

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH

AT JABALPUR

W.P.NO.37620 OF 2025

(IN REFERENCE (SUO MOTU PIL) VS. THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS)

Dated: 16-09-2025

There has been a newspaper reporting in Dainik Bhaskar, Indore Edition dated 16.09.2025 that a heavy goods vehicle (truck) entered into the residential area of Indore from Kalani Nagar Square to Bada Ganpati Square, which is approximately 2 kms in the peak hours of the evening. The truck was being driven in a very rash and negligent manner; whereby the truck hit several vehicles and repeated accidents were caused on the road, inasmuch as 35 people are reported to have been injured, 12 with grievous injuries and 3 people have lost their lives besides damage to several vehicles on the road. Video of the same has also been uploaded on the Dainik Bhaskar Website, which shows that the truck was being driven in a rash and negligent manner and is seen hitting several cars, two-wheelers and pedestrians on the street and thereafter caught fire.

Taking note of the said news article as well as the video on the Website, we direct the Registry to register a Suo Motu Public Interest Litigation on the said aspect.

Issue notice to the State Government.

Notice be issued through the office of the Advocate General.

Mr.Swapnil Ganguly, Deputy Advocate General, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

The Commissioner of Police, Indore is also impleaded as respondent no.2. The Commissioner of Police shall file an affidavit indicating as to how said truck was permitted to enter into busy residential area during the peak hours and how it was permitted to travel for approximately 2 kms. and why no action was taken to prevent the entry or to stop the truck from entering into the area.

Let the affidavit be filed before the next date of hearing.

The affidavit shall also indicate as to what preventive actions are being proposed to be taken to prevent re-occurrence of such an event in the future.

Re-notify on 23.09.2025.

The Commissioner of Police, Indore shall be present on the next date of hearing and connected through video conferencing and shall depute a senior officer to be personally present in Court on the said date.

Copy of this order be communicated to the Commissioner of Police, Indore by the Registry for necessary compliance.

(SANJEEV SACHDEVA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(VINAY SARAF)
JUDGE

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