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Hyderabad
16th May, 2022

To
The Chief Secretary
Government of Telangana
Hyderabad

Sir,

Sub : GHMC – Property Tax – Nonpayment of property tax of Government buildings – Request to issue instructions to H.O.D.s to clear all pending property taxes – Reg.

Ref : GHMC letter No. 734/CT2/CTS/GHMC/2022, dated 13-5-2022

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Commissioner, GHMC informs that an amount of Rs.5258 crores property tax is due from State Government properties and an amount of Rs. 306 crores property tax is due from State Government undertakings. The amounts are pending from one year to 25 years. He further mentions that he is regularly pursuing the matter by issuing demand notices but the H.O.Ds of various departments are unmoved.

Here are some examples :

1. Medical department is due Rs. 1185 crores pending since 23 years.
2. Police department is due Rs. 420 crores since about 12 years
3. Prohibition and Excise department (which provides a revenue of Rs. 35 thousand crores annually) is due Rs. 895 crores since 21 years.
4. Education department is due Rs. 385 crores since 16 years.

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Here it is pointed out that main revenue to local bodies comes from taxes. Property tax levied by GHMC on the properties owned by citizens is regularly paid by them. In the month of April 2022 GHMC announced "Early bird" scheme providing 5% rebate on taxes paid in April. There was tremendous response from people, as against the target of Rs.600 crores close Rs. 750 crores is achieved. This speaks that as law abiding citizens they are paying taxes so that GHMC provides them the civic amenities. When it comes to payment of taxes on Government properties the Government is not paying the due taxes and setting a bad example.

State Government is virtually starving the GHMC, firstly by not paying due taxes and secondly by not releasing funds as recommended by State Finance Commission, resulting the GHMC not able to provide basic civic needs and has become a dummy organization.

Forum for Good Governance requests the Chief Secretary to Government to issue suitable instructions to H.O.Ds and others to clear all the pending taxes so that GHMC can provide the basic civic amenities especially in slum areas.

Yours Sincerely



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Secretary

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