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

+ W.P.(C) 6923/2024

VENKATESH S

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr Venkatesh S, Petitioner in Person.

versus

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR INDIA  
& ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG along with  
Ms. Rukhmini Bobde, Mr. Amit  
Gupta, Mr. Saurabh Tripathi, Mr.  
Shubham Sharma, Ms. Urja Pandey,  
Mr. Vinayak Aren and Ms.  
Aishwarya Nigam, Advocates.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV**

**ORDER**

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**13.05.2026**

1. The petitioner seeks to challenge the order dated 30.11.2023 passed by learned Attorney General of India.
2. The petitioner is raising two important issues for adjudication of this Court, i.e. first, whether an opinion of the Attorney General of India for refusal of the permission for filing of criminal contempt under Section 15 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 is amenable for judicial review under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. The second aspect is whether the article in question *per se* requires the criminal contempt action.



3. In order to deal with the submissions, the Court desired and, therefore, Mr. Chetan Sharma, learned ASG has rendered invaluable assistance. He has presented his note for perusal of the Court. The Court has perused it and the same has sufficiently guided. There seems to be divergent opinions by different High Courts on issue no.1. The matter, thus, requires consideration.

4. In order to effectively deal with both the aforesaid issues, as of now, let notice be issued to respondent no.5 through all permissible modes, returnable on 29.09.2026.

5. In the meantime, let respondent no.5 to take instructions and to file reply before the next date of hearing.

**PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV, J**

**MAY 13, 2026**

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