

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
INHERENT JURISDICTION**

SUO MOTO WRIT PETITION(CIVIL) NO(S). 7 OF 2025

**IN RE: LACK OF FUNCTIONAL CCTVs IN
POLICE STATIONS**

ORDER

- 1.** This *suo moto* writ petition has been registered pursuant to the cognizance taken by this Court of a news report in ‘*Dainik Bhaskar* Newspaper, Rajasthan Edition’ *vide* order dated 4th September, 2025.
- 2.** As per the said news report, as many as 11 lives were lost in police custody in the state of Rajasthan in the first eight months of the year 2025, of which seven incidents occurred in the Udaipur Division.
- 3.** The efforts to procure CCTV footage from the police stations concerned, proved futile because the information was denied/not provided on frivolous grounds as has been delineated in the order dated 4th September, 2025.

4. Apparently, the non-functioning of the CCTV cameras/non-preservation of the video recording and its data, is in breach of the directions issued by this Court in the case of ***Paramvir Singh Saini v. Baljit Singh and Others, (2021) 1 SCC 184.***

5. We, therefore, direct the learned Additional Advocate General of the State of Rajasthan to take notice and file a response to the following queries: -

- (i) Number of police stations in each district.
- (ii) Number of cameras installed in each police station with placement details.
- (iii) Specifications of cameras like resolution, night vision, field of view, audio capture, and tamper detection.
- (iv) Storage mechanism followed for the storage of video data, including the period for which the data is preserved.
- (v) Frequency at which maintenance activity is carried out.
- (vi) Escalation process in case there is some malfunction in the camera and process of redressal for the same.

- (vii) Status of internet connectivity at the police stations and its integration with a centralized server/control room, if any.
- (viii) Software configuration and creation of centralized dashboard.
- (ix) Creation of SOPs for the training of officers regarding access, review and retention of video footage and regarding protocols for usage, escalation and tamper proof protocols. Furthermore, information shall be provided in respect of training of the officers in respect of data protection laws and judicial admissibility of the video footage.
- (x) Whether any regular audit is conducted to check the functioning of the installed cameras. If so, the detailed report with complete statistics be placed on record.
- (xi) Whether any audit of logs and integrity of footage is carried out?
- (xii) Whether there is any provision for surprise inspections and forensic validation of tamper proofing?

6. The response to the aforesaid queries shall be filed positively within two weeks supported by an affidavit of the Director General of Police, State of Rajasthan.

7. List again on 14th October, 2025.

.....**J.**
(VIKRAM NATH)

.....**J.**
(SANDEEP MEHTA)

NEW DELHI;
SEPTEMBER 26, 2025.