



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPPIL No. 28 of 2025

SHIRIN MALEWAR **versus** UNION OF INDIA & ANOTHER

Order Sheet

13/02/2025	Heard Mr. Goutam Khetrapal, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. Ramakant Mishra, learned Deputy Solicitor General, appearing for the respondent No.1, Mr. Prafull N. Bharat, learned Advocate General and Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General, appearing for the respondent/State. The present PIL has been filed with the following prayer as under: A. Issue a writ of mandamus, or any other appropriate writ, order, or direction, directing the respondents to appoint/designate Examiners of

Electronic Evidence under Section 79A of the IT Act, 2000, for the State of Chhattisgarh within a stipulated time frame.

B. Direct the respondents to establish the necessary infrastructure and facilities for certifying electronic records as required under Section 63(4) of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023.

C. Any other relief which this Hon'ble Court may deem fit in the facts & circumstance of case.

D. Cost of the petition may also be awarded.

The petitioner has come up by means of the present PIL with the aforesaid prayer and it is stated that there is no Examiner/Expert under Section 79-A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, for the State of Chhattisgarh and he has come with a prayer for direction to respondents to appoint the same.

As the matter is of serious concern that now the days, there is a steep rise Cyber Crimes in the State of Chhattisgarh and the appointment of the such person is absolutely necessary. We hope and trust that the Union of India would take immediate

Alok	steps for the appointment. As prayed, let the matter be listed again on 10th March, 2025 on which date the Union of India shall file an affidavit informing this Court about the appointment of such person as prayed in the PIL. Sd/- (Ravindra Kumar Agrawal) Judge Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice
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