

## CCTV AT POLICE STATIONS SHOULD HAVE AUDIO: HC

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The Delhi High Court has said that CCTV cameras installed at police stations across the State should also have audio recording facility in compliance with a 2020 Supreme Court directive, and asked why it had not been implemented at a local police station.

Justice Anu Malhotra on Friday observed that in view of the Supreme Court verdict in the *Paramvir Singh Saini vs Baljit Singh & Others*, the CCTV systems had to be equipped with night vision and “must necessarily consist of audio as well as video footage”.

Seeking an explanation on why the audio footage system had not been installed so far at the Nabi Karim Police Station, the court ordered that compliance in terms of the SC’s directions be placed on record without default by the State for the next hearing on July 27.

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