

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPC No. 6380 of 2025**Arun Pannalal **versus** State of Chhattisgarh & Others**Order Sheet**

08/12/2025	<p>Heard Dr. Arpit Lall, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. Shashank Thakur, learned Deputy Advocate General, appearing for the State/respondents.</p> <p>Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is a resident of Chhattisgarh and is gravely aggrieved by the notice issued by the police authorities under the provisions of the Chhattisgarh Dharmik Bhawan Tatha Sthan Viniyaman Adhiniyam, 1984 (for short, "the Act of 1984") and Rule 3 of the Chhattisgarh Dharmik Bhawan Tatha Sthan Viniyaman Rules, 1985 (for short, "the Rules of</p>

1985”), directing stoppage of prayers and gatherings being conducted in the petitioner’s private residence. It is further submitted that the Act of 1984 and the Rules of 1985 were enacted with the object of regulating the construction of public religious buildings and restricting the use of public places for religious purposes. However, the said statute is being misapplied and misused by the respondents against citizens who are peacefully praying and worshipping in their own private and personal houses.

Learned State Counsel prays for and is granted four weeks’ time to file reply-affidavit. Thereafter, two weeks’ time is granted to learned counsel for the petitioner to file rejoinder-affidavit.

List the matter thereafter.

**Sd/-
(Bibhu Datta Guru)
Judge**

**Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice**