



WPCRL(MD)No.396 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 29.08.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

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... Petitioner

versus

1.The Superintendent of Police,
Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Sivagangai District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Sivagangai Town Police Station,
Sivagangai District.

3.Selvaprabhu,
The Sub Inspector of Police,
Sivagangai Town Police Station,
Sivagangai District.

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus by directing the respondents 1 & 2 to immediately retrieve, preserve, and provide the petitioner a copy of CCTV footage from the 2nd respondent Police Station for the period from 15.06.2025 morning 10.00 am to 16.06.2025 morning 2.00 am in the light of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP(Crl) No.3543 of 2020 in Paramvir Singh Saini Vs Baljit Singh order dated 02.12.2020.



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For Petitioner : Mr.J.Yogeswaran

For Respondent : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar,
Nos.1 and 2 Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondent police to furnish a copy of CCTV footage from the 2nd respondent police station for the period from 15.06.2025 10.00 am to 16.06.2025 2.00 am.

2.The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is having three sons and history sheets were opened against them by the 2nd respondent police and the same are pending. On 04.06.2025 the 3rd respondent along with 2nd respondent police scolded the petitioner by saying his community name and therefore, on 05.06.2025 the petitioner has lodged a complaint before 1st respondent police. The petitioner has also lodged a complaint to the CM Cell and to the Inspector General of Police, South Zone by registered post. Subsequently on 15.06.2025 the 3rd respondent along with 2nd respondent police entered into the petitioner's house and took his son Anandbabu and also asked the petitioner to hand



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over his other two sons and the 2nd respondent police registered a case against Anandbabu in Crime No.359 of 2025 under Sections 296(b), 132, 351 (3) of the BNS and Section 25 (1A) of the Arms Act and he was remanded to judicial custody. Subsequently he has obtained anticipatory bail in Crl MP No. 1601 of 2025 on 02.06.2025 from the Principal District and Session Court, Sivagangai. Thereafter on 16.06.2025 the petitioner gave a representation to the 1st respondent / the Superintendent of Police, seeking CCTV footage of the 2nd respondent Police Station for the period from 15.06.2025 10.00 am to 16.06.2025 2.00 am, however his request has not been considered by the respondent police. Therefore, the petitioner has filed this petition. In support of his contention, the learned counsel for the petitioner has relied on the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Paramvir Singh Saini vs. Balaji Singh & others*** reported in ***(2021) 1 SCC 184***.

3.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police submits the petitioner has not given any proper reason for which he is seeking the CCTV footages of the 2nd respondent police station.



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4.This court considered the rival submissions made.

5.The petitioner has sought for CCTV footage of the 2nd respondent police station. The purpose of installing CCTV cameras in police stations is to bring in transparency and preserve evidence in case of violation of human rights in the police station premises. The learned counsel for the petitioner has also relied on the decision in ***Paramvir Singh Saini vs. Balaji Singh & others*** reported in ***(2021) 1 SCC 184***, wherein the Hon'ble Supreme court has mandated that every police station should maintain CCTV cameras at important points. However, it is to be noted that the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the very same judgment has provided a specific purpose for which the footage of such cameras is to be acquired. The relevant portion of the same is extracted hereunder:

"18. Whenever there is information of force being used at police stations resulting in serious injury and/or custodial deaths, it is necessary that persons be free to complain for a redressal of the same. Such complaints may not only be made to the State Human Rights Commission, which is then to utilise its powers, more particularly under Sections 17 and 18 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, for redressal of such complaints, but also to Human



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Rights Courts, which must then be set up in each District of every State/Union Territory under Section 30 of the aforesaid Act. The Commission/Court can then immediately summon CCTV camera footage in relation to the incident for its safe keeping, which may then be made available to an investigation agency in order to further process the complaint made to it.”

6.The Honb'le Supreme Court has made it clear that whenever allegations of torture or custodial violence are raised against the police officials, then complaints can be made to the State Human Rights Commission or the Human Rights Courts established as per Section 30 of the Human Rights Act 1993.

7.In the present case, there are no allegations of torture or serious force being used inside the 2nd respondent police station on the petitioner's son. The only allegation levelled by the petitioner is that a false case has been registered against the son of the petitioner, since the petitioner had made a complaint against the 3rd respondent police to the higher officials that the police have abused and threatened the petitioner and his family.



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8. In the absence of any specific allegation of custodial violence or torture, the relief sought by the petitioner cannot be granted. If still the petitioner is having any grievance, the same can be redressed during the trial. Accordingly this petition is dismissed.

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