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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

\# **CNR No. DLHC010529012026**

\+ **W.P.(C) 16253/2026 & CM APPL. 76116/2026, CM APPL. 76117/2026, CM APPL. 76118/2026**

DR. NISHANT SONI & ORS. .....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Varun Singh, Ms. Prijat, Ms. Kajal Gupta, Mr. Akshab Khan, Ms. Arushi Vij & Mr. Cheta, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. .....Respondents

Through: Mr. Jagdish Chandra, CGSC with Ms. Aishwarya Sinha, Ms. Maanya Saxena, Ms. Sanskriti Sharma & Ms. Vinitia Solanki, Advs. & Mr. Keshav Pawar, GP. for UOI.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT MAHAJAN

O R D E R

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1. By the present petition, the petitioner seeks the following relief:

> *"(a) issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction directing Respondent Nos. 1 and 2, in exercise of their powers under Sections 4, 5B and 7C of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 read with the Third Schedule to the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 2024, to require Respondent Nos. 4 and 5 to place the Impugned Teaser, and every other teaser, trailer and promotional material of the Film, before Respondent No. 2 for examination, and to suspend the exhibition of the Impugned Teaser of the film "Suryaa: Ant Se Aarambh Tak" on all online platforms until such examination and certification under Section 5B of the said Act is complete;*
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> *(b) issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction directing Respondent No. 3 to take down, or block or disable access to, the Impugned Teaser in its present form under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and Rule 3(1)(d) of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, including at the URLs listed in Annexure P-5 (Colly), since it is against public order, and incites the commission of cognizable offences against doctors in private and corporate hospitals;*

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(c) issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction directing Respondent Nos. 1 and 2 to examine the Film, and every teaser, trailer and promotional material of the Film, in accordance with Section 5B(1) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the 2026 Guidelines, with particular reference to the content identified in paragraph 10 of the present Petition, to require such excisions and modifications as are necessary in law, to require the Film and each such teaser and trailer to carry a disclaimer that the Film is a work of fiction and is not based on true events, and that violence against doctors and healthcare workers is a punishable offence, and to disclose to this Hon'ble Court the status of certification of the Film;

(d) issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction directing Respondent No. 1, within such time as this Hon'ble Court may fix, to exercise its powers under the Cinematograph Act, 1952 in respect of teasers, trailers and promotional material of films published on the internet and, to the extent necessary, to prescribe the internet as a medium for the exhibition of films under Sections 4(3) and 8(2)(cb) of the said Act, and to issue guidelines under Section 5B(2) of the said Act requiring such material to be examined by Respondent No. 2 before it is published online, and to carry a disclaimer where it claims to be based on true events or depicts violence against doctors and healthcare workers;"

2. Issue notice.

3. Mr. Jagdish Chandra, CGSC accepts notice on behalf of Union of India.

4. Notice be served on the remaining respondents through all permissible modes.

5. Reply, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing.

6. List on 16.11.2026.

AMIT MAHAJAN, J

NOVEMBER 2, 2026/*"SK"*

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