ITEM NO.33 COURT NO.1 SECTION PIL-W

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

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 751/2026

HARSHITA GROVER Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondent(s)

(IA No. 245669/2026 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 232580/2026 – INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT and IA No. 219706/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

WITH

W.P.(C) No. 711/2026 (PIL-W)
(IA No. 274077/2026 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 174165/2026 - APPLICATION FOR TAGGING/DETAGGING, IA No. 253102/2026 - EARLY HEARING APPLICATION, IA No. 244690/2026 - EARLY HEARING APPLICATION, IA No. 181373/2026 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 181374/2026 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON, IA No. 207163/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ ANNEXURES and IA No. 215601/2026 - PERMISSION TO PLACE ON RECORD SUBSEQUENT FACTS)

Date : 30-10-2026 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

1. The present batch of cases raises concerns regarding the selective use of video clips of court proceedings for commercial gain, along with certain ancillary issues arising therefrom.

2. *Vide* an order dated 24.07.2026, this Court issued notice and directed the Union of India to put up a proposal with respect to the prayers made in the Writ Petition. *Vide* paragraphs 9 and 11 of that order, the following interim directions were also issued:

> **"9. As an interim measure, it is directed that there shall be no extraction, dissemination, monetisation, posting, re-posting, uploading, transmitting, modification, storing, or hosting of the audio-video recording(s) of the judicial proceedings on social media**

or any other digital platforms without prior permission of the Secretary General of the Supreme Court of India or the Registrar Generals of the jurisdictional High Courts.

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11. However, it is clarified that this order shall have no bearing on the reporting of Court proceedings by recognized news outlets."

3. These interim directions were reiterated on 09.10.2026 in the following terms:

> **"5. Interim directions issued on 24.07.2026 prohibiting extraction, dissemination, monetisation, posting, re-posting, uploading, transmitting, modification, storing, or hosting of the audio-video recording(s) of the judicial proceedings on social media or any other digital platforms without prior permission of the Secretary General of the Supreme Court of India or the Registrar Generals of the jurisdictional High Courts shall continue to operate and shall be faithfully complied with by all social media channels."**

4. In deference to the previous orders, various High Courts have filed their status reports. The learned Solicitor General of India submits that the suggestions and recommendations made by the High Courts, as well as the observations made by this Court in its interim orders from time to time, are presently under consideration of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), which is also examining the formulation of an appropriate policy in this regard. While formulating the policy framework, MeitY shall ensure strict compliance with the interim directions contained in paragraph 9 of the order dated 24.07.2026, as clarified by the subsequent order dated 09.10.2026. MeitY shall also put in place

appropriate measures to take action against those found to have violated the said directions.

5. Post the matters on 25.11.2026.

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