

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)(Criminal) No(s).230/2026

PRATEEKSHA & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

Date : 24-09-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

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

1. The instant writ petition, purportedly filed in public interest under Article 32 of the Constitution of India, seeks a direction to various Investigating Agencies/Statutory Authorities to investigate the alleged ARC-facilitated banking fraud concerning JKM Infra Projects Limited.
2. At the very outset, the learned senior counsel appearing for the contesting respondents, in unanimity, raised objections to the maintainability of such a PIL, alleging that the same has been filed at the instance of respondent No. 18. Therefore, *vide* our order dated 07.09.2026, the petitioners were directed to file an affidavit disclosing their complete particulars and *bona fides*, as well as the source of the information and documents basis which the instant petition had been instituted.
3. In compliance thereto, the petitioners have filed a joint affidavit furnishing the information sought by this Court.
4. We have perused the affidavit.
5. Keeping in view the nature of proceedings and the material placed on record, we are not inclined to entertain this PIL. However, we hasten to clarify that our decision to not entertain the petition shall not be construed as casting any aspersion on the *bona fides* of the petitioners, who are young members of the Bar. We have no doubt that in future, with more experience at the Bar, they will have ample opportunities to raise issues of genuine public

importance through appropriate proceedings.

6. Consequently, the instant writ petition is dismissed.

7. At the same time, we deem it necessary to clarify that the non-entertainment of the instant writ petition will not preclude (i) Directorate of Enforcement; (ii) Serious Fraud Investigation Office, (iii) Central Bureau of Investigation; and (iv) Reserve Bank of India from taking cognizance of the allegations concerning the aforesaid alleged banking fraud. Any public-spirited person shall be at liberty to assist these agencies in accordance with law.

8. It is further clarified that we have not expressed any opinion on the merits of the matter.

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

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
DY. REGISTRAR