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To H.E. the Governor Telangana State Hyderabad

Respected Madam,

Sub: Cases against MLAs and MPs - Delay in disposal of cases - Directions to Government of Telangana to take steps for speedy disposal of cases - Reg.

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Hon'able Supreme Court of India on 14-12-2017 has directed the state governments to establish Special Courts for trial of criminal cases relating to elected MLAs and MPs and further directed to dispose off the cases within one year. Accordingly Government of Telangana vide G.O. No. 6 dated 23-2-2018 accorded sanction of establishment of Special Court at Hyderabad. Again vide G.O. No. 15 dated 2-3-2018, Thirty (30) supporting staff was also sanctioned. After the issue of said Two G.O.s no fallow up action was taken. After repeated representations from Forum for Good Governance and after one and half year full time Judge was appointed. Till now, no permanent public prosecutor and supporting staff is posted, with the result the Special Court which was established about 2 ½ years back is non functional.

As per Supreme Court orders all the cases pending in various Courts against MLAs and MPs should be transferred, but that is not being followed. Government is withdrawing some cases which are not correct.

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There are more than 300 cases pending against MLAs and MPs, out of it only 118 cases are transferred to Special Court and balance cases are yet to be transferred. There is no police assistance and co-operation for prosecution of the cases. The judge of Special Court reported that the Police inspectors are not attending the court nor producing the witness.

Here it is not out of place to mention that there is too much interference by politicians in transfer of police personnel. In majority of the cases the Sub Inspector /Inspector at police station is working there at the pleasure of the local MLA/Minister. That being the case, it is but natural that the police will drag their feet and may not co-operate or take interest in successful prosecution of the case against a politician, more so if the accused belongs to ruling party. There is therefore a need for a special team. Forum for Good Governance has reason to believe that the prosecution of 300 cases if entrusted to local police, not even a single case end in conviction. The intensions and orders of Supreme Court will remain on paper itself.

Criminals entering into Assembly and Parliament are a serious issue. In the state of Telangana out of 17 MPs 10 have cases pending against them and out of 119 MLAs 67 MLAs have criminal cases pending against them and some of the cases are decade old and relate to heinous crimes. In the present Telangana cabinet 7 Hon'able Ministers including Chief Minister have cases against them.

In the circumstances explained, Forum for Good Governance requests H.E. the Governor to kindly order

- i) Immediate appointment of Government Pleader.
- ii) Immediate filling of posts of supporting staff by transfer from other departments like DGP office.
- iii) Creation of Special team to bring the witness and pursue the cases.
- iv) Regular monitoring of cases by DGP,

Yours Sincerely

M. Padmanabha Reddy

Secretary

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Encl: 1. G.O. Ms. No. 6, Law department, dated 28-02-2018

2. G.O. Ms. No. 15, Law department, dated 02-03-2018

3. List of MPs having cases

4. List of pending cases in Special Court