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To,

The Director-General & Inspector General of Police
Karnataka State Police Headquarters
No. 2, Nrupathunga Road
Bangalore – 560001, Karnataka

dt. 19-07-2025

Subject: Non-Operational and Inadequate CCTV Surveillance in Police Stations – Urgent Need for Compliance with Supreme Court Guidelines

Respected Sir,

We are writing to bring to your attention a matter of serious concern regarding the non-operational and inadequate installation of CCTV cameras in police stations across Karnataka. As per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, it is mandatory that all police stations be equipped with functional CCTV cameras with audio recording facilities to ensure transparency and accountability, particularly in the treatment of individuals who visit or are summoned to police stations.

However, our organisation has received several complaints indicating that:

1. CCTV cameras have not been installed in all areas of police stations, especially in investigation rooms or spaces where witness statements are taken.
2. In many cases, the cameras installed are either non-functional or selectively placed, allowing for critical interactions to occur outside the surveillance zone.
3. There are increasing instances where individuals are called to police stations, allegedly in the name of enquiry or investigation, and are subjected to verbal abuse, threats, and coercion — despite no formal cases being registered against them.

This not only contravenes the spirit of the Supreme Court's directives but may also amount to contempt of court. The absence of effective CCTV monitoring renders it difficult for citizens to seek redressal or obtain evidence through RTI applications, as authorities often claim that footage is "not available."

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We urge your office to take immediate and necessary action, including:

- Conducting inspections across all police stations in Karnataka to assess the current status of CCTV installations.
- Ensuring that all rooms, chambers, and spaces within police stations are adequately covered by operational CCTV cameras with audio capabilities.
- Issuing clear instructions that all interactions, interrogations, and procedural matters must occur within areas under surveillance.

As an organisation committed to the protection and promotion of human rights, we emphasize that police stations — as custodians of law — must uphold the highest standards of accountability and conduct.

We hope that your office will treat this issue with the urgency it demands and take prompt steps to rectify the current situation.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

Legal Department

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1. The Office of the Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore-01
2. The Office of the Home Minister, Department of Home affairs, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore-01

