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The center asks the Supreme Court to transfer High Court lawsuits that challenge the law governing online gaming.



The High Courts of Delhi, Karnataka, and Madhya Pradesh are now considering three petitions contesting the law. The government has now requested that the matter be transferred to the Supreme Court.

In order to transfer the petitions contesting the constitutionality of the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025 that are pending before various High Courts, the Central government has petitioned the Supreme Court.

Several petitioners have challenged the statute in three separate High Courts, and the Center has requested that all of those cases be transferred to the Supreme Court in order to prevent

a plethora of litigation.

The transfer request before Chief Justice of India (CJI) **BR Gavai** was brought up by a Union government lawyer today in preparation for its listing the following week.

"The Online Gaming Regulation Act has been contested in three High Courts, and the Union has submitted a transfer plea. Given that it is scheduled for interim orders before the Karnataka High Court, the attorney asked if it may be listed on Monday.

The case was listed by CJI Gavai.

The relevant law forbids playing online games for real money, including fantasy sports.

The High Courts of Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and Delhi received the three petitions contesting the law.

The Madhya Pradesh High Court requested that the Union government reply to a plea contesting the appeal on September 3.

In a same vein, last week the Karnataka High Court asked the Union government to respond to a request made by Head Digital. The Delhi High Court was also petitioned by an online carrom game platform contesting the Act's legality.

The first central law to forbid online games played for money statewide is the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025.

On August 20, the Bill was presented to the Lok Sabha. Within two days, it was approved by both Houses by a voice vote, and on August 22, the President signed it into law.

Offering or participating in online money games is illegal under the law, regardless of whether they are skill-based or random, and the offenses are punishable by law and not subject to bail.