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OPEN LETTER TO THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA

To,

The Chief Justice of India
Supreme Court
New Delhi**Re: Open Letter concerning the listing of SLP(Crl.) Diary No. 56202/2026 and SLP(Crl.) No. 18010/2026 and the muting of live proceedings**

Hon'ble Chief Justice of India,

The Lawyers Association for Constitution (LAFC) is an association of lawyers from various corners of the country. Our object and motto is to uphold the constitution and constitutional values.

The recent listing of the above-mentioned matters, filed against strictures passed against District Magistrate, Noida, relating to a matter of detention of a student under National Security Act has raised concerns amongst the legal circles. The case related to the detention under the National Securities Act and under the prevailing roster of sitting judges in the Supreme Court, it clearly did not fall before the court in which the matter was listed. It appears that the matter was specially assigned to a particular bench. The matter is also significant as the petitioner, who is a public servant also happens to be the daughter of the Chief Election Commissioner of India. The out-of-turn listing of the case has received special treatment and tends to set a wrong precedent.

Hearings in the court are public hearings. This is particularly facilitated by the video conferencing available to lawyers, journalists and litigants at large. The muting of the video conferencing facility in a matter which is important for media and the public as it concerns detention of students under the NSA for participating in a protest in support of workers.

We would like to register our protest at the special preferential treatment given to the matter. The treatment given to the matter and its listing is of grave public concern. The special listing before a particular bench has also not enhanced confidence in the judicial process.

Lawyers Association for Constitution