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**THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT**  
**(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)**  
**(ITANAGAR BENCH)**

**Case No. : CRP/73/2025**

Facebook India Online Services Private Limited  
registered office at 14th Floor, Skyview 10, The Skyview, Survey No.83/1 of Raidurg  
(Panmaqtha) Village, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Cyberabad,  
Hyderabad, Shaikpet, Telangana, India 500081, being represented by its power of  
attorney holder Saanjh Purohit, Daughter of Ashoke Purohit.

VERSUS

Pema Khandu and 7 Ors  
Son of Late Dorjee Khandu, resident of DDK Road, Near APSSB Officer, Upper C  
Sector, Itanagar 791111, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh. 2:M/s Awadh TV  
Group  
Age: 0  
Occupation :  
Awadh TV Group Building  
Sector 22  
Noida 201309  
Uttar Pradesh  
represented by its Chief Managing Director and Editor in Chief  
Akash Rabindra Shukla.

3: Akash Rabindra Shukla  
Age: 0  
Occupation :  
Chief Managing Director and Editor and Editor in Chief  
M/s Awadh TV Group  
Awadh TV Group Building  
Sector 22  
Noida 201309  
Uttar Pradesh.

4: Twitter Communications India Private Limited  
Age: 0

Occupation :  
having its registered office at C 20  
G block  
Near MCA  
Bandra  
Kurla complex  
Bandra(E)  
Mumbai 400051 also at Office No.1  
1st Floor  
Fine Mansion  
203 D.N. Road  
Fort  
Mumbai  
Maharashtra.

5:Facebook INC  
Age: 0  
Occupation :  
having its registered office at 1 Hackerway  
Menlo  
Park  
California 94025  
United States of America.

6:Youtube LLC  
Age: 0  
Occupation :  
subsidiary of Google LLC  
D/B/A YouTube and has its address at 901 Cherry Ave  
San Bruno  
CA 94066  
USA and Whistling Wood International  
Film City Complex  
Aarey Colony  
Goregaon (E)  
Mumbai 400065.

7:Google India Pvt Ltd  
Age: 0  
Occupation :  
has its offices at First International. Financial Center (FIFC)  
Level 7  
Unit 701  
Plot No.C-54/55  
G Block  
Bandra Kurla Complex  
Bandra East  
Mumbai

Maharashtra 400051  
and also at 3  
North Avenue  
Maker Maxity  
Bandra Kurla Complex  
Bandra East  
Mumbai  
Maharashtra 400051  
and also at No.3  
RMZ Infinity Tower  
4 Hand 5th Floors  
Old Madras Road  
Bangalore  
Karnataka  
560016

8:WhatsApp LLC  
Age: 0  
Occupation :  
1601 Willow Road  
Menlo Park  
California 94025  
United States of America  
and also at WhatsApp Attention  
Grievance Officer  
Post Box No.56 Road No.1  
Banjara Hills  
Hyderabad 500034  
Telangana  
India

**Advocate for the Petitioner** : Tejpal Singh Rathore, Kemo Lollen,Hiranya Kumar Nath

**Advocate for the Respondent** : ,

**B E F O R E**  
**HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SHAMIMA JAHAN**  
**ORDER**

**02.07.2025**

Heard Mr. Varun Pathak, learned counsel for the petitioner assisted by  
Mr. T S Rathore. The instant petition is filed by the petitioner under Section

Article 227 of the Constitution of India, challenging the order dated 01.04.2025 passed by the Special Judge, Sr. Division, Yupia District, Papumpare, Arunachal Pradesh, by which the learned trial court rejected the application for deletion of defendant No. 6 i.e. Facebook India from the Title Suit No. 26/2022, as party respondent.

The main ground taken into consideration by the learned trial court is that the petitioners did not place any documents showing the exact nature of the relationship between the Facebook India & Meta Platform Inc./Meta, USA as well as the related documents showing the legal liability for removing the contents from the Facebook post published in India. The trial court further observed that the respondent/defendant No. 6 i.e. Facebook India is required to enable the Court to effectually adjudicate upon and settle all questions involved in the suit.

Mr. Varun Pathak, learned counsel submits before the Court that in view of the terms and conditions, the Facebook India has no role in removing the contents from the Facebook page and that the task of removing the same only lies with Meta Platform Inc./Meta. Facebook India is only involved in marketing and sales support in the country.

Issue notice to the respondent including the proforma respondent from Nos. 2 to 8, returnable by 2 weeks. Petitioner to take steps for service of notice upon the aforesaid respondents by registered post with A/D as well as with usual process, within 4 days from today. The interim order to be considered on the next date of hearing. Since it is held in the trial court's order that documents were not placed to show the exact nature of agreement of Facebook India, Meta Platform Inc./Meta, the trial court records may be called for from the Court of Special Judge, Sr. Division, Yupia District, Papumpare, Arunachal Pradesh.

List the matter on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.

**JUDGE**

**Comparing Assistant**