

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO.786/2025

PRADYOT DEB BURMAN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 126651/2026 - ADDITION / DELETION / MODIFICATION PARTIES

IA No. 305410/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

IA No. 197405/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 643/2026 (Item 41)

IA No. 153764/2026 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION

IA No. 153768/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

WITH

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 644/2026 (Item 46)

Date : 20-05-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO.786/2025 AND WRIT PETITION (CIVIL)
NO.643/2026

1. In compliance of the order dated 18.3.2026, an affidavit has been filed on behalf of the fourth respondent. In paragraph 4(g) of the compliance affidavit it is stated that following steps have been

taken:

“g. Deponent has taken up the process of notification for draft and final publication of polling station vide notification No.F.7(46)/SEC/VC/GEN-ELEC/2026/4622-33 dated 09.05.2026 as per the following schedule:

Sl.	Event	Date
1.	Draft publication of polling station	11.05.2026
2.	Period of receiving claims & objections upto	15.05.2026
3.	Date of disposal of claims & objections by	16.05.2026
4.	Final Publication of list of polling stations	18.05.2026

Copy of Notification No.F.7(46)/SEC/VC/GEN-ELEC/2026/2026/4622-33 dated 09.05.2026 is annexed hereto and marked as Annexure G/Page (43-44)”

2. In Paragraph 6(A)(d), it is stated that a request has been made to the Central Government for providing 136 companies of Para Military Forces to ensure that elections are carried out peacefully. However, in response thereto only 24 companies were provided for the election of District Council.

3 In paragraph 6(B)(a), it is stated that the Home Department of the State Government has submitted a requisition to the Ministry of Home affairs vide letter dated 11.05.2026 seeking deployment of 134 companies of CAPF. However, it is not clear from the affidavit whether the said request has been accepted by the Central Government. The only statement made in the compliance affidavit is that the request is being pursued at different levels.

4. In paragraph 9 of the compliance affidavit, it is stated that State Election Commission has already taken steps to conduct the Village Committee Election by June, 2026 but owing to the constraints and impediments referred to above, a request has been made to allow the Election Commission to hold elections when the atmosphere is conducive to hold free and fair polls i.e. when law and order situation cools down.

5. In our view, as the Election Commission has been able to take the requisite preliminary steps for holding elections, the process can be brought to its logical conclusion on adequate security being provided by the Centre for holding the elections. Accordingly, we deem it appropriate to post these matters on 28.05.2026. By the next date, instructions shall be obtained from the Central Government and a statement shall be made on behalf of the Central Government with regard to the steps taken by them on the request made by the State Election Commission.

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO.644/2026 (ITEM 46)

List on 28.05.2026

(KAVITA PAHUJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)