

2010 Interrogation of SPH and Media disinformation around it

CID unlawfully passes interrogation footage to media

The CID hatched a vicious plan to force a false confession from His Divine Holiness. They built a special interrogation room, recorded the whole footage and gave it to the media.

LEAKING CCTV FOOTAGE IS ILLEGAL

Leak of security camera footage was illegal. It was to aid unfair trial, it even compromised the security of police investigation unit - outright illegal. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Zahira Habibullah Sheikh & Anr vs State Of Gujarat has held that,

- “...fair trial obviously would mean a **trial before an impartial Judge, a fair prosecutor and atmosphere of judicial calm.**”
- “Fair trial means a trial in which **bias or prejudice for or against the accused**, the witnesses, or the cause which is being tried **is eliminated.**”

The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 contains and defines the procedure which has to be followed in criminal cases.

A special ‘interrogation room’ was built for torture

The CID officers hired MAASTEK, an agency to design a special interrogation room for interrogating His Divine Holiness. A vicious plan was already in place to force Him to confess a lie and send the interrogation footage to media – **and falsely claim that the interrogation footage was ‘leaked’.**

Shocking CID Work Order Exposes that the interrogation room was specially designed to leak the footage

The police built a special interrogation room suitable for the purpose of the torture, with heavy lights, yet be presentable to the world once it is aired by the media. In the work order issued by the CID to MAASTEK, it was categorically directed to design two rooms: an interrogation room and a viewing room. It was clearly told to customize the room for ‘special torture.’

interrogation room behind simple glass with darker top and bottom. Be careful of your lighting using this suggestion though, too much light passing into the viewing room from the interrogation room would give it obviously fake feel.

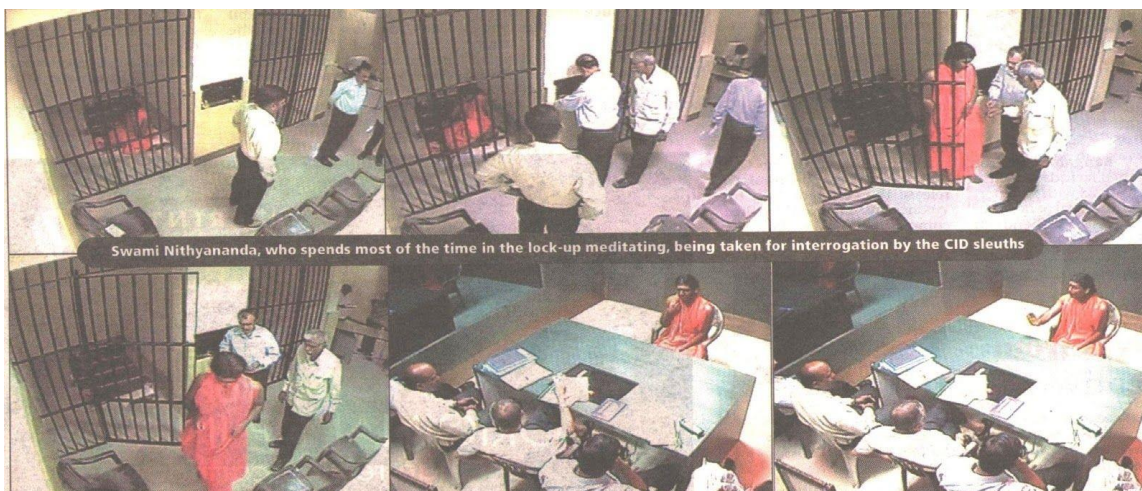
Also, remember that most interrogation rooms are small, and consist of nothing but a chair and maybe a table. Make the lighting real harsh, and make the room real drab, unless you're going for a freaky effect, like in The Matrix.

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Extract from CID's work order to MAASTEK for building a new interrogation cell

It was clearly instructed to have just one table, one chair and nothing else; to make the whole scene “look real drab”. The idea was to give it the look of a neat interrogation room interrogating a criminal, with no distractions to the viewer who watches the leaked footage, keeping his focus entirely on the subject (His Divine Holiness).

Watch the interrogation footage which was unlawfully given to media mafia : <https://youtu.be/Kxd-CQglb5M>



Visuals from the ‘leaked’ CID footage, which shows His Divine Holiness in the cell and in the interrogation room, which is a crude breach of right to fair trial.

The interrogation footage is broadcast on national television channels with false ‘confession’ headlines

His Divine Holiness was taken into a ‘staged’ room where police officers were seated on one side of a huge table and He was to sit on the other. Heading the investigation was DIG (Deputy Inspector General) CID, Charan Reddy, a chief player in the nexus against His Divine Holiness. Ofcourse, the plan to force a false confession failed.

Within a few hours, as criminally plotted, the interrogation footage was unlawfully released to the media which aired it on national television channels **with false voiceovers of ‘confession’!**

- Media colluded with CID and flashed the big lies showing it as a confession.
FACT: There was no audio, no confession was made by His Divine Holiness.
- The media made big lies - they claimed that His Divine Holiness was not cooperating in the interrogation giving false officers’ names and that He was answering very briefly with long pauses in-between!
FACT: The footage clearly showed that His Divine Holiness was talking animatedly and at long length. He completely cooperated with the interrogation.

The footage was first given to Udhaya Television (a channel of Sun Television Network). Within a few hours, several national media houses such as TV9, Time Now, etc., picked it up, flashing completely derogatory and false headlines. Sun TV network is a chief co-conspirator in the systematic efforts to assassinate His Divine Holiness.



Times Now TV channel shows FAKE NEWS as if they did an 'expose', running atrocious breaking news headlines - 'Sex Swami's Confession' - falsely qualifying that His Divine Holiness has already confessed! In truth, the interrogation tape has NO AUDIO and NO CONFESSION ever happened!

Long: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACIBV-l-A3w>

Short: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdwtlgPMfDE>

The Police lies that footage was stolen!

When Counsel to His Divine Holiness moved the court requesting for the original footage from the CID (State Police Criminal Investigation Department) to disprove media, the CID lied that the footage was stolen and leaked to media! Their lie was exposed by the scapegoat-technician who was tortured to profess guilty of stealing the footage, when in reality it was a planned act of the CID.

THE EVIDENCE OF CRUEL ACTS OF CRIMES BY THE CID (STATE POLICE) - CID TORTURES THE CCTV CAMERA INSTALLER INTO FALSE CONFESSION

Following is the expose on the CID crimes of what led to unlawfully giving out the interrogation video footage in the hands of media. **Excerpts from the official confession of Mr. Suresh, a hired consultant of the agency MAASTEK, who installed the CCTV camera in special interrogation room of CID office and asked to take out the footage clippings in an external drive.**

- We completed installation of CCTV system.....I was clearly told to handover the footage in a pen drive. I did according to his (Mr. Vinay, the manager) instructions.
- Mr. Charan Reddy (CID) and other inspectors told, 'Those who have taken the clippings, please clarify. I will take you to the DG (Director General); he will release you after taking an apology letter the same day afternoon.'
- I was told to confess guilty. 'Go and claim to be guilty, the rest I will manage.'
- Vijay, SP Mr. Chandrasekhar (Superintendent of Police) and Mr. Marishetty spoke to me and said, 'If you confess to the mistake, we will just put a small case and close the matter because you are in no way related to the Maastek company. They took my mobile and there was no means of communicate with either my family or lawyer.'
- **POLICE TORTURE IN A REMOTE AREA FOR FALSE CONFESSION:** Around 9 pm, SP Mr. Chandrasekhar called 2 constables and one inspector spoke to them. They took me to a lodge named RAJA GALAXY at around 11:30 pm. They told me to make an entry into the register in my own writing. They took me inside, removed my clothes, tied my mouth and legs and tortured me and told me to agree, threatening that if I don't, they know what to do. **They instructed me to tell that I had given the pen drive to Sinchana Media. I was unable to bear the torture and at around 1 am, I agreed to say according to their instructions.** They even threatened me, 'If you tell this to anybody, that you were in the lodge, you will face dire consequences.'
- **ARREST:** As per their instructions, when the Magistrate asked me, **I replied, 'They treated me very well.' They took me to Judicial custody and arrested me.**
- **Even after I am on bail, they are harassing me and torturing me,** calling me all the time and saying, 'If you do not agree, another case will be registered in your name.' They are harassing me and trying to take signature on statements as per their wish forcibly. DIG Mrs. Malini Krishnamoorthy and Mr. Kishore Chandra are abusing me and scaring me during interrogation.
- **CID HARASSMENT TO FAMILY:** They are sending constables to my house and simply torturing my parents, when I am not there. I am mentally depressed. I am thinking of committing suicide due to the agony which my parents are facing due because of the CID harassments.

To,

dated 10th June 2010

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Sir,

I was working as consultant for M/s.MAASTEK . On 22nd April 2010 Mr. Vijay called me to his office and told me to install CCTV system in COD office, I along with Mr.Venkatesh (Manager) and 2 technicians by name Srikanth and Sagar went to COD office to install CCTV system. We completed installation of CCTV system on 24th April 2010 by evening, in the course of time as there was a problem in video and audio clarity. I called Vijay he told me to copy the footage and send through Venkatesh in pen drive I did according to his instructions.

On 4th Morning Vijay called me to his office and told me that Nityananda interrogation clips has been leaked out please go and clarify. I along with Venkatesh went to COD office, there we met Mr.Charan Reddy and other inspectors. Mr. Charan Reddy told that those who have taken the clip please clarify. I will take you to DG, he will leave you by taking one apology letter. The same day afternoon Mr.Vijay came to COD office and after consulting with his staff he called me and said, if case is registerd in Maastek's name the amount which has to be given of about 8 to 10 lakhs, CCTV, systems and Recording equipment will be seized and until and unless the case gets solved. He even told to me that you go and approve the guilt, rest I will manage.

On 5th morning along with venkatesh, srikanth and sagar I went to COD office they made us to sit till 5pm, I got frightened and asked my lawyer to come to COD office and after lawyer came and spoke to Mr.Bheemaiah admin in charge he told that if there is need of him we will inform, and afterwards I left COD office.

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On 6th Morning they once again called me they told me to wait outside till 3pm and SP Mr.Chandrasekhar, Mr. Marishetty, Mr.Vinayak and others called me to SP Mr.Chandrasekhar's cabin and started interrogating me and before this Vijay, SP Mr.Chandrasekhar, Mr.Marishetty spoke to me and told that you approve the mistake because if Maastek company name comes in FIR the amount which has to be given will be held and we will just put one small case and close the matter because you are no way related to Maastek company. In the mean time Vijay ordered his brother by name Prabodh to bring 2lakhs cash which I do not know for what purpose, they took my mobile and there was no communication to communicate either with my family or lawyer.

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On 7th May 2010 morning I saw Mr.Vijay and SP Mr.Chandrasekhar sitting together and discussing the issue I was frightened and went and asked what is the issue they said nothing serious you just go and meet Vinayak he will look after everything.

I went and met Mr.Vinayak investigating officer who is in charge of this case and made me to sit till afternoon, they registered FIR on my name and took me to Sinchana Media office and told me that we will show you the system there, you just go and open where the video has been copied which I do not know. From there around 6:30pm along with Mr.Vinayak, Mr.Marishetty and one constable they took me to Magistrate house, they told me that if you tell that they took to lodge and hit you we will register another case and you will be in serious trouble, as per their instructions when Magistrate asked me I replied I said they treated me very well and then they took me to judicial custody and arrested me.

I was in judicial custody for one week and iam out of jail now on bail.

Even after case has been registered and iam on bail they are harassing me and torturing me calling me all the time and saying that if you do not agree another

The Police CID (Crime Investigation Department) created a special cell to subject the SPH to cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment. The Police issued a [work-order](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uiHPNuyZ9b-UXNZkTgXmEksYm-Ai9fW7/view)¹ to a company where the

¹ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uiHPNuyZ9b-UXNZkTgXmEksYm-Ai9fW7/view>

Police explicitly demanded the installation of “real harsh” “lighting” to give a “freaky”, “matrix” (movie) like effect. This room was created for the single purpose of “interrogating the SPH” and never later used again. The cell was fitted with special CCTV cameras, [the footage of which was given to the media which aired this video and published it on their websites](#)². The footage had no audio, as most CCTV cameras record only video. The channel on its own added its audio and subtitles. This entire media report was false and intensified the unfair trial against the SPH. The report marginalized the SPH both in India and abroad. Without any remorse, the channels maintain their stand and to date continue to host this video [on their websites](#). When the Counsel of the SPH raised the matter in the court, the police claimed in the court that the footage was obtained by the media by theft in the police office. The State Police never pursued any criminal proceedings against any media house. Instead, the police tortured their technician (Suresh) who installed the CCTV cameras as per the work order issued by them (Police) and forced Suresh to give a false confession that he stole the CCTV footage and gave it to the media illegally. Suresh could establish his innocence in court only by the end of July 2018. This is documented in the court order [C.C.No. 19496/2011](#). By this time, the entire episode of police leaking interrogation tapes to the media became redundant as investigations in the case of SPH had been concluded and submitted to the trial court and charges framed against the SPH (5 June 2018 in SC 86/2014 before the District and Sessions Court Ramanagara)³. These CCTV video records also captured the cruel, inhumane, and degrading torture done to the SPH by the Police. The disciples of the SPH were pressurized by police to make false statements as a “bargain” to stop the torture of the SPH. Two of the female sanyasinis (nuns) of the SPH are eyewitnesses and who saw the footage capturing torture. They were raped and victimized by the police to give false confessions. 6 May 2010, Suresh was taken to a lodge named Raja Galaxy by the police and tied to a chair. Suresh was beaten and tortured from 9 PM to 1 AM. [Suresh was forced to confess to crimes he never did. Suresh openly reported this to all available human rights forums of the country](#)⁴ but those who tortured him were never brought to book. The entire episode is rigorously and publicly [documented](#).

² m.timesofindia.com/videos/news/Swami%20Nithyananda's%20interrogation%20on%20tape/videoshow/5890450.cms

³ services.ecourts.gov.in/ecourtindia_v4_bilingual/cases/case_no.php?state=D&state_cd=3&dist_cd=28

⁴ Letter to Justice S R Nayak from Suresh M J dated 10th June 2010