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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ W.P.(C) 1951/2026, CM APPL. 9456/2026 & CM APPL. 9457/2026
UMESH SHARMAPetitioner
Through: Mr. Munish Kumar Gaur, Advocate.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Jagdish Chandra Solanki, CGSC
with Ms. Aishwarya Sinha, GP; Mr.
Siddharth Bajaj and Ms. Maanya
Saxena, Advocates for R1 & 4.
Ms. Arushi Singh, Advocate for
R3/DMRC.
Mr. Sameer Vashisht, Standing
Counsel (Civil) with Ms. Harshita
Nathrani, Advocate for R5/GNCTD.

CORAM:
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJAS KARIA

ORDER
11.02.2026

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1. Mr. Jagdish Chandra Solanki, learned Counsel has put in appearance on behalf of Respondent Nos. 1 and 4, whereas Ms. Arushi Singh, learned Counsel has put in appearance on behalf of Respondent No. 3 and Mr. Sameer Vashisht, learned Standing Counsel has put in appearance on behalf of Respondent No. 5.
2. This Public Interest Litigation Petition has been filed with the prayer to issue a direction to Respondent No. 3 to inscribe the name of Supreme Court metro rail station in Hindi in Devanagari script also.



3. According to the learned Counsel for the Petitioner, at present, at the said metro station, the name inscribed is ‘Supreme Court’ in English and ‘सुप्रीम कोर्ट’ in Devanagari script.

4. Our attention has been drawn to Section 2(b) of the Official Languages Act, 1963, wherein “Hindi” has been defined to mean Hindi in Devanagari script. We have also been taken through Rule 11 of the Official Languages (Use for Official Purposes of the Union) Rules, 1976, which provides that all manuals, codes, and other procedural literature, shall be printed or cyclostyled, as the case may be, and published both in Hindi and English in diglot form. The said provision also provides that the forms and headings of registers shall be in Hindi and in English and further, that all name-plates, sign-boards, letter-heads and inscriptions on envelopes and other items of stationery shall be inscribed in Hindi and in English.

5. Section 2(b) of the Official Languages Act, 1963 is quoted hereunder:

“2. Definitions.— In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(b) “Hindi” means Hindi in Devanagari Script.”

6. Rule 11 of the Official Languages (Use for Official Purposes of the Union) Rules, 1976 is also quoted hereunder:

“11. Manuals, Codes, other procedural literature, articles of Stationery, etc.—

1. All manuals, codes and other procedural literature relating to Central Government offices shall be printed or cyclostyled, as the case may be, and published both in Hindi and English in diglot form.

2. The forms and headings of registers used in any Central Government office shall be in Hindi and in English.

3. All name-plates, sign-boards, letter-heads and inscriptions on envelopes and other items of stationery



written, printed or inscribed for use in any Central Government office, shall be in Hindi and in English:

Provided that the Central Government may, if it is considered necessary to do by general or special order exempt any Central Government office from all or any of the provisions of this rule."

7. In view of the aforesaid provisions, it has been submitted by the learned Counsel for the Petitioner that 'सुप्रीम कोर्ट' is an English word inscribed in Devanagari script and not a Hindi word inscribed in Devanagari script. According to him, Hindi as defined in Official Languages Act, 1963, means Hindi in Devanagari script.

8. His submission is that in place of 'सुप्रीम कोर्ट', the inscription in Hindi should be 'सर्वोच्च न्यायालय'.

9. The learned Counsel for the Petitioner has also sought our attention to a communication received from the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited ("DMRC"), which is embodied in the letter dated 29.01.2021, which is as under:

“उपरोक्त विषय में सूचित किया जाता है कि “SUPREME COURT” मेट्रो स्टेशन का नाम SUPREME COURT के द्वारा प्रस्तावित किया गया था, जिसको समक्ष आधिकारिक कमेटी ने स्वीकृत किया। अन्य स्टेशनों की भाँति “SUPREME COURT” (सुप्रीम कोर्ट) भी एक मेट्रो स्टेशन है, जिसको देवनागरी स्क्रिप्ट में लिखा गया है, ना कि अनुवाद किया गया है।”

10. It has been stated that as per the said communication, the name of the said metro station has been inscribed as proposed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, which was accepted by the official committee of the DMRC and that as is the case at other metro stations, 'Supreme Court' has also been inscribed as 'सुप्रीम कोर्ट' in Devanagari script.



11. Let appropriate instructions be sought by the learned Counsel representing Respondent Nos. 1 & 4 and the learned Counsel representing Respondent No. 3 as to why the name of the concerned metro station cannot be inscribed as 'सर्वोच्च न्यायालय' in Devanagari script, by the next date of listing.

12. List on 19.02.2026

DEVENDRA KUMAR UPADHYAYA, CJ

TEJAS KARIA, J

FEBRUARY 11, 2026/sms