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Writ Petition(s)(Criminal) No(s). 280/2026

SHAILENDRA MANI TRIPATHI Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondent(s)

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W.P.(Crl.) No. 282/2026 (PIL-W)
IA No. 215863/2026 - EX-PARTE AD-INTERIM RELIEF

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W.P.(C) No. 930/2026 (PIL-W)
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ITEM NO. 48
Transfer Case (Criminal) No(s). 6/2026

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. The High Powered Enquiry Committee ("HPEC") has submitted an

Action Taken Report dated 31.10.2026, which has been opened and perused. According to the Report, the HPEC decided at its first meeting, held on 01.09.2026, to create an online portal for receiving complaints. The portal has been developed by the National Informatics Centre with the support of the Ministry of Home Affairs, and was launched at hpec.nic.in on 13.10.2026.

2. It has been stated that complaints filed confidentially on the portal are accessible only to the Chairperson and the Members of the HPEC. It has further been stated that complaints can also be filed anonymously, without disclosing the complainant's name, phone number, address, or Aadhaar details. The portal also provides separate windows and templates for affected protestors and for affected police personnel.

3. Pursuantly, a bilingual public notice was published on 14.10.2026 in 149 newspaper editions across India. It provided for submissions through the portal, by post, by e-mail, or physically at the office of the HPEC at Shiksha Sadan, 17, Rouse Avenue, New Delhi, between 1400 hrs and 1600 hrs on working days.

4. The Report further states that, since there was "hardly any response", a press release was issued on 17.10.2026 through print and electronic media, and a scroll was added to the portal from 21.10.2026 reiterating the alternative modes of submission.

5. However, despite these efforts, only a few complaints have been received on the portal, and none by e-mail, post or physical delivery. It is also evident from the Report that the HPEC has not yet returned any findings on the issues referred to it.

6. In light of the report, we have impressed upon learned Counsel/Senior Counsel for the parties that there is no requirement of disclosing the name or identity of any complainant or victim. Let the parties forward the entire material in their possession to the HPEC, whether through the portal, by e-mail, or physically, as they may deem appropriate, so that the HPEC may consider the same. Such material may include copies of the writ petitions and affidavits filed before this Court, and the video clips or other material appended thereto. The material shall be received and dealt with by the HPEC subject to the confidentiality safeguards directed by this Court in its order dated 10.09.2026.

7. We clarify that the material and information so forwarded by the parties on behalf of the victims shall also be examined and considered by the HPEC.

8. The Member Secretary of the HPEC has, by a separate Memo dated 31.10.2026, placed on record the resignation of Dr. L.R. Bishnoi, Former Director General of Police, Meghalaya, who was appointed as a Member of the HPEC *vide* our order dated 18.08.2026. For the

reasons stated in his letter dated 27.10.2026, the resignation is accepted, and Dr. Bishnoi stands relieved from the membership of the HPEC.

9. The Union of India and the Delhi Police may file their respective counter affidavits within three weeks. Wherever the issues are common, a single comprehensive counter affidavit may be filed, and the same shall be circulated through the learned Nodal Officers.

10. List on 02.12.2026.

(NITIN TALREJA)
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