

ITEM NO.34+35

COURT NO.2

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).640/2025

ASSOCIATION FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORMS & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Respondent(s)

IA No. 155692/2025 - STAY APPLICATION

WITH

W.P.(C) No. 634/2025 (PIL-W)W.P.(C) No. 644/2025 (PIL-W)

FOR EX-PARTE STAY ON IA 156437/2025

IA No. 156437/2025 - EX-PARTE STAY

W.P.(C) No. 645/2025 (PIL-W)

FOR STAY APPLICATION ON IA 156496/2025

FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING ANNEXTURES ON IA 156498/2025

IA No. 156498/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING ANNEXTURES

IA No. 156496/2025 - STAY APPLICATION

W.P.(C) No. 646/2025 (PIL-W)

FOR STAY APPLICATION ON IA 156574/2025

FOR PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES ON IA 159547/2025

FOR AMENDMENT OF THE PETITION ON IA 162634/2025

IA No. 162634/2025 - AMENDMENT OF THE PETITION

IA No. 159547/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

IA No. 156574/2025 - STAY APPLICATION

W.P.(C) No. 637/2025 (PIL-W)

FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. ON IA 155298/2025

FOR GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF ON IA 155300/2025

FOR PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES ON IA 157776/2025

IA No. 155298/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 155300/2025 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF

IA No. 157776/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

W.P.(C) No. 636/2025 (PIL-W)

FOR STAY APPLICATION ON IA 155262/2025

FOR APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION ON IA 155265/2025

IA No. 155265/2025 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION

IA No. 155262/2025 - STAY APPLICATION

W.P.(C) No. 638/2025 (PIL-W)

FOR GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF ON IA 155401/2025

IA No. 155401/2025 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF

W.P.(C) No. 630/2025 (PIL-W)

FOR STAY APPLICATION ON IA 154351/2025

FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. ON IA 154352/2025

FOR INTERVENTION APPLICATION ON IA 156066/2025
 IA No. 154352/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
 IA No. 156066/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
 IA No. 154351/2025 - STAY APPLICATION
W.P.(C) No. 631/2025 (PIL-W)
 FOR STAY APPLICATION ON IA 154421/2025
 FOR PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES ON IA 155803/2025
 IA No. 155803/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
 IA No. 154421/2025 - STAY APPLICATION
W.P.(C) No. 642/2025 (PIL-W)
 FOR STAY APPLICATION ON IA 156189/2025
 FOR PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES ON IA 163281/2025
 FOR PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED WRIT PETITION ON IA 164509/2025
 IA No. 163281/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
 IA No. 164509/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED WRIT PETITION
 IA No. 156189/2025 - STAY APPLICATION
W.P.(C) No. 686/2025 (PIL-W)
 FOR ADMISSION
 IA No. 170426/2025 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF
W.P.(C) No. 700/2025 (PIL-W)
 FOR ADMISSION
 IA No. 173858/2025 - STAY APPLICATION
W.P.(C) No. 701/2025 (PIL-W)
 FOR ADMISSION
 IA No. 174074/2025 - STAY APPLICATION
W.P.(C) No. 708/2025 (PIL-W)
 IA No. 175869/2025 - STAY APPLICATION
W.P.(C) No. 676/2025 (PIL-W)
 FOR ADMISSION
W.P.(C) No. 674/2025 (PIL-W)
 FOR ADMISSION
Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).719/2025
 FOR ADMISSION
 WITH
W.P.(C) No. 737/2025 (PIL-W)
 FOR ADMISSION
 IA No. 183939/2025 - STAY APPLICATION

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

1. We have heard a battery of learned Senior Counsel/ counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners/the petitioner-in-person, primarily with reference to the interim prayers made in this batch of Writ Petitions.
2. We have very briefly and partly heard Shri Rakesh Dwivedi and Shri Maninder Singh, learned Senior Counsel representing the Election Commission of India.
3. On instructions, it has been agreed that the Election Commission of India, as an interim measure, will take the following additional steps:

(i) The list of 65,00,000 (approximate) voters, whose names appeared in the Voter List as on 2025 but are not included in the Draft Roll dated 01.08.2025, shall be

displayed on the websites of the District Election Officers (District-wise). The information will be booth-wise, but it can be accessed by referring to the Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) number of each voter.

(ii) The list so displayed shall also disclose the reason for non-inclusion in the Draft Roll.

(iii) The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Bihar will also get the soft copies of the District-wise lists of the voters who have not been included in the Draft Roll, along with the reasons for their non-inclusion, displayed on its website.

(iv) It is clarified that the lists so displayed in all the websites shall be in searchable mode with the EPIC number.

(v) In addition, the booth-wise lists of 65,00,000 (approximate) voters whose names have not been included in the Draft Roll, shall also be displayed on the Notice Board of respective Panchayat Bhavan and Offices of the Block Development Officer/Panchayat Officers to enable the general public to have access to the aforesaid voters lists along with the reasons for non-inclusion of their names.

(vi) With a view to inform the people about online availability of the above-mentioned lists on the websites of the District Election Officer and the display of such lists at the Panchayat Bhavans and the offices of the Block Development/Panchayat Officers, extensive publicity shall be given in the daily newspapers in the vernacular language as well as English newspapers having wide circulation in the State of Bihar. In addition, it shall also be broadcasted and telecasted through radio and on the electronic media. If the District Election Officers/Chief Electoral Officer, Bihar, have any official social media accounts, the public notice may also be displayed on those profiles also.

(vii) In the public notice, it shall also be expressly mentioned that the aggrieved persons may submit their claims along with a copy of their Aadhar Card.

(viii) The Election Commission of India shall obtain a compliance report from all the Booth Level Officers and District Election Officers and place it on record as a collated Status Report.

4. Post these matters on 22.08.2025 at 2.00 P.M. for further consideration.

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