

SC stays defamation against Manoranjana



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The Hon'ble [Supreme Court of India](#) on Thursday has granted an [interim stay](#) to senior journalist [Manoranjana Sinh](#) in the criminal [defamation](#) case filed [against](#) by Chief Minister [Tarun Gogoi](#). The apex court agreed to examine the constitutional validity of Sections 499 and 500 of the Indian Penal Code at the instance of [Manoranjana Sinh](#) after she challenged the provisions under IPC in relation to the complaint filed [against](#) her by Gogoi.

Chief Minister [Tarun Gogoi](#) had filed a complaint [against Manoranjana Sinh](#), one time proprietor of [NeTV](#) on accounts of broadcasting a series of reports [against](#) him accounting him for criminal conduct by financing [ULFA](#) separatists during the 2007 [National Games](#) held in Guwahati in an effort to buy peace with them.

Sinh had alleged that crores of rupees had been given to [ULFA](#) men to ensure that the [33rd National Games](#) take place peacefully in the face of their threatening to subvert the Games. The prosecutor has been asked to respond within 4 weeks. The matter is likely to be now heard on July 8 with other similar matters raised by Subramanyam Swami, Arvind Kejriwal and Rahul [Gandhi](#).

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