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PRESS NOTE

To try cases pending against MLAs and MPs, Hon'able Supreme Court of India directed all state Governments to establish Special Courts. Accordingly Government of Telangana vide G.O. Ms. No. 6, dated 23-2-2018 established a Special Court and ordered to transfer the cases registered in districts pending against MLAs and MPs to Special Court.

As on 18-5-2022 a total of 395 cases are transferred to Special Court and all cases are disposed. Out of 395 cases in which judgment is delivered 380 cases are acquitted and in 4 cases imprisonment and in 10 cases fine is awarded. Conviction in 14 cases out of 395 (3.5%) is a poor reflection of the working of Police department. Further only in 4 cases imprisonment was awarded (1% of cases prosecuted). Even these 4 MLAs approached High Court and got stay orders. In every acquitted case the judge optioned that the prosecution failed to prove the guilt of the accused. When the Police are unable to pursue the case against MLAs and MPs than why book cases against them

Interestingly in acquitted cases so far no appeal to Higher Court was preferred. We have a reason to believe that the prosecution intentionally, to help the law makers allowed the case to be acquitted. For plum postings and post retirement benefits bureaucracy has shifted their loyalties from constitution to politicians.

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When the Supreme Court ordered constitution of Special Courts people had high expectation that the long arm of the law will reach the law makers and the guilty would be punished, thanks to Police department that did not happened. Peoples feel that there are two separate laws, one for haves and another for have not's. With the disposal of all pending cases, Telangana is the only state in the country where there are no cases pending against MLAs and MPs they are all gentlemen and puritans.

Yours Sincerely



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