

ITEM NO.21

COURT NO.9

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(Civil) No.479/2025

BISWAJIT CHOWDHURY

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, HONBLE HIGH COURT
OF ALLAHABAD & ANR.

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 118449/2025 - EARLY HEARING APPLICATION

IA No. 118450/2025 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON

Date : 14-07-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN

For Petitioner(s) : Petitioner-in-person

For Respondent(s) :

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

1. Application for permission to appear and argue in person is allowed.
2. The petitioner appearing in person has invoked the jurisdiction of this Court under Article 32 of the Constitution seeking the following reliefs:-

"i. issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate

writ, order or direction, striking down the administrative requirement mandating personal appearance for issuance of photo affidavits before the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad as being arbitrary, lacking a statutory basis, and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India;

ii. direct the Respondents to accept affidavits duly attested by a Notary Public or Magistrate in the deponent's local jurisdiction, or permit remote/digital verification including Aadhaar-based authentication, digital signatures, or video verification;

iii. direct the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to frame and implement uniform guidelines for digital affidavit verification in coordination with the e-Committee of the Hon'ble Supreme Court;

3. According to the petitioner in person the administrative decision taken by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad is causing lot of hardship and difficulties to the litigants.

4. According to the petitioner in the process of weeding out or ensuring that no unscrupulous litigant files a false affidavit other innocent litigants are being harassed unnecessarily.

5. We are of the view that such administrative decisions taken by the High Court on its administrative side should not be interfered with by this Court in a petition under Article 32 of the Constitution of India.

6. If the petitioner wants to file a representation in this regard addressed to the Chief Justice of the High Court, he may do so in accordance with law.

7. With the aforesaid this petition stands dismissed.

8. Pending application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

(CHANDRESH)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)