

29.05.2026

PRONOUNCEMENT OF JUDGMENT

COURT NO. 06
DIVISION BENCH-IX
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AMIT MAHAJAN

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AT 10:30 AM

- 1 W.P.(C) 7982/2013, CM APPL. 18654/2015 and CM APPL. 300/2016
9X MEDIA PVT. LTD. & ORSPetitioners
Through:
versus
TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIARespondent
Through:
- 2 W.P.(C) 7983/2013
B4U BROADBAND (INDIA) PVT. LTD. & ORSPetitioners
Through:
versus
TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIARespondent
Through:
- 3 W.P.(C) 7984/2013
TV VISION LIMITED & ORSPetitioner
Through:
versus
TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIARespondent
Through:
- 4 W.P.(C) 7985/2013
SUN TV NETWORKS LIMITEDPetitioner
Through:
versus
TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIARespondent

- Through:
12 W.P.(C) 3804/2014 and CM APPL. 7659/2014Petitioners
M/S. NDTV LIFESTYLE LIMITED AND ANR.
Through:
versus
TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIARespondent
Through:
13 W.P.(C) 544/2014Petitioners
CELEBRITIES MANAGEMENT PVT LTD & ANR.
Through:
versus
TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIARespondent
Through:
14 W.P.(C) 6602/2014Petitioner
ODISHA TELEVISION LIMITED
Through:
versus
TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIARespondent
Through:
15 W.P.(C) 724/2014Petitioner
EENADU TELEVISION PRIVATE LIMITED
Through:
versus
TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIA AND ANR
.....Respondents
Through:
16 W.P.(C) 739/2014Petitioner
RAJ TELEVISION PRIVATE LIMITED
Through:
versus
TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIA & ANR
.....Respondents
Through:
17 W.P.(C) 4307/2021Petitioners
NEWS BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION ORS
Through:
versus
UNION OF INDIARespondent
Through:

Present for Petitioners:

Mr. Abhinav Mukerji, Sr. Adv. with Ms. Payak Kakra, Mr. Akash Tyagi, Mr. Pranav, Ms. Khushboo, Advs. in Item No.104

Mr. Kunal Tandon, Sr. Adv. with Ms. Aanchal Tandon, Ms. Niti Jain, Ms. Niharika Sharma, Mr. Nitai Agarwal, Advs. in Item Nos.104 and 105.

Ms. Aanchal Tandon, Ms. Niti Jain, Mr. Nitai Agarwal, Advs. in Item No.106.

Ms. Srishti Gupta, Adv. in Item No.107.

Ms. Nisha Bhambhani, Mr. Rajat Arora, Ms. Mariya Shahab, Advs. in Item Nos.110 and 120.

Mr. Tribhuvan, Mr. Chandan, Ms. Anushka Sarraf, Advs. in Item No.117.

Mr. Balaji Srinivasan, Mr. Rohan Dewan, Advs. with Prabhat Ranjan AR of Petitioner in Item No.118.

Mr. Rajshekhar Rao, Sr. Adv. with Mr. Maanav Kumar, Ms. Gauri Ramachandran, Advs. in Item No.119.

Present for Respondents:

Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr. Vikram Jetly, CGSC with Ms. Laavanya Kaushik, Ms. Shreya Jetly, Ms. Khyaati Bansal for UOI in Item Nos.104 to 120.

Mr. Ashish Mehta, Adv. for TRAI in Item Nos.104 to 120.

Mr. Abhishek Malhotra, Sr. Adv. with Ms. Srishti Gupta, Adv. for IBF – Intervenor in Item No.104.

Ms. Anushree Rauta, Mr. Nittin Bhatia, Mr. Shwetank Tripathi, Ms. Devangini Rai, Advs. for Intervenor: Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited in Item No.104.

Mr. Abhishek Malhotra, Sr. Adv. with Ms. Srishti Gupta, Adv. in Item No.107.

Ms. Aanchal Tandon, Ms. Niti Jain, Mr. Nitai Agarwal, Advs. for Applicant in Item No.104.

18 W.P.(C) 12781/2024, CM APPL. 53286/2024 and CM APPL. 17282/2026
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Petitioners

Through:
versus

SUB TRILOK CHAND RETD NO. JC374073A & ANR.Respondents

Through:

19 W.P.(C) 13535/2024
ASHOK KUMAR VOHRA & ORS.Petitioners

Through:
versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.Respondents

Through:

20 W.P.(C) 736/2025 and CM APPL. 3642/2025
SOHAN SINGH NEGI AND ORSPetitioners

Through:
versus

UNION OF INDIA, THROUGH ITS SECRETARY MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
& ORS.

.....Respondents

Through:

21 W.P.(C) 825/2025 and CM APPL. 4069/2025
REWAT SINGH SHEKHAWAT AND ORSPetitioners

Through:

versus

UNION OF INDIA THROUGH THE SECRETARY MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
& ORS.

.....Respondents

Through:

22 W.P.(C) 17005/2024
RETIRED RAILWAY PROTECTION FORCE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
NORTHERN RAILWAY DELHI DIVISION
.....Petitioner

Through:

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents

Through:

23 W.P.(C) 17877/2024
MAN MOHAN SINGH & ORS.Petitioners

Through:

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents

Through:

24 W.P.(C) 17721/2024 and CM APPL. 75372/2024
RAVINDRA KUMAR GUPTA AND OTHERSPetitioners

Through:

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERSRespondents

Through:

25 W.P.(C) 55/2025 and CM APPL. 165/2025
INDIAN EX BORDERMEN MOVEMENT AND OTHERSPetitioners

Through:

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERSRespondents

Through:

26 W.P.(C) 10593/2025, CM APPL. 43930/2025, CM APPL. 43931/2025 and CM APPL.
19278/2026

SUNIL KUMAR AND ORSPetitioners

Through:

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondents

Through:

27 W.P.(C) 19636/2025 and CM APPL. 82015/2025
PREM DUTT SHARMA AND ORS.Petitioners

Through:

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondents

Through:

28 W.P.(C) 19729/2025, CM APPL. 82365/2025, CM APPL. 12369/2026 and CM APPL.
19392/2026
CENTRAL CIVIL PENSIONERS FORUM & ORS.Petitioners

Through:

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents

Through:

29 W.P.(C) 1015/2026, CM APPL. 4917/2026 and CM APPL. 4918/2026
HARBANS LAL AND ORS.Petitioners

Through:

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.Respondents

Through:

30 W.P.(C) 1035/2026, CM APPL. 5020/2026 and CM APPL. 5021/2026
RAMESHWAR DAYAL AND ORS.Petitioners

Through:

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.Respondents

Through:

31 W.P.(C) 2267/2026, CM APPL. 10949/2026, CM APPL. 10950/2026 and CM APPL.
10951/2026
THE CSIR PENSIONERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION & ANR.
.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents

Through:

32 W.P.(C) 2643/2026, CM APPL. 12858/2026 and CM APPL. 12859/2026
CENTRAL CIVIL PENSIONERS FORUM & ORS.Petitioners

Through:

versus

- UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through:
33 W.P.(C) 2653/2026, CM APPL. 12933/2026 and CM APPL. 12934/2026
CENTRAL CIVIL PENSIONERS FORUM ACTING THROUGH & ORS.
.....Petitioners
Through:
versus
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through:
34 W.P.(C) 2656/2026, CM APPL. 12940/2026 and CM APPL. 12941/2026
CENTRAL CIVIL PENSIONERS FORUM & ORS.Petitioners
Through:
versus
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through:
35 W.P.(C) 2666/2026, CM APPL. 12982/2026 and CM APPL. 12983/2026
ICAR PENSIONERS FORUM & ORS.Petitioners
Through:
versus
UNION OF INDIA & ANR.Respondents
Through:

Present:

For Petitioners:

Ms. Avshreya Pratap Singh Rudy, CGSC with Ms. Usha Jamnal, Ms. Nyasa Sharma, Mr. Ankit Khatri, Advs. with Maj. Anish Muralidhar (Army) for UOI in W.P.(C) 12781/2024.
Mr. Sarvesh Bisaria, Mr. Ashish Azad, Mr. Nishant Bhardwaj, Advs. in W.P.(C) 13535/2024.
Mr. Sahil Chandra, Mr. Jai Singh Saharan, Ms. Amrita Singh, Ms. Vanshika Jaiswal, Mr. Arya Harsh, Advs. in W.P.(C) 736/2025 & W.P.(C) 825/2025.
Ms. Saahila Lamba, Ms. Nidhi Sharma, Advs. in W.P.(C) 17005/2024 & W.P.(C) 17877/2024.
Ms. Sunita Singh, Mr. Abhigya Kushwah, Advs. in W.P.(C) 17721/2024.
Ms. Richa Ojha, Mr. A.K. Ojha, Advs. in W.P.(C) 55/2025.
Mr. Arun Bhardwaj, Senior Advocate with Mr. Yash Tayal, Ms. Ashu Tiwari, Mr. Pranava Rastogi, Advs. in W.P.(C) 10593/2025.
Mr. Siddharth, Adv. Mr. Harshit Manwani, Ms. Himanshi Girdhar, Mr. Deepanshu Grover, Advs. in W.P.(C) 2267/2026.
Mr. Vidya Sagar, Mr. Amolak, Advs. in W.P.(C) 19729/2025, W.P.(C) 2643/2026 & W.P.(C) 2666/2026.

For Respondents:

Mr. US Maurya, Mr. SS Maurya, Advs. for R-1 in W.P.(C) 12781/2024.

Mr. Ripudaman Bhardwaj, CGSC with Mr. Vivek Nagar, GP for UOI in W.P.(C) 13535/2024 & W.P.(C) 17005/2024.

Mr. Rajesh Kumar Gautam, Ms. Likivi K Jakhalu, Mr. Aman Gahlot, Advs. for R-2 in W.P.(C) 13535/2024.

Mr Farman Ali, CGSC with Ms Usha Jamnal, Adv. in W.P.(C) 736/2025.

Mr. Satya Ranjan Swain, CGSC with Mr. Kautilya Birat, Adv. for UOI in W.P.(C) 825/2025.

Mr. Vinod Sawant, Law Officer, Insp. Athurv and Mr. Ramniwas Yadav, CRPF in W.P.(C) 825/2025 & W.P.(C) 1035/2026.

Mr. Hussain Taqvi, SPC with Ms. Soumya Saxena, Ms. Nazma Akhtar, Mr. Waseem, Ms. Madiha, Advs. for UOI in W.P.(C) 17005/2024 & W.P.(C) 17877/2024.

Mr. Shubham Saigal, Mr. Siddharth Jain, Ms. Shruti Mishra, Mr. Ashish Shukla, Ms. Bhavika Mehta, Advs. for R-2 & 3 in W.P.(C) 17721/2024.

Ms. Avshreya Pratap Singh Rudy, CGSC with Ms. Usha Jamnal, Ms. Nyasa Sharma, Mr. Ankit Khatri, Advs. with Maj. Anish Muralidhar (Army) for UOI in W.P.(C) 55/2025.

Ms. Ekta Chaudhary, SPC with Ms. Rushali Sikand, Mr. Kamaldeep GP in W.P.(C) 10593/2025.

Ms. Pratima N Lakra, CGSC with Mr. Chetan Jadon GP with Ms. Shivangi Rajawat, Ms. Upanita, Mr Shailendra Mishra, Advs. for UOI in W.P.(C) 19636/2025.

Mr. Sai Manik Sud, SPC with Mr. Amit Acharya, GP with Mr. Aryan Mishra, Adv. for UOI in W.P.(C) 19729/2025.

Ms. Rukhmini Bobde, CGSC Mr. Saurabh Kumar Nagar, GP in W.P.(C) 1015/2026.

Ms. Saumya Tandon, CGSC with Mr. Gaurav Singh Sengar, Adv. in W.P.(C) 1035/2026.

Ms. Shakun Sudha, SPC with Mr. Aditya Goel, GP with Ms. Aashna Mehra, Ms. Vaishnavstuti, Advs. for R-1, 3, 4 & 5 in W.P.(C) 2267/2026.

Mr. Suhail Malik, SPC with Ms. Rupali Sinha, GP with Mr. Aqib Zaman, Adv. for R-1 to 4 in W.P.(C) 2643/2026.

Mr. Sai Manik Sud, SPC with Ms. Rupali Sinha, GP for UOI in W.P.(C) 2653/2026 & W.P.(C) 2656/2026.

Mr. Neeraj Kumar, CGSC with Mr. Shashwat, Adv. in W.P.(C) 2666/2026.

Mr. Suhail Malik, SPC with Mr. Rajat Gaur, GP with Mr. Aqib Zaman, Adv. for R-1 to 6 in W.P.(C) 2666/2026.