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Hyderabad
21st July, 2022

To
Hon'able Chief Minister
Telangana State
Hyderabad

Respected Sir,

Sub : Telangana Panchayat Raj Act 2018 – G.P. Tribunals
not functioning – Request for appointment of
Chairperson and members to Tribunal – Reg.

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To improve the performance of Gram Panchayats Government of Telangana in the year 2018 have enacted Panchayat Raj Act. The Act provides vast powers to district Collectors. As per section 37 of the Act, Collectors can remove a Sarpanch in case the Sarpanch omitted or refused to carry out the orders of the Collector, abused his position, guilty of mis-conduct, guilty of embezzlement of Gram Panchayat funds etc. The Act also provides for appeal by the effected Sarpanch to the Gram Panchayat Tribunal by paying Rs.25,000/- fee. The Tribunal consists of three members, one Chairperson and two members to be appointed by Government. The Tribunal shall decide the case within a period of 3 months.

Under various programmes like Palle Pragati etc. the Sarpanchas are directed and pressurized to execute works without any budgetary support, if works are not done it is treated as refused to carry out the orders of the Collector and Sarpanch can be removed. In such cases the effected person can approach Gram Panchayat Tribunal for relief.

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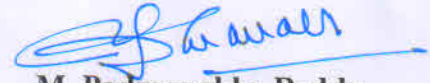
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Since last one year the post of Chairperson and members of the Tribunal are vacant. At present one office secretary with skeletal staff is functioning in Tribunal without carrying out any legal work

Number of cases is piling up in Tribunal and some suspended Sarpanchas are also approaching the Hon'able High Court knowing that the Tribunal is not functioning. In this way the very purpose of constituting Tribunal is defeated.

Forum for Good Governance requests the Hon'able Chief Minister to kindly take steps to appoint Chairperson and members of the Tribunal and also reduce the fee from Rs.25,000/- to 1,000/- (One thousand rupees).

Yours Sincerely



M. Padmanabha Reddy

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