UOI.

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+ W.P.(C) 7528/2024, CM APPL. 31345/2024 & CM APPL. 31346/2024

AMOL PALEKAR

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Nithya Ramakrishnan, Sr. Advocate with Mr. Mrigank Prabhakar and Ms. Stuti Rai, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr. Apoorv Kurup, CGSC, Ms. Nidhi Mittal and Mr. Arnav Mittal, Advs. for UOI.

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+ W.P.(C) 9137/2024

PRAVEEN ARIMBRATHODIYIL

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms. Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and Ms. Swikriti Singhania, Advs. for BDF.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ANR

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Manisha Agrawal Narain, CGSC with Mr. Chandan Deep Singh, Mr. Sandeep Singh Somaria and Mr. Akhil Gupta, Advs. for UOI.

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+ W.P.(C) 11055/2024

SAYANTI SENGUPTA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin



Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms. Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and Ms. Swikriti Singhania, Advs. for BDF.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ANR

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr. Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena, Advs. for UOI.

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+ W.P.(CRL) 2415/2024  
WHATS APP LLC

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Tejas Karia, Adv., Ms. Swati Agarwal, Adv., Mr. Shashank Mishra, Adv., Ms. Akshi Rastogi, Adv. Ms. Vedika Rathore, Adv.  
Mr. Sidharth Chopra, Mr. Nitin Sharma, Mr. Vivek Ayyagari, Ms. Srishti Kumar, Mr. Rishabh Rao and Ms. Swikriti Singhania, Advs. for BDF.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr. Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena, Advs. for UOI.

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+ W.P.(CRL) 2766/2024

WHATSAPP LLC

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Tejas Karia, Adv., Ms. Swati Agarwal, Adv., Mr. Shashank Mishra, Adv., Ms. Akshi Rastogi, Adv. Ms.



Vedika Rathore, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with Mr.  
Waize Ali Noor, Mr. Ranjeev  
Khatana and Mr. Maulik Khurrena,  
Adv. for UOI.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TUSHAR RAO GEDELA**

**ORDER**

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**11.11.2024**

**CM APPL. 65698/2024 in W.P.(C) 3125/2021**

1. The present application has been filed by Indian Broadcasting & Digital Foundation for taking on record a writ petition filed by it before the Madras High Court.
2. Keeping in view the averments in the application as well as the order dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024 passed by the Supreme Court in Transfer Petition (Civil) Nos.997-1000/2021, the present application is allowed and the W.P. No. 25619/2021 filed before the Madras High Court is taken on record.
3. The Delhi High Court Registry is directed to open a new file and place a new number on the writ petition bearing the initial nos. 25619/2021.

**W.P.(C) 6220/2024**

**W.P.(C) 6393/2024**

1. Learned Coordinator states that Bhakta Tripathy and M/s Truth Pro Foundation India are unrepresented before this Court. Issue default notice without process fee to the advocate(s) on record and also to the petitioners in the aforesaid two matters intimating them about the next date of hearing.
2. The contesting parties are directed to serve copies of their writ petitions as well as their written submissions upon the Coordinator who, in



turn, is directed to circulate the same to all the counsels who are appearing in the present batch of matters.

3. List before Registrar for completion of pleadings on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

4. List before Court on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

**W.P.(C) 3125/2021, CM APPL. 9491/2021 & CM APPL. 18918/2021**

**W.P.(C) 3483/2021 & CM APPL. 27226/2021**

**W.P.(C) 3659/2021, CM APPL. 11097/2021 & CM APPL. 18916/2021**

**W.P.(C) 5973/2021 & CM APPL. 18880/2021**

**W.P.(C) 6188/2021 & CM APPL. 19591/2021**

**W.P.(C) 7281/2021, CM APPL. 22944/2021 & CM APPL. 46798/2024**

**W.P.(C) 7284/2021, CM APPL. 22951/2021 & CM APPL. 46558/2024**

**W.P.(C) 4912/2024, CM APPL. 20090/2024 & CM APPL. 20091/2024**

**W.P.(C) 6219/2024**

**W.P.(C) 6375/2024**

**W.P.(C) 6390/2024**

**W.P.(C) 6391/2024**

**W.P.(C) 7376/2024**

**W.P.(C) 7377/2024**

**W.P.(C) 7528/2024, CM APPL. 31345/2024 & CM APPL. 31346/2024**

**W.P.(C) 9137/2024**

**W.P.(C) 11055/2024**

**W.P.(CRL) 2415/2024**

**W.P.(CRL) 2766/2024**

1. List before Registrar for completion of pleadings on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

2. List before Court on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

**MANMOHAN, CJ**

**TUSHAR RAO GEDELA, J**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2024/bh**