

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

TUESDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF MARCH

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE RENUKA YARA

WRIT PETITION NO: 26955 OF 2025

Between:

Chikate Samay Jan Rao, S/o. C. Jan Rao.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The Union of India, Represented by its secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
2. Google India Pvt. Ltd, Unitech Signature Tower-II, Tower-B, Sector 15, Part II, Village Silokhera, Gurgaon - 122001, Haryana - India. E-mail address-support-in@google.com
3. Yahoo India, Unit No. 304, 3rd Floor, Satellite Gazebo, East Wing, Guru Hargovindji Marg, Andheri (East), Mumbai, Maharashtra, E-mail address-in.yahoo.grievance.officer@verizonmedia.com
4. Microsoft Corporation India Pvt. Ltd, Regus, 1101-1106, Earth Arise, 11th Floor, Sarkhej-Gandhinagar Highway, Makarba, Ahmedabad. E-mail address-support@microsoft.com
5. The Executive Director, newindianexpress.com, Express Network Pvt. Ltd., Express Gardens, 29, 2nd Main Road, Ambatthu Industrial Estate, Chennai 600 058, Tamilnadu.
6. InKhabar, iTV Network, B/4, Sector III, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, 201 301.
7. The Executive Director, The Hindu, Kasturi Buildings, 859 and 860, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002, Tamilnadu.
8. NTV Television Office, Rachana Television Pvt. Ltd., Plot No.564-A-19/111, Road No.92, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad - 500 033.
9. The Editor, Deccan Chronical, Corporate Office, Deccan Chronical Holdings Ltd., 36 Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad - 500 003.
10. Business Standard Private Limited, Nehru House, 4 Bahadur Shar Zafar Marg New Delhi - 110002

...Respondents

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 grant an order or direction or writ, more so in the nature of writ of mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondents in not considering the notices dated 09.07.2025 and emails dated 16.06.2025, which was issued by the Petitioner and through his counsel requesting removal of on-line news articles bearing url –

1. <https://www.deccanchronicle.com/150616/nation-crime/article/additional-sp-arrested-train-robbery>
2. https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/train-robbery-case-malkapuram-osd-arrested-115061501187_1.html
3. <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/andhra-pradesh/2015/Jun/22/cops-to-grill-osd-for-train-robbery-772891.html>
4. <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/andhra-pradesh/2015/Jun/22/police-to-grill-cop-involved-in-train-heist-772887.html>
5. <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/andhra-pradesh/2015/jun/17/Train-Theft-IPS-Officer-Remanded-for-14-Days-770264.html>
6. <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/andhra-pradesh/2015/jun/16/IPS-Officer-Arrested-Over-Train-Robbery-769699.html>
7. <https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/hyderabad/2015/jun/16/AP-IPS-Officer-Engaged-in-Anti-maoist-Operations-Arrested-for-Robbery-769974.html>
8. <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/andhra-pradesh/2015/Jun/16/addl-sp-rank-officer-held-for-navajeevan-express-robbery-769698.html>
9. <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/andhra-pradesh/2015/Jun/16/addl-sp-rank-officer-held-for-robbery-769722.html>
10. <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/train-dacoity-case-smses-confirm-osds-involvement/article7323656.ece>
11. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUTSVKoM3C8>

as illegal, arbitrary and highhanded, apart from being violative of Article 21 of the Constitution of India and contrary to the relevant provisions of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, with consequential directions to the Respondent to remove the aforementioned urls from the internet space.

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents to temporarily take down the following URLs

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2. https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/train-robbery-case-malkapuram-osd-arrested-115061501187_1.html

3. <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/andhra-pradesh/2015/Jun/22/cops-to-grill-osd-for-train-robbery-772891.html>
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7. <https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/hyderabad/2015/jun/16/AP-IPS-Officer-Engaged-in-Anti-maoist-Operations-Arrested-for-Robbery-769974.html>
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pending disposal of WP.No.26955 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the order of the High Court dated: 23.09.2025, 06.11.2025, 11.12.2025, 30.12.2025 and 24.02.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments of SRI. S. NAGESH REDDY Advocate for the Petitioner and SRI. N. BHUJANGA RAO (DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA) Advocate for the Respondent No.1, the Court made the following.

ORDER:

Learned counsel for the petitioner, learned counsel for respondent No.2 and learned counsel for respondent No.9 present.

Learned counsel for respondent No.2 submits that it does not have control over Google Survey Engine and the same is under the control of Google LLC which is having its registered office in USA.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that steps are taken to implead Google LLC.

List on 13.04.2026.

Till then, interim order granted earlier is extended.

**Sd/- M.OSMAN ALI BAIG
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. One CC to SRI. S. NAGESH REDDY, Advocate [OPUC].
2. One CC to SRI. N. BHUJANGA RAO (DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA), Advocate [OPUC]
3. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

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DATED:24/03/2026

LIST ON 13.04.2026.

ORDER

WP.No.26955 of 2025

INTERIM ORDER EXTENDED

