

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**05.06.2025**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR V KAMESWAR RAO, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HON'BLE MR JUSTICE C M JOSHI

ORAL ORDER FOR REGISTERING SUO-MOTU
WRIT PETITION RE: STAMPEDE ON 04.06.2025

(PER: HON'BLE MR V KAMESWAR RAO, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE)

Reports have been published in various newspapers including the Times of India, wherein a narration has been made about an unfortunate incident/tragedy happened on 04.06.2025, when eleven (11) persons have died, various injured during the course of victory celebrations of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) Cricket Tournament. An intent to celebrate has led to a tragedy.

2. This Court perusing the reports, deem it appropriate to take *suo motu* cognizance of the incident to ascertain,-

- (i) the reasons which led to the tragedy,
- (ii) whether the tragedy could have been prevented,
- (iii) what remedial measures need to be taken to prevent such tragedies in future.

3. Registry is directed to register writ petition as *suo motu* ___ /2025 in "*Re: Stampede on 04.06.2025*".

4. The Court Officer has drawn our attention to various communications/e-mails received by this Court from various persons on the subject matter.

5. We issue notice to the State on the above writ petition.

6. In the morning at 10:30 a.m., we had informed Sri. K.Shashi Kiran Shetty, learned Advocate General that we will take up the matter at 02:30 p.m.

7. Notice, learned AGA accepts notice for State.

8. Sri. Shetty, who has filed a statement of facts along with the documents, has also made his submissions.

9. Some of the Advocates, who are present in the Court, have also made their submissions.

10. Having heard Sri. Shetty and perused the status-report, we direct, a further status-report be filed by the State reflecting the following points:

- (i) When and who has taken the decision to hold the victory celebration and in what manner?
- (ii) What steps were taken to regulate the traffic?
- (iii) What steps were taken to regulate the public/crowd?
- (iv) What medical and other facilities were arranged at the venue?
- (v) Any assessment was made in advance on the number of people, who may be present at the time of celebrations?
- (vi) Whether persons injured were given immediate medical attention by the medical experts at the venue? If not why?

- (vii) How much time was taken to take the injured to the hospitals?
- (viii) Whether any SOP has been formulated to manage a crowd of 50,000 and above in any sport event and celebrations of this nature?
- (ix) Any permission was sought to organize the event?

11. Re-notify on 10.06.2025.

(V KAMESWAR RAO)
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

(C M JOSHI)
JUDGE

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