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

CNR No. DLHC010376872026

+ **W.P.(C) 11713/2026 & CM APPL. 54268/2026**

SHUBHAM GUPTA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Abhijit Mishra, Ms. Payal Bahl,
Mr. Himanshu Tomar, Mr. Vikhyat
Gupta, Mrm Prashant Jaiswal and Mr.
Ram Parvesh Kumar, Advocates

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Siddhartha Shankar Ray, CGSC,
Ms. Sonali Modi and Mr. Mukul Dev,
Advocates for R-1

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SWARANA KANTA SHARMA

ORDER

14.08.2026

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1. By way of the instant petition, the petitioner seeks following reliefs:

“A. Kindly be pleased to allow the present Writ Petition under the aegis of Article 226 of the Constitution of India and be pleased to issue the Writ of Mandamus or alike directions upon the Respondent No. 1 i.e., Grievance Appellate Committee, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India to expeditiously adjudicate the Appeal No. 37434 of 2026 of the Petitioner under the provision of Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 by providing equal opportunity to the Petitioner to participate in the disposal of the said Appeal against the impugned actions of the Respondent No. 2 i.e., Meta Platforms Inc.

B. Kindly be pleased to allow the present Writ Petition under the aegis of Article 226 of the Constitution of India and be



pleased to issue the Writ of Mandamus or alike directions to set aside decision of the Respondent No. 2 i.e., Meta Platforms Inc. in the Docket I Ticket Number S-869411922897231 and Impugned Action of Permanent Suspension of the Instagram account i.e., <https://www.instagram.com/jobbridgerecruitment>.

C. Kindly be pleased to allow the present Writ Petition under the aegis of Article 226 of the Constitution of India and be pleased to issue the Writ of Mandamus or alike directions upon the Respondent No. 2 i.e., Meta Platforms Inc. to restore the Instagram account i.e., <https://www.instagram.com/jobbridgerecruitment....>”

2. Issue notice. The learned counsel appearing on advance notice on behalf of respondent no.1 accepts notice.
3. The sole grievance as of now raised by the petitioner is that the petitioner's appeal has not been decided under Rule 3A(4) of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 (IT Rules).
4. The petitioner places reliance on Rule 3A(4) of the IT Rules and contends that the appeal No.5913/2026 under Rule 3A has to be decided within a period of 30 days.
5. In view of the aforesaid, the Court directs that the appellate authority shall decide the petitioner's appeal No.5913/2026 expeditiously within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.
6. Leaving all rights and contentions of the parties open, the instant petition, along with pending application, stands disposed of.
7. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith.

DR. SWARANA KANTA SHARMA, J

AUGUST 14, 2026/ns

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