

ITEM NO.40

COURT NO.8

SECTION PIL-W

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 1008/2025

CENTRE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY
SYSTEMIC CHANGE (CASC) & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 266029/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

Date : 03-11-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Virag Gupta, Adv.
Mr. Vishal Arun Mishra, AOR
Ms. Rupali Panwar, Adv.
Mr. Yash Sharma, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. The petitioner(s), a Non - Government Organization has invoked the writ jurisdiction of this Court under Article 32 of the Constitution of India praying for the following reliefs:-

"a. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ thereby directing the Respondents No. 1 to 4 to do a harmonious interpretation of provisions of Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025 and laws made by State Legislatures, to prohibit online gambling and betting games operating in the guise of social and e-sports games.

b. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ thereby directing the Respondent No 1 to take

action and issue blocking orders under section 69A of the IT act against all unlawful betting and gambling platforms in India.

c. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ thereby directing the Respondent No 3 to issue directions to RBI, NPCI and other UPI platforms to not allow any transactions of online money games' "which arc not registered in India.

d. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ thereby directing to the Respondents to adopt stringent provisions of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Online Gaming Act, 2022 at all India to curb the menace of online gambling and betting as done like invoking of Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999 to combat organised crimes and terrorism.

e. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ thereby directing to the Respondent No. 5 and 6 to strictly adhere with the IT (Intermediary) Rules 2021 and allow only those whitelist online gaming apps in Play Store which are duly licensed by the Indian authorities.

f. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ thereby directing the Respondent No.3 to issue directions for recovery of GST and Income Tax from offshore companies by getting the assistance of Interpol through ED and CBI agencies of India.

g. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ thereby directing the Respondents to protect the data of the children already collected by online gaming companies.

h. Issue or pass any writ, direction or order, which this Hon'ble court may deem in and proper under the facts and circumstances of the case."

2. When this matter was taken up for hearing first in point of time, we had requested from Mr. V.C. Bharathi, the learned panel counsel appearing for the respondent(s) to look into the petition and assist us.

3. According to Mr. Bharathi, the reliefs which are prayed for are squarely covered by the New Legislation relating to online gaming which has yet to come into force.
4. According to the petitioner(s), there are about two thousand APPS as on date operating online relating to betting and gambling. The petitioner(s) want the government to take immediate action in this regard in larger public interest affecting the youth more particularly of the nation.
5. Issue notice.
6. Let an appropriate reply be filed to the petition.
7. Tag with T.C.(C)No.133/2025.

(NIRMALA NEGI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)