

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH

AT INDORE

WP No. 36817/2025

IN REFERENCE (SUO MOTU) Vs.

Dated: 10-09-2025

On the basis of news published in the daily papers, the shocking incident came to our knowledge, which requires to be taken up by way of SUO-MOTO Public Interest Litigation. Two newborn babies died in the government run Maharaja Yeshwant Rao Hospital, Indore, due to a rat bite. In the intervening night of 31.8.2025 and 01.09.2025, two infants admitted to the ICU of M.Y. Hospital, Indore, were eaten by the rats and later died.

Prima facie, it appears to be a gross negligence on the part of the administration of Maharaja Yashwant Rao Hospital, Indore. Nothing has been reported in the newspapers about any action taken against any officers, Doctors or employees, etc. The parents of one of the infants belong to the tribal families of Dhar.

Issue a show-cause notice to the following government officials:-

- (i) the Principal Secretary, Public Health and Family Welfare Department of Madhya Pradesh,
- (ii) the commissioner of Indore Division.
- (iii) the collector of Indore.
- (iv) the Commissioner of Police, Indore.

(v) Dean of M.Y. Hospital, Indore.

Shri Sonal Gupta, learned Additional Advocate General, is directed to accept notices and submit the response before this Court along with a copy of the postmortem reports.

Shri Piyush Mathur, learned Senior Counsel, seeks permission to assist this court in this matter, which is hereby granted.

We hereby appoint Shri Piyush Mathur, learned Senior Counsel, as *amicus curiae* in this matter.

Ms. Kirti Patwardhan Advocate is appointed to assist Shri Piyush Mathur, learned Senior Counsel.

Shri Mathur, learned senior counsel, submits that he will submit a written synopsis/petition based on the information collected from news published in the daily newspapers.

Apart from that, the OSD of this Indore bench is directed to collect all the news related to the above incident published in daily newspapers having wide publication in the city/country published from 1.09.2025 and place them on record.

List on **15.9.2025**.

(VIVEK RUSIA)
JUDGE

(JAI KUMAR PILLAI)
JUDGE