



RAJASTHAN HIGH COURT
HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
JODHPUR
Suo moto

In RE : In the matter of tackling the issue of 'Road and Public Safety'



Amicus-curiae(s) : Mr. Manvendra Singh Bhati
Mr. Sheetal Kumbhat
Ms. Aditi Moad
Ms. Heli Pathak
Ms. Taniya Mehta

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Rajesh Panwar, AAG with
Mr. Ayush Gehlot
Mr. N.S. Rajpurohit, AAG with
Ms. Aditi Sharma
Mr. B.L. Bhati, AAG with
Mr. Deepak Chandak
Mr. Vivek Shrimali for
Mr. Bharat Vyas, ASG
Mr. Vinay Kothari, on VC

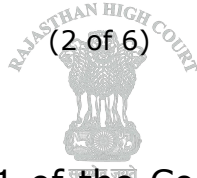
HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE PUSHPENDRA SINGH BHATI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUROOP SINGHI

Order

04/11/2025

By the Court:

1. This Court is deeply concerned over the recurring loss of human lives on the roads of Rajasthan, and is appalled by the continuous reports published in leading daily newspapers, particularly Rajasthan Patrika, Dainik Bhaskar and Dainik Navjyoti etc., highlighting that a series of accidents has claimed nearly one hundred lives in the last two weeks. The alarming frequency of these fatal accidents calls for an immediate and coordinated institutional response. The Court cannot remain a passive spectator when such incidents avoidable with due diligence and proper regulation continue to erode the fundamental right to life



guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Some of the headlines in recent newspapers read as follows:

दैनिक भास्कर (दिनांक:— 15.10.2025)

“जैसलमेर: एसी गैस लीक होने से शॉर्ट सर्किट, इमरजेंसी गेट नहीं था, फंसे रहे यात्री”
एसी बस में आग, गेट लॉक... 20 जिंदा जले

राजस्थान पत्रिका (दिनांक:— 15.10.2025)

“द बर्निंग बस: जैसलमेर से रवाना हुई सवारियों से भरी बस 10 किलोमीटर बाद बनी आग का गोला
एसी बस बनी लाक्षागृह 20 जिंदा जले

दैनिक भास्कर (दिनांक:— 16.10.2025)

“जहां बस जली, वहां से 280 किमी तक कोई ट्रॉमा सेंटर नहीं था ... प्रदेश में 100 बनने थे, 1 जैसलमेर में था, वो भी नहीं बना”

दैनिक भास्कर (दिनांक:— 03.11.2025)

“हाईवे पर खड़े ट्रेलर में घुसा टेंपो, जोधपुर के 15 की मौत”

कब: रविवार शाम 7:30 बजे

कहां: भारतमाला हाईवे मतोड़ा

कौन: चांदपोल की 14 माली महिलाएं—बच्चे, 1 ड्राइवर

क्यों: अवैध ढाबे के आगे हाईवे के ऊपर खड़ा था ट्रेलर

कैसे: ओवरटेक करते अंधेरे में नहीं दिखा खड़ा ट्रेलर, घुसा ट्रेवलर

“दूसरा हादसा — आधे घण्टे बाद ही 40 किमी दूर
एसयूवी डिवाइडर से टकराई, 2 की मौत”

राजस्थान पत्रिका (दिनांक:— 03.11.2025)

“जोधपुर: भारतमाला हाईवे पर भीषण हादसा, बीकानेर के कपिल मुनि आश्रम से लौट रहे थे श्रद्धालु
कार्तिक स्नान से लौट रहे थे श्रद्धालु, मिनी बस ट्रोले में टक्कर, 15 की मौत



राजस्थान पत्रिका (दिनांक:- 04.11.2025)

“डंपर बना यमराज.....”

4 मिनट तक काल बनकर दौड़ा डंपर...14 लोगों की मौत 14 गाड़ियां चपेट में (5 कार, 8 दोपहिया और 1 ट्रेलर) 350 मीटर तक सिर्फ लाशें, लहू और चीखें

दैनिक भास्कर (दिनांक:- 04.11.2025)

“हरमाड़ा में डंपर का कहर:” लापरवाही तो देखिए... नो एंट्री में घुसा नशे में धुत डंपर चालक, किसी ने कहीं रोका तक नहीं, और लाशें बिछाता गया

100 की स्पीड से दौड़ाया डम्पर, 400 मीटर में 14 वाहनों को टक्कर मारी, 27 को कुचला, 14 की मौत

दैनिक नवज्योति (दिनांक:- 04.11.2025)

“मौत का कहर रोया शहर.....” नशे में डम्पर चालक वाहनों को मारता गया टक्कर, बिछा दी 14 लाशें
किसी को कुचला, किसी को उड़ाया, सड़क पर बिखर गए अंग-अंग

2. Death is inevitable, but the misery caused by untimely death is not only an irreparable loss to the family but also a direct diminution of the nation’s collective strength. The growing insensitivity of certain segments of society towards such tragic incidents appears to have permeated even into the functioning of regulatory authorities, who are expected to remain vigilant and conscious of these grave issues.

3. This Court is aware that a PIL may not be the only final solution to the aforesaid issue, but the time has come for the nation to think and ponder over the loss of untimely lives, which is causing serious damage to the fabric of society and strength of the nation.



4. Although the attention of this Court was initially invited to a particular accident, the events of the recent past compel this Court to emphasize the urgent need for the respondents to activate and strengthen the regulatory framework so that effective measures may be undertaken to mitigate the recurring loss of life and suffering. The right to life, sanctified under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, casts a corresponding duty upon the State to proactively safeguard this right, especially in situations where regulatory mechanisms have failed to respond with the requisite promptitude. It is of grave concern that, while the nation places immense value on its human resource, widespread apathy and negligence among citizens regarding public and road safety continue to magnify societal anguish. This Court was approached with a narrow grievance; however, the facts placed before it reveal a broader systemic issue that warrants judicial attention and direction.

5. To contemplate the issue, we direct Mr. Bharat Vyas, learned ASG, with Mr. Vivek Shrimali, representing the Union of India; Mr. N.S. Rajpurohit, learned AAG, representing the Medical and Health Department and Revenue Department; Mr. Rajesh Panwar, learned AAG, representing the Public Works Department and Local Bodies; Mr. B.L. Bhati, learned AAG, representing the Home and Transport Department; and Mr. Vinay Kothari, representing the National Highways Authority of India, to file their preliminary response detailing the steps taken for better regulation and mechanisms to reduce the pain and misery caused by untimely deaths due to the



lack of stringent measures. The aforesaid lawyers are directed to represent the departments named against them and furnish their stand on the myriad issues of road safety and public safety involving their departments, with particular reference to the untimely deaths that have occurred.

6. For the purpose of effective assistance, this Court deems it appropriate to appoint Mr. Manvendra Singh Bhati, Mr. Sheetal Kumbhat, Ms. Aditi Moad, Ms. Heli Pathak, and Ms. Taniya Mehta as Amicus Curiae and requests them to render assistance to the Court. The learned Amicus-curiae are requested to file a common statement of consensus, along with concrete suggestions, indicating the steps that may be initiated for strengthening the regulatory framework relating to road and public safety.

7. While expressing our condolences to the families of the nearly 100 lives lost in this short span of time, we deem it appropriate to post this matter on 13.11.2025 with the expectation that the learned counsel appointed as Amicus-curiae will assist the Court with due sensitivity and provide their exhaustive suggestions.

8. The State Authorities and the Union of India shall also file their response as to what could be their stand to improve road and public safety matters.

9. The Registry is directed to register this matter as a *suo moto* Public Interest Litigation and list it under the Public Interest Litigation category on 13.11.2025. The office is directed to reflect



the names of all the aforesaid counsel in the cause-list. Office is also directed to provide a copy of this order to all the aforesaid counsel.



(ANUROOP SINGHI),J

(DR.PUSHPENDRA SINGH BHATI),J

Sudheer/Taruna/-