

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT JABALPUR

WP No. 12756 of 2016

(IN REFERENCE (SUO MOTO) (JUDICIAL OFFICERS OF THE STATE OF M.P.) Vs THE STATE OF MADHYA
PRADESH AND OTHERS)

Dated : 01-07-2026

Shri Brajesh Nath Mishra, Advocate for the petitioner.

*Ms. Janhvi Pandit, Additional Advocate General and Shri Abhijeet
Awasthy, Deputy Advocate General for the respondents-State.*

Shri Rohan Harne, Advocate for the intervener.

While hearing this writ petition, it has been brought to our notice by the learned counsel for the High Court as well as through media reports that one of the Judicial Officers at Narmadapuram has been subjected to constant threats by certain members of the society for passing an order against one of the stakeholders.

This is a serious matter.

In the morning, we had requested Advocate General to appear and assist us, but in the meanwhile, this matter has come. We have been informed that Advocate General is addressing Hon'ble Supreme Court through video conferencing.

Nonetheless, without waiting for the Advocate General, we request Smt. Janhvi Pandit, Addl. Advocate General to take notice and file personal affidavit of the Director General of Police and also that of the Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Home) as to what steps are being taken to book the miscreants, who have created an atmosphere of fear for our Judicial Officer at Narmadapuram.

We are of the opinion that such activities directly hampers the judicial independence and fearless working of our Judicial Officers.

Let affidavit of the concerned Director General of Police and the Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Home) be filed within three days.

In the meanwhile, as an interim measure, we direct that our Judicial Officer, namely, Smt. Tabassum Khan, Additional Judge, Seonimalva to the Court of First District and Additional Session Judge, Narmadapuram (M.P.) be extended protection by the Superintendent of Police Narmadapuram.

At this stage, it is informed that, that protection has been extended, but at the same time, Superintendent of Police, Narmadapuram, should also inform as to what steps have been taken to book the persons who have created an atmosphere of threats to the Judicial Officer.

Shri Abhijeet Awasthy, learned Deputy Advocate General, submits that FIR has been registered.

The Superintendent of Police will file affidavit that what action has been taken against the miscreants.

Let this matter be taken up on 09.07.2026, for further hearing.

In the meanwhile, Director General of Police and Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Home), shall file their affidavit, especially when we are of the opinion that any order passed by the Judicial Officer is subject to judicial scrutiny as per the forum provided for said scrutiny, be in the form of appeal or revision, but our judicial officer cannot be threatened merely because he or she choses to pass a particular order and that is not of

liking of the certain section of the society.

Issue notice on I.A.No.4702/2026, I.A.No.6957/2026 and I.A.No.22611/2025.

Necessary steps be taken for issuance of notice.

(VIVEK AGARWAL)
JUDGE

(AVANINDRA KUMAR SINGH)
JUDGE

A.Praj.