

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

**WRIT PETITION (CRL.) NO. 99 OF 2015**

(UNDER ARTICLE 32 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA)

WITH

CRIMINAL MISC. PETITION NO. 10142 OF 2015

(APPLICATION FOR STAY THE PROCEEDING)

AND

CRIMINAL MISC. PETITION NO. 10713 OF 2015

(APPLICATION FOR INTERIM RELIEF)

PRADYUMAN BISHT

...PETITIONER

-VERSUS-

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

...RESPONDENTS

**OFFICE - REPORT**

The Writ Petition along with applications above-mentioned was listed before the Hon'ble Court on 06.02.2017 with office report dated 03.02.2017, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:

"Heard.

Though this petition seeks a mandamus for an audio-video recording of the proceedings of the trial court to ensure fair trial, we limit the issue, raised in the petition, to considering whether CCTV cameras (without audio recording) can be installed in courts or at some other locations in the court premises with the monitor being in the Chamber of District and Sessions Judge. The footage of CCTV camera may be retained for a particular period and may not be open to public. This may serve the security needs as well as be helpful in administration of justice.

It is a matter of public knowledge that such an experiment has been done in various courts, including the Gurugaon Courts, in the past.

We request Mr. Maninder Singh, learned Additional Solicitor General, and Mr. R. Venkatramani, learned senior counsel, present in court, as amicus, to assist the court on this aspect after visiting Gurugaon Courts within four weeks from today. The District Judge, Gurugaon Courts, will extend all cooperation to learned senior counsel.

We prima facie feel that after receipt of report from learned senior counsel, we may consider directing installation of CCTV cameras (without audio recording) in one district in every State, under the directions of the concerned High Courts, and in the light of the report, which may be finally received, we may examine the matter further.

List again for further hearing on Tuesday, the 21st March, 2017.

It is made clear that it will be open to the petitioner to ventilate his individual grievance before the appropriate authority/forum as the matter is limited to the issue mentioned above."

It is submitted that pursuant to the aforesaid order, certified copies of the aforesaid order were issued to the concerned authorities for necessary action and compliance.

It is further submitted that pursuant to aforesaid order, no requisite report has been received so far.

It is further submitted that notice of hearing for listing of the matter on 21.03.2017 was issued to the petitioner-in-person by speed post as well as e-mail on 18.02.2017 and the same has been delivered on 27.02.2017 as per the tracking information of the postal authorities.

Service of notice is complete.

The writ petition along with applications above-mentioned is listed before the Hon'ble Court with this office report.

Dated this the 20th day of March, 2017.

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