

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA : HYDERABAD

MAIN CASE NO: **W.P.No.26751 of 2025**

PROCEEDING SHEET

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01.	08.09.2025	<u>NVSK,J</u> Notice before admission. Learned Government Pleader for Home takes notice on respondent Nos.1 to 3. This writ petition is filed seeking to declare the action of the Respondent No.3 in not taking action pursuant to the Representation of the Petitioner dated 10.07.2025 with respect to the Circular Memo dated 29.03.2025 issued by the Office of the Director General, Women Safety Wing, Telangana, as illegal, void and against the principles of natural justice and against Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the Respondent No.3 to take action pursuant to the Representation dated 10.07.2025 with respect to the Circular Memo dated 29.03.2025 issued by the Office of the Director General, Women Safety Wing, Telangana. Brief facts stated in this writ petition are that petitioner is a society running under name and style as 'Heavens Home Society'. The said society was formed in the year 2012, with a vision to "significantly contribute to achieve quality universal education that facilitated just, equitable and human society". The case of the	Tr. to io folder before corrections.

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		petitioner is that in view of many media reports on illegal use of spy cameras in girls hostels, malls, hotels etc., some criminal cases were registered across Telangana State and the Director General, Women Safety Wing, Telangana, issued circular Memo bearing C.No.813/C1/SHE/SPYCameras/WSW/TG/2025 dated 29.03.2025, stating the following:- <i>“With reference to the above cited subject, it is to inform that many media reports have come to our notice on illegal use of spy cameras by placing them in girls hostels, malls, hotels etc. Videos of women filmed secretly while in bathrooms, changing rooms or private spaces through secretly placed spy cameras have traumatized many women. In this connection criminal cases were registered across Telangana state in various police stations.</i> <i>In the above context, as a precautionary measure, all unit officers are hereby requested to identify sale dealers of Spy Cameras, sale shops and make them to paste the cautionary sticker in the dealer shops which is to be visible to all purchasers. The cautionary sticker should transpire the provision of section 66(E) of IT Act - "Whoever, intentionally or knowingly captures, publishes or transmits the image of a private area of any person without his or her consent, under circumstances violating the privacy of that person, shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to three years or with fine not exceeding two lakh rupees, or with both".</i> <i>In addition to the above, it is to inform that hotels, shopping malls, restaurants, and lodges etc., all such establishments come under the ambit of THE TELANGANA PUBLIC SAFETY (MEASURES) ENFORCEMENT ACT, 2013. The section 4 (1) 4 (1) of this act transpires that "Every owner/manager/person or the persons who are running an establishment shall file periodical returns in such manner and in such proforma as may be prescribed, certifying that</i>	

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		<i>the Public Safety Measures are provided, properly maintained and the relevant equipments are in working condition, once in every six months, to the concerned Inspector of Police having jurisdiction the area". In conformity to this section of law, the management of these establishments should send a signed declaration form to the concerned jurisdictional police station. In this form, the management should declare that all rooms, toilets, wash rooms and private spaces are thoroughly checked manually or by spy camera detectors and not found anything.</i> <i>Apart from the above, it is further informed that section 5 of this act says that "The Inspector of Police having jurisdiction over the area, may at any time, without prior notice, enter into any establishment, inspect and check as regards the installation and functioning of the public safety measures, and in case of any default or violation shall send a report to the Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) or as the case may be the Sub Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) concerned having jurisdiction over the area".</i> <i>In light of the above, all Unit officers are here by directed to implement the aforesaid legal provisions for the regulation of Spy cameras and take necessary action accordingly in the larger interest of safety of women.</i> <i>This has got approval of Director General of Police, Telangana, Hyderabad."</i> <i>Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that despite the circular memo dated 29.03.2025, no substantial ground level action has been taken place in the past few months, hence, the petitioner on 07.07.2025 and 10.07.2025 made representations and requested respondent No.3 to implement the circular memo dated 29.03.2025. However, till date no action is initiated. Aggrieved by the</i>	

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		same, this writ petition is filed. Learned Government Pleader for Home seeks time to get instructions. Having considered the above facts and circumstance, the respondent No.3 is directed to consider the petitioner's representations dated 07.07.2025 and 10.05.2025 and file a detailed report, stating the action taken on the petitioner's representations dated 07.07.2025 and 10.05.2025, by the next date of hearing. List on 22.09.2025. <u>NVSK,J</u>	

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