ITEM NO.39 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)(Civil) No(s).1493/2026

ALI MEHDI Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondent(s)

Date : 19-11-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE V. MOHANA

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For Respondent(s) :

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

1. The petitioner, who claims to be an office bearer of a political party, has invoked the writ jurisdiction under Article 32 of the Constitution of India, seeking directions for verification of the allegedly false and fabricated Form-7 applications, stated to have been filed during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process in the Mustafabad Assembly Constituency of Delhi.

2. The petitioner primarily relies upon news reports published on 30.10.2026 and 05.11.2026, wherein it was reported that 28 electors, against whom deletion applications had been filed, were found to be physically residing at their given addresses.

3. The petitioner is said to have submitted a complaint to the

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police authorities and forwarded representations to the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi, highlighting the alleged fraudulent applications for deletion of names from the electoral rolls and sought necessary action.

4. According to the petitioner, the District Election Officer, North-East Delhi, subsequently conducted a verification exercise in respect of 37 Form-7 applications attributed to one particular Booth Level Agent (BLA)/objector. It is alleged that, upon verification, 36 out of 37 applications were found to be false and fabricated.

5. It is in these circumstances that the petitioner seeks the following relief:

> a) issue an appropriate writ, order or direction directing the Election Commission of India, the Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi and the concerned electoral authorities to undertake and complete, through the competent statutory machinery, a comprehensive verification and authentication of the disputed Form-7 applications filed in AC-69 Mustafabad during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision, including verification of the identity and authorship of the persons shown as objectors and of the factual grounds upon which deletion of electors has been sought;
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> b) direct that, pending completion of the aforesaid exercise, no elector in AC-69 Mustafabad be deleted from the electoral roll on the basis of any Form-7 application whose authorship, authenticity or factual foundation is disputed or has not been duly verified in accordance with the Representation of the People Act, 1950, the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 and the binding instructions issued by the Election Commission of India.
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> c) direct the Respondents to forthwith preserve and secure

all physical and electronic records relating to the disputed Form-7 applications, including the original applications, mode and date of submission, application/reference numbers, timestamps, user/account particulars, OTP or other authentication records wherever applicable, and all other available audit trail capable of establishing the provenance and authorship of such applications;

d) direct the Respondents to ensure that no deletion pursuant to a third-party Form-7 objection is effected without proper verification of the grounds asserted therein and strict compliance with the requirements of notice, hearing and adjudication prescribed under the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960;

e) direct the Respondents to place before this Hon'ble Court and make publicly available, in respect of AC-69 Mustafabad, disaggregated data concerning the Form-7 applications received during the ongoing SIR, including the total number received and disposed of; polling-part-wise, objector-wise and ground-wise breakup; repeat objectors; applications filed or facilitated through BLAs; cases where the purported objector denied authorship or could not be identified; applications found false or fabricated; notices issued and served; action taken under Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950; and the final outcome of such-applications;

f) direct the Respondent Election Commission of India and the Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi to examine the Form-7 applications received during the ongoing SIR across the NCT of Delhi and identify instances of repeated or bulk objections, concentration of applications in the names of common objectors, or other comparable patterns warranting scrutiny;

g) direct the Respondents to take appropriate action in accordance with Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and other applicable law;

h) Such other orders as may be necessary may also be passed.

6. Since the petitioner has already submitted representations to the Election Commission of India and the Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi, we dispose of this petition, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the allegations, with a direction to the aforesaid authorities to examine and verify the grievances raised by the petitioner and take necessary remedial measures, strictly in accordance with law.

7. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

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ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
DY. REGISTRAR