

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO.799 OF 2020

SKAND BAJPAI & ANR.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

In deference to the observations made by the Court in light of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules framed in the year 2021, the petitioner appearing in-person seeks liberty to withdraw this petition with leave to make representation to the concerned authority on matters which may be still open for consideration, including to challenge the validity of the Rules, if so advised. We order accordingly.

All contentions available to the

petitioner are left open.

Writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

....., J.
(A.M. KHANWILKAR)

....., J.
(ABHAY S. OKA)

....., J.
(J.B. PARDIWALA)

NEW DELHI
JULY 20, 2022

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO.1341 OF 2020

VINEET JINDAL

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NOS. 689/2020

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO.1080/2020

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 776/2021

O R D E R

The reliefs claimed in these writ petitions amongst others is to direct the respondents to make separate laws for regulating social media platforms.

Learned Solicitor General points out that Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rule, 2021 and Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2021 have since been framed.

In the circumstances, nothing further requires to be said about the other reliefs. Accordingly, while disposing of this writ petition, we grant liberty to the writ petitioners to take recourse to appropriate remedy in reference to the stated Rules, if so advised.

Writ Petitions are disposed of accordingly.

....., J.
(A.M. KHANWILKAR)

....., J.
(ABHAY S. OKA)

....., J.
(J.B. PARDIWALA)

NEW DELHI
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TRANSFER PETITION (CIVIL) NOS.100-105 OF 2021

UNION OF INDIA & ANR. ETC. ETC.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

SUDESH KUMAR SINGH & ORS. ETC. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

These Transfer Petitions were filed by the Union of India before this Court in relation to writ petitions filed before the different High Courts praying for similar reliefs as were prayed in Writ Petition (C) No.1341/2020 and connected cases.

In light of what has been stated while disposing of Writ Petition No.1341/2020 and connected cases, the writ petition(s) filed before the High Courts, being CM(PIL) W.P. No.5196/2018 titled 'Sudesh Kumar Singh Vs. UOI & Ors. pending before the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad; (ii) W.P. No.18801/2019 titled Maatr Foundation vs. UOI & Ors. pending before the High Court Madhya Pradesh Bench at Indore; (iii)

W.P.(C) No.5444 (W) of 2020 titled 'Devdutta Maji vs. UOI & Ors. pending before the Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh; (v) W.P.No.8669/2020 titled 'Deepak Jain vs. UOI & Ors. pending before the High Court of Madhya Pradesh and (vi) C.W.P. No.14886/2020 titled 'Sukhcharan Singh Gill vs. UOI & Ors. pending before the Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh, would also not survive.

The transfer petitions are disposed of accordingly.

It will be open to the parties to move the High Court(s) for passing appropriate orders on the said writ petition(s) with liberty to the petitioner(s) to take recourse to appropriate remedy in reference to the issues arising from the afore-stated Rules. All contentions in that regard are left open.

....., J.
(A.M. KHANWILKAR)

....., J.
(ABHAY S. OKA)

....., J.
(J.B. PARDIWALA)

NEW DELHI
JULY 20, 2022

ITEM NO.7

COURT NO.3

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). 799/2020

SKAND BAJPAI & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 73341/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT)
 WITH
 SLP(C) No. 10937/2019 (XIV)
 IA No. 40164/2021 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION)

W.P.(C) No. 1080/2020 (PIL-W)
 IA No. 106002/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT
 IA No. 334/2021 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
 IA No. 105999/2020 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
 DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

T.P.(C) No. 100-105/2021 (XVI-A)
 IA No. 81362/2021 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
 IA No. 9093/2021 - EX-PARTE STAY
 IA No. 81364/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT)

W.P.(C) No. 776/2021 (PIL-W)
 (FOR ADMISSION)

W.P.(C) No. 1341/2020 (PIL-W)
 IA No. 155935/2021 - APPLICATION FOR SUBSTITUTION
 IA No. 122321/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT)

W.P.(C) No. 689/2020 (PIL-W)
 IA No. 140706/2021 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
 IA No. 21901/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
 DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
 IA No. 18780/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
 DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 20-07-2022 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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 HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ABHAY S. OKA
 HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA

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

Writ Petition (C) Nos.799/2020, 1341/2020,
1080/2020, 776/2021, 689/2020

Writ Petitions are disposed of in terms of
signed orders.

Pending applications are also disposed of.

T.P (C) Nos.100-105/2021

Transfer Petitions are disposed of in terms of signed order.

Pending applications are also disposed of.

SLP No.10937/2019

In view of the order passed in Writ Petition (C) No.1341/2020 and Transfer Petition (C) Nos.100-105/2021 this special leave petition is also disposed of.

Pending applications are also disposed of.

(NEETU KHAJURIA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(VIDYA NEGI)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Three signed orders are placed on the file.)