

**WP(PIL) NO: 116 of 2024**

Thandava Yogesh and other

...Petitioners

Vs.

The State of Andhra Pradesh and others

...Respondents

Advocate for Petitioner:

Mr. Thandava Yogesh, Dr D Venkata
Ramana Reddy (party in person)

Advocate(s) for Respondent(s):

Mrs. S. Pranathi (Spl.GP)

**CORAM : THE CHIEF JUSTICE DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR
SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI****DATE : 9th July, 2025****P C :**

An affidavit has been filed by the Deputy Inspector General of Police pursuant to our order dated 02.04.2025.

By virtue of the aforesaid order, we had sought information as to whether the 14,770 CC TV cameras which had been installed throughout the State of Andhra Pradesh could be used for checking violations on account of non use of protective headgear.

2. According to the affidavit, the CC TV cameras cannot detect violations like wrong-side driving, no parking, automatic number plate recognition, non wear of helmet, speeding and triple riding.

In this regard, it is stated that the CC TV cameras have yet not been integrated for automatic detection of the aforesaid offences.

3. It is stated that the matter has been taken up with the A.P. State Fiber Net Limited, which is the implementing agency for the above integration process as also for the operation and maintenance of the existing and new CC TV surveillance systems in the State.

It is also stated that a Request For Proposal [RFP] to that effect was also issued on 26.04.2025.

It is stated that the aforementioned process would take some time.

4. We feel that the Andhra Pradesh State Fiber Net Limited is necessary for the early and effective implementation of the detection system and, therefore, the *Andhra Pradesh State Fiber Net Limited represented by its Managing Director*, is incorporated as a party respondent and shall figure as respondent No.9 in the WP(PIL) and connected applications.

5. Mrs. S. Pranathi, learned Special Government Pleader, appears for the newly added respondent.

6. The respondents including the A.P State Fiber Net Limited shall file an affidavit regarding the status of the aforementioned RFP.

7. It also appears that an amount of Rs.8,43,93,316/- is sought from the State Government and the request in this regard has been made by the Director General of Police *vide* communication, dated 10.06.2025.

8. The said amount is necessary for preventing loss of human lives, which, according to the data furnished to us has risen to approximately 8346 throughout the State of Andhra Pradesh. The money would be spent on spreading the message on the precautions to be taken.

It is important to spread the message through the print and electronic media in all 26 Districts throughout the year which would require the requisite finance.

9. We, therefore, direct the Chief Secretary to take a decision at the earliest preferably within a period of ten days from today if not already taken in that regard.

10. In regard to the process of imposing fines and recovery, it is stated in the affidavit that red light violations are automatically captured at traffic junctions and the same are forwarded to the Intelligent Traffic Monitoring Systems which are operated at District Command and Control Centers where the concerned staff manually validate and process it followed by a challan which is generated and sent to the violators through SMS.

11. We are informed that approximately 980787 such challans have been generated out of which only 618570 challans have been realized on account of such violations.

12. We feel that it would be of no use if hitech machinery is installed by spending Crores on integration of the systems to record violations if the challans remained unexecuted and the fine not realized from the violators.

13. The provisions of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 and in particular Rule 167 could be resorted to against the violators in this regard which action has not been taken by the respondent authorities.

14. From the affidavit and in particular the table reflecting the number of two wheeler accidents and deaths for the period between 01.01.2024 and 31.12.2024, it can be seen that NTR District has the maximum number of accidents numbering 706 which resulted in 243 deaths followed by Guntur District where the number of accidents were 654 which resulted in 258 deaths.

We can also see that the number of accidents in Visakhapatnam was 600 whereas the number of deaths that occurred were 172 and so is the case with East Godavari where the number of deaths were 200.

These are abnormally high figures and reflect lack of policing in the said area.

15. We, therefore, direct the Director General of Police to take immediate steps for ensuring deployment of more police personnel to check the traffic violations so that the numbers which are alarming at present see a progressive decline in future.

16. When the data furnished in the affidavit which is before us is compared with the data which petitioner has placed on record pertaining to some other States, Andhra Pradesh figures quite high in the number of deaths as compared to most of the other States.

For example in the data obtained from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Andhra Pradesh figures at 9th place in the matter of fatalities as against Kerala which only has a fatality rate of 3 points.

Not only this, in Kerala, the number of deaths that have occurred on account of non user of helmets during the year 2022 is stated to be only 305 as against Andhra Pradesh where the number of deaths were 2072 for the same year which is approximately 7 times higher.

We believe that the fatality rate can be brought down drastically if those at the helm of affairs especially those concerned with the management of traffic in the police organization take a very active role in the entire scheme of things.

17. While Mrs. S. Pranathi, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the State, states that various campaigns are always being conducted throughout the State on the need to comply with the provisions of

the Motor Vehicles Act and the Rules and with regard to road safety and the importance of using headgears etc., yet we feel that the momentum of the campaign which was initially launched especially in the city of Vijayawada has slowly waned and needs to be brought up yet again.

18. In our order, dated 26.06.2024 we had directed the respondents to file a detailed affidavit to place on record steps that had been taken by the Government with regard to compliance of Rule 167-A which requires use of body cameras and dashboard cameras by the police agencies.

19. The respondents shall also state in the affidavit as to how the mandate of Rule 167-A with regard to the user of body cameras and dashboard cameras have been complied with.

List on 20.08.2025.

DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR, CJ

RAVI CHEEMALAPATI, J

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