



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPPIL No. 28 of 2025

SHIRIN MALEWAR *versus* UNION OF INDIA

Order Sheet

25.02.2026	Heard Shri Rudra Pratap Dubey, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Shri Shashank Thakur, learned Addl AG for the State and Shri Ramakant Mishra, learned DSG for the Union of India along with Smt Annapurna Tiwari, Advocate. Learned counsel for the State would submit that an affidavit in compliance of the Court order dated 06.02.2026 has been filed by the Assistant Inspector General of Police (Technical Services), Police Headquarters, Nava Raipur (CG), wherein some deficiencies have been pointed out, which have to be taken care of. Relevant portion of said affidavit reads as under: “3. a. Xxxxx
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	b. That, on earlier occasion, an affidavit has been filed in which it was most humbly submitted that the proposal for getting the Cyber Forensic Laboratory, Police Headquarters certified as Examiners of electronic evidence was sent to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and thereafter, the assessment was done by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and certain shortcomings were pointed out. In the said affidavit, it was further submitted that pursuant to the assessment report, necessary measures have been taken up for curing the shortcomings pointed out by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. It was further submitted in the said affidavit that the laboratory of State Forensic Science has been notified by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology as Examiners of Electronic
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Evidence as per the provisions contained in Section 79-A of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

c. That, the deponent humbly submits that the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology vide mail dated 07/02/2026, in response to the compliance report, asked the Police Headquarters to provide the final status of the works with respect to the proposed laboratory. A copy of the mail dated 07/02/2026 of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is being filed herewith as Annexure A/1.

d. That, the deponent respectfully submits that in response to the above mentioned mail dated 07/02/2026, the Police Headquarters, Raipur vide its mail dated 16/02/2026, has submitted a detailed response to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology wherein it has been informed that compliance

action on the observations made in stage -I and Stage-II assessment have been undertaken and further all major non conformities pointed out during the assessment have been duly complied with and the necessary corrective actions have been taken. In the said letter, it has further been requested that in light of the substantial compliances made by the Police Headquarters, Raipur and taking into account the fact that all major observations have been duly made, the Cyber Forensic Laboratory, Police Headquarters, Raipur may kindly be issued the certificate under Section 79-A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 certifying it as an Examiners of Electronic evidence within India. Copy of the mail dated 16/02/2026 alongwith the compliance matrix is being filed herewith as Annexure A/2.

e. That, the deponent respectfully submits

	that in light of the compliance made by the Police Headquarters, necessary action has to be taken by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in the matter.” From perusal of above affidavit, it transpires that necessary action has to be taken by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in compliance made by the Police Headquarters in the matter. At this stage, learned counsel appearing for the Union of India sought four week’s time for re-verification of Stage-II Assessment Report. As prayed, let the matter be listed again on 2nd April, 2026 for further monitoring of the matter. Sd/- (Ravindra Kumar Agrawal) Judge Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice
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