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Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah today chaired a review meeting in New Delhi in the presence of Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Mohan Yadav to assess the implementation of three new criminal laws in the state. The meeting reviewed the implementation and current status of various new provisions related to police, prisons, courts, prosecution, and forensics in Madhya Pradesh. Union Home Secretary, Chief Secretary and Director General of Police from Madhya Pradesh, Director General of BPR&D, the Director General of NCRB, and several senior officials from the Union Home Ministry and the state government attended the meeting.



During the discussion in the meeting, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah noted that the essence of the three new criminal laws introduced by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi lies in the provision of delivering justice within three years, from the filing of an FIR till the verdict comes from

Supreme Court. Appreciating the efforts made so far by the Madhya Pradesh government in implementing the new criminal laws, the Home Minister emphasized the need for their 100 per cent implementation in the state at the earliest.

Shri Amit Shah mentioned that before registering cases under sections related to terrorism and organized crime, senior police officials should examine whether the case qualifies for the application of those sections. He emphasized that any misuse of these legal provisions would undermine the sanctity of the new criminal laws.

The Union Home Minister emphasized the need for continuous monitoring of conversion of ZERO FIRs into regular FIRs. He also suggested establishing a system to enable the transfer of FIRs between two states through CCTNS (Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems). Shri Shah also stressed upon ensuring the availability of more than one forensic science mobile van in every district. Additionally, he underlined the importance of constructing an adequate number of cubicles in hospitals and jails to facilitate evidence recording through video conferencing.

Shri Amit Shah stated that in cases related to national security, Trial in Absentia should be initiated against fugitives who have been absconding from the country for a long time. He mentioned that the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita includes provisions for Trial in Absentia, enabling action against such fugitive offenders. He also urged the state government to ensure that funds allocated under ICJS (Inter-operable Criminal Justice System) are utilized strictly in accordance with the standards set by the Government of India.

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation stated that the police should provide information about individuals detained for interrogation on an electronic dashboard. Additionally, details of seizure lists and cases sent to courts should also be made available on the dashboard. He directed the state's DGP to ensure continuous monitoring of these matters.

Shri Amit Shah emphasized the recruitment of officers with expertise in forensic science and suggested that the Madhya Pradesh government should sign an MoU with the National Forensic Science University for this purpose. He also recommended providing opportunities to students with backgrounds in physics and chemistry by offering diploma courses in forensic science and subsequently recruiting them.

On the provisions for electronic evidence in the new laws, the Union Home Minister stated that the state's Home and Health Departments should hold meetings to ensure hospitals provide post-mortem and other medical reports electronically. He noted that

Madhya Pradesh is a leader in the implementation of e-summons and urged the state government to establish a system where officials from other states can visit Madhya Pradesh to understand the successful implementation of e-summons.



The Union Home Minister emphasized the need for a robust legal aid system to ensure justice for the underprivileged and stressed the importance of providing the necessary training for this purpose. He stated that it is the government's responsibility to ensure legal aid to poor. Shri Shah suggested that the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh should review the progress of implementing the three new laws monthly, the Chief Secretary every 15 days, and the Director General of Police (DGP) weekly, along with officials from all relevant departments. He also directed the DGP to sensitize all police personnel, emphasizing that delivering timely justice should be their top priority.

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