

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). 161/2025

SOFTWARE FREEDOM LAW CENTER, INDIA & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

Respondent(s)

[ONLY I.A. NO 178565/2026, I.A. NO. 137702/2026 AND DOCUMENT NO. 219738/2026 IN WC(C) NO. 576/2026 ARE LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM.]

WITH

W.P.(C) No. 576/2026 (X)

FOR GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF ON IA 137702/2026

FOR APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS ON IA 178565/2026

IA No. 178565/2026 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

IA No. 137702/2026 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF

Date : 17-08-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

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

I.A. NO 178565/2026 and I.A. NO. 137702/2026 IN WC(C) NO. 576/2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties on I.A. NO 178565/2026 and I.A. NO. 137702/2026. Learned senior counsel for the petitioners submits that its Instagram handle and Facebook page in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 576 of 2026 be restored.
2. In the facts and circumstances of the case, pending disposal of the writ petition and as an interim measure, we deem it appropriate to direct the respondents to restore the Petitioner's Instagram Handle "@aapgujarat" and the Facebook Page "@aapgujarat" subject to removal of objectionable material. Accordingly, I.A. NO 178565/2026 is allowed to the extent indicated.
3. Let the writ petitions be listed along with other connected matters on 11.09.2026.

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