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			<u>WPMS/3043/2026</u> Keshav Singh @ Keshav Thalwal --Petitioner Versus Union of India & Others --Respondents <u>Hon'ble Manoj Kumar Tiwari, J.</u> Mr. Manish Lohani, Advocate, for the petitioner. Mr. Aryan Dev Uniyal, Central Govt. Standing Counsel for the Union of India, through VC. Mr. Rahul Verma, Additional AG, with Mr. Pradeep Hairiya, Additional CSC, for the State. (2) Petitioner is aggrieved by closure of his Facebook and Instagram account. By means of this writ petition, petitioner has sought the following reliefs: <i>"a) Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of Certiorari calling for the records and be pleased to quash the impugned blocking/restriction action dated 19-08-2026 taken by the respondent no. 6, whereby the Petitioner's Facebook account/profile bearing the name "Keshav Singh" and profile link https://facebook.com/keshav.thalwal.1, and the petitioner's associated Instagram account's name "Keshav Singh", and username/profile id "keshavthalwal0808" has been restricted in India. (Annexed as Annexure No. 2, Page No. 20 to 21).</i> <i>b) Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of Certiorari calling for the records and be pleased to quash the impugned Government/Law-Enforcement notice which was issued in violation of natural justice and on the basis of which the Petitioner's Facebook account/profile bearing the</i>



			name "Keshav Singh" and profile link https://facebook.com/keshav.thalwal.1, and the petitioner's associated Instagram account's name "Keshav Singh", and username/profile id "keshavthalwal0808" was blocked/suspended in India. c) Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondent No. 6 to immediately restore and enable access within India to the petitioner's restricted Facebook account/profile bearing the name "Keshav Singh" and profile link https://facebook.com/keshav.thalwal.1, and the petitioner's associated Instagram account's name "Keshav Singh", and username/profile id "keshavthalwal0808". d) Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondent No. 1 and 2 / respondent's authorities to produce the complete original record relating to the copy of the specific notice/order issued by them or any Law Enforcement Agency under Section 79(3)(b) of the IT Act, 2000 against the Petitioner's Facebook and Instagram content/account before this Hon'ble Court. e) Issue a writ, order or direction to Respondent No. 5/Grievance Appellate Committee (GAC) to decide the petitioner's Appeal dated 03-09-2026 which is registered as Appeal No. 156668 of 2026 expeditiously and in accordance with Rule 3A of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, within a time-bound period fixed by this Hon'ble Court." (3) Learned Counsel appearing for Union of India, on instructions, submits that no authority of Union of India has requested Meta Platforms, Inc. to close the social media accounts of petitioner. He submits that petitioner has remedy of appeal under Rule 3A(3) of Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. (4) Learned State Counsel, on
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instructions, submits that Uttarakhand Police has also not made any request for closure of social media accounts of the petitioner.

(5) Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that since petitioner has submitted appeal to the competent authority on 3.9.2026, therefore, competent authority be directed to decide the appeal expeditiously.

(6) Having regard to the facts of the case, writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the appellate authority to have the appeal decided as early as possible, but not later than 45 days from today.

(Manoj Kumar Tiwari, J.)

5.10.2026

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