

ITEM NO.29

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)(Criminal) No(s).2/2026

ANOOB PRAKASH AWASTHI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 431/2026 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON

Date : 18-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

For Petitioner(s) : Petitioner-in-person

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. The application for permission to appear and argue in person is allowed.
2. The instant Writ Petition, filed in public interest, raises some vital questions for infusion of stringent and robust mechanism under the penal laws for prevention of group-based violence on the grounds of race, place of birth, sex, language, etc., i.e., the obsolete and hostile grounds of discrimination expressly prohibited by our Constitution. The Writ Petition also seeks creation of guidelines of the same nature as issued by this Court in Vishaka & Ors. vs. State of Rajasthan & Ors., (1997) 6 SCC 241, till an appropriate legislation, if so required, is brought into force. The ancillary directions re: completion of investigation or trial in respect to an unfortunate incident which is alleged to have taken place in the State of Uttarakhand, have also been sought.

3. As of now, we deem it appropriate that the aforesaid issue ought to be brought to the notice of the Competent Authority through the good offices of the learned Attorney General for India.

4. The instant Writ Petition is, accordingly, disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to hand over a soft copy of the Writ Petition to the office of learned Attorney General for India, along with a copy of this order, to enable the learned Attorney General to take up the matter before the appropriate authority.

(SATISH KUMAR YADAV)
ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR