

‘Introduce Custodial Violence Act in TN’

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THE demand to introduce the ‘Tamil Nadu Custodial Violence Prevention Act’ to protect the public from custodial torture was placed at a meeting by the Joint Action Against Custodial Torture (JAACT) here on Saturday.

Pointing to a court order, the outfit called for installation of CCTV cameras in police stations to keep a check on custodial torture. The state police hardly minded the order and several of the stations that installed cameras do not have them functional, the members said.

Taking note of the alleged custodial torture by then ASP Balveer Singh, the members said they were refused access to CCTV footage at the police stations in question in Tirunelveli citing various reasons.

Human rights activist Henri Tiphagne said, “We demand the state to introduce an Act called ‘Tamil Nadu Custodial Violence Prevention Act’ which is dedicated towards protecting the public from custodial torture.”