

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. 213175/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS and IA No.
213098/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS)

WITH

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

(IA No. 213214/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS)

Date : 01-09-2025 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

IA Nos. 213098/2025, 213175/2025 and 213214/2025

1. These IAs have been filed by two political parties seeking *interim* directions, *inter alia* including extension of the timeline for filing claims by two weeks i.e., 15.09.2025.
2. In response to the contents of these IAs, Mr. Rakesh Dwivedi, learned senior counsel for the Election Commission of India has handed over a note in which contents of each IA and the response of the Commission is mentioned. As regard to the extension of time for filing the claims/objections, paragraph 11 of the note, in no

uncertain terms, states that the filing of claims/objections/corrections is not barred after 01.09.2025. It is stated that the claims/objections/corrections can be submitted even after the deadline i.e., 01.09.2025 and the same will be considered after the electoral roll has been finalised. It is further stated that the process of consideration of claims/objections will continue until the last date of nominations and all inclusions and exclusions are integrated in the final roll. In light of this stand, let the filing of the claims/objections/corrections continue. Meanwhile, the political parties or the petitioners may file their affidavits in response to the note tendered by the ECI before the next date of hearing i.e., 08.09.2025, a copy of which has been handed over to them during the course of the hearing.

3. We also find that some of the issues sought to be raised in these IAs are seriously disputed question of facts, specifically with regard to the submission or acceptance of the claims/objections/corrections. With a view to aid and facilitate the voters of the State of Bihar, who are the true focal point of these proceedings, we request the Chairman of the Bihar State Legal Services Authority to issue instructions, preferably by tomorrow i.e., 02.09.2025 before noon to all the District Legal Services Authorities to depute/notify para-legal volunteers along with their names and mobile numbers. These volunteers will assist the individual voters or political parties for the purpose of submission of the claims/objections/corrections online. Each para-legal volunteer shall thereafter submit a confidential report to the District and Sessions Judge, namely, the Chairman of the

District Legal Services Authority. The information so collected from the para-legal volunteers may be collated at the level of the State Legal Services Authority for further consideration.

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ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR