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

+ W.P.(C) 4837/2024

ASHWINI KUMAR UPADHYAY

..... Petitioner

Through: Petitioner-in-person

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

..... Respondents

Through: Mr.Ravi Prakash, CGSC with
Mr.Amit Gupta, Mr.Vinay Yadav,
Mr.Saurabh Tripathi, Ms.Astu
Khandelwal, Ms.Pinky Pawar,
Mr.Vikramaditya Singh, Mr.Yasharth
Shukla, Advocates

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HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA

ORDER

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03.04.2024

1. Present public interest petition has been filed seeking directions to the Union of India to ensure that the travel companies, particularly foreign travel companies, which collect personal data, including name, address, phone number, Aadhaar, passport details etc. during ticket booking are kept completely confidential and not shared with anyone.
2. The Petitioner, who appears in person, states that foreign travel companies not only collect the data of common man but also collect the personal data of law makers, ministers, judges, defence personnel, civil servants and their family members.



3. He further states that at least three major foreign travel companies, which are running their operations in India, are partially or fully owned by foreign investors, leading to concerns regarding potential misuse of citizens' data, especially the Aadhaar and passport details.
4. A perusal of the paperbook reveals that the Petitioner has not filed any representation with the Union of India before approaching this Court.
5. Consequently, the present writ petition is disposed of with liberty to the Petitioner to raise its grievances with the Union of India. In the event such a representation is filed, the same is directed to be decided by way of a reasoned order in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible. This Court clarifies that it has not commented on the merits of the issue. The rights and contentions of all the parties are left open.

ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA, J

APRIL 3, 2024/TS