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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 8998/2020 & CM APPL. 29024/2020

CENTRE FOR PUBLIC INTEREST

LITIGATION AND ANR.

..... Petitioners

Through Mr. Prashant Bhushan, Mr. Pranav Sachdeva, Ms. Neha Rathi and Mr. Jatin Bhardwas, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

..... Respondents

Through Mr. Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General with Mr. Chetan Sharma, Additional Solicitor General with Mr. Ajay Diggual, Central Government Standing Counsel for UOI.

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HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JYOTI SINGH

ORDER

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31.08.2021

Mr. Prashant Bhushan, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Petitioners submits that the short affidavit filed on behalf of Respondents No.2, 3 and 4 does not answer several averments / allegations made in the writ petition.

Learned Solicitor General appearing on behalf of Union of India seeks time to file a better and detailed counter affidavit.

Time as prayed for is granted.

Let a detailed counter affidavit be filed by Respondents No.2, 3 and 4, responding to the challenge made by the Petitioner to the constitutional validity of Section 5(2) of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and Section 69 of Information Technology Act, 2000 in the context of the systems referred to in the writ petition regarding lawful interception and monitoring by Law Enforcement Agencies. Counter affidavit shall be filed positively before the next date of hearing.

List on 30.09.2021.

CHIEF JUSTICE

JYOTI SINGH, J

AUGUST 31, 2021/rk