

W.P. (PIL) No. 03/2018

In Re: Installation of CCTV Cameras in Courts and Tribunals

BEFORE
MR. JUSTICE SATISH K. AGNIHOTRI, CJ. &
MR. JUSTICE BHASKAR RAJ PRADHAN, J.

09.03.18 Present:

(Agnihotri, CJ)

Mr. Karma Thinlay, Senior Government Advocate with Mr. S. K. Chettri and Ms. Pollin Rai, Assistant Government Advocates for the State.

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The Supreme Court of India in ***Pradyuman Bisht vs. Union of India & Ors. (Writ Petition(s) (Criminal) No(s). 99/2015***, observed as under:-

"8. Only further issue that survives is whether installation of CCTV cameras can be considered in State Tribunals and Quasi Judicial Authorities, including the Executive Magistrate and Revenue Courts and availability of a terminal with oversight bodies. As far as Central Quasi Judicial Authorities are concerned, the Ministry of Law & Justice may consider this aspect within four weeks. As far as State Tribunal and State Quasi Judicial Authorities are concerned, we request the High Courts to consider this aspect on the Administrative/ Judicial side.

Question whether the terminal of CCTV cameras can be available with the oversight bodies may also be considered by the Central Government/ concerned High Courts."

It is desired and expected by the Supreme Court that Quasi Judicial Authorities should also take steps for installation of CCTV cameras in the court room as well as at other relevant places. The High Court is required to consider this aspect on the administrative/judicial side.

Thus, this matter is registered as *suo motu* Public Interest Litigation petition under title – **"In Re: Installation of CCTV cameras in Courts and Tribunals"**.

Issue notice to the (i) Chief Secretary to the State of Sikkim, (ii) Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Government of Sikkim and (iii) Secretary, Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms, Training & Public Grievances, Government of Sikkim, returnable in three weeks.

Ms. Pollin Rai, Assistant Government Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondent.

Call on 10.04.2018.

Judge
09.03.2018

Chief Justice
09.03.2018

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 Internet : Yes / ~~No~~