

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT INDORE

WP No. 48092 of 2025

(IN RE SUO MOTO PIL VIDE ORDER DTD. 08/12/2025 Vs STATE OF MP THROUGH CHIEF SECRETARY AND
OTHERS)

Dated : 12-01-2026

Shri Vivek Sharan - learned Senior counsel (*Amicus Curiae*) with Shri Shashank Sharma - Advocate for the petitioner.

Shri Rahul Sethi - AAG with Shri Sudeep Bhargava Dy. AG for respondent/State.

Shri Dharmendra Gurjar, learned counsel for the respondent / Intervenor.

Shri Lakhan Singh Panwar, learned counsel for the respondent / Intervenor.

The matter relates to the use of Chinese Nylon Thread (Manja), which has resulted into deaths and also accidents. This Court on 11.12.2025 had taken *Suo Moto* PIL and passed the following order :-

"On 08.12.2025, this Court had directed for registration of the present suo moto PIL in respect of the illegal sale and use of Chinese Nylon Thread (Manja) which is causing injuries and casualties.

The date was fixed on 12.01.2026, however, yesterday a mention was made that still the illegal use of Chinese Nylon Thread (Manja) is going on in Indore as well as in the adjoining districts.

It is submitted that considering the Makar-Sankranti festival which is to be celebrated on 14th January, 2026 and in the said festival kite flying is one of most celebrated event and therefore the sale and use of these Chinese Nylon Thread (Manja) may cause number of accidents and casualties, therefore strict orders may be passed to the Competent Authorities to implement the ban on manufacture, sale, storage and use of Chinese Nylon Thread (Manja). Learned Amicus Curiae has placed his suggestions before this Court.

Counsel for the State is asked to submit the response to the aforesaid suggestions on the next date of hearing.

As an interim measure, it is directed that Commissioner Police, Collector Indore, Collector and Superintendent of Police of adjoining districts i.e. Ujjain, Dewas, Dhar, Khargone, Badwani, Alirajpur, Jhabua, Mandsaur, Neemuch, Ratlam, Shajapur and Rajgarh are directed to ensure compliance of following:-

"a. To ensure strict implementation of the ban on manufacture, sale, storage and use of Chinese Nylon Thread (Manja)

b. The appropriate authority should conduct and monitor that the aforesaid thread should not be circulated in the market.

c. The State authorities may be directed to undertake social awareness campaigns through print and social media for not using the Chinese Nylon Thread (Manja).

d. The public at large should also be made aware with regard to the legal/penal consequences of the use and sale of the Chinese Nylon Thread (Manja).

List the matter on 12.01.2026 12.01.2026 as directed by earlier Court order dated 08.12.2025."

Learned amicus has filed submissions and made a prayer in para 4 that in view of the festival of Makar Sankranti, which is going to take on 14.1.2026 on which the kite flying shall be largely celebrated and there is possibility of use of the said Chinese Nylon Thread (Manja). He requested the Court to issue the further directions to all the concerned Districts to submit a report with regard to precautionary immediate measures and plan of action including awareness to the public at large through extensive social / print media campaign.

Learned counsel for the respondents submitted that they have already taken the steps to prevent sale of the said Chinese Nylon Thread and also taking number of preventive measures to avoid the said incident. They further brought to the notice of this Court that a device to prevent the accident is being used by the Superintendent of Police, Ujjain and the same shall be circulated to the Commissionerate, Indore as well as to the adjoining Districts, *ie.*, Ujjain, Dewas, Dhar, Khargone, Badwani, Alirajpur, Jhabua, Mandsaur, Neemuch, Ratlam, Shajapur and Rajgarh.

They further submits that the due publicity to prevent the sale, use of that thread shall be given by print media through local news paper and also

through electronic media by local news channel. They are also directed to publish that if anybody is found selling or using the said thread, he may also be prosecuted for commission of offence under Section 106(1) of BNS, 2023 (304-A of the IPC). It be also noted that if any minor is found using the Chinese Nylon Thread, then his guardian may also be made responsible.

Shri Shivam Verma, Collector, Indore is present in the Court. He submits that he will pass necessary orders in this regard today itself, which shall be immediately circulated to all the adjoining Districts.

Matter be listed on 16.1.2026.

C.c. today.

(VIJAY KUMAR SHUKLA)
JUDGE

(ALOK AWASTHI)
JUDGE

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