

**(SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BEFORE ADMISSION)
IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NAGESH BHEEMAPAKA
WRIT PETITION NO: 1849 OF 2026**

Between:

Ranjith Thankappan, S/o V.K. Thankappan.

Petitioner

AND

1. Union of India, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Rep. by its Secretary, Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003.
2. The Editor, The Hindu, Nos. 859 and 860, Kasturi Buildings, Anna Salai, Mount Road, Chennai - 600002.
3. The Editor, Deccan Chronicle, 36, Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad - 500003, Telangana.
4. The Editor, Siasat Daily, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Abids, Hyderabad - 500001.
5. The Editor, The Etemaad Daily, 5-6-1, Etemaad Building, Darussalam, Aghapura, Hyderabad - 500028.
6. The Administrator, Casemine, Express Trade Tower-2, Sector-132, Noida - 201301, Uttar Pradesh.
7. The Administrator, Indian Kanoon. 724. First Floor, 9th Cross, 10th Main Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560038.
8. The Administrator, JURIS - The Laws, Regent Computronics Pvt. Ltd. Ahmedabad - 380014.
9. The Editor, Latest Laws, B-4/73-A, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi - 110029.

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through his Advocate Sri D Sudharshan presented this Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate Writ, Order, or Direction, more particularly a Writ in the nature of Mandamus, declaring the continued inaction of the Respondents, in not removing, de-indexing, or anonymizing the judgment/order dated 01/07/2025 passed in Criminal Petition No. 5755 of 2023, as arbitrary, disproportionate, and violative of the Petitioner's fundamental rights to privacy, dignity, and reputation guaranteed under Article 21, read with Articles 14 and 19(1)(a) of the Constitution of India.

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri D Sudharshan Advocate for the Petitioner and Arvind Kumar Kata, learned Standing Counsel for Central Government

for respondent No.1, directed issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, Union of India, New Delhi - 110003.
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are directed to show cause on or before 02.02.2026 to which date the case stands posted as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the affidavit filed therewith (copy enclosed) this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

The Court made the following ORDER:

Notice before admission.

Sri Arvind Kumar Kata, learned Standing Counsel for Central Government takes notice for respondent No.1.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to take out personal notice to respondent Nos.2 to 9 through Speed Post with Acknowledgment Due and file proof of service of the same.

List on 02.02.2026.

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**SD/-M.NAGAMANI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

SECTION OFFICER

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(RR 1 to 9 by SPAD- along with a copy of petition and affidavit)
10. One CC to SRI D SUDHARSHAN Advocate [OPUC]
11. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

NBK,J

DATED:22/01/2026

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