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Hyderabad 5th August, 2022

To
The Chief Secretary
Government of Telangana
Hyderabad

Sir,

Sub: Police department – Low percentage of success in prosecution cases – Appointment of required P.P.O.s & A.P.P.Os – Request – Reg.

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In prosecution of criminal cases the success rate is hardly 10%. The cases are dragged for years and finally acquitted. This state of affairs is very disturbing and people are losing confidence in rule of law and justice.

Forum for Good Governance examined the reasons for low percentage of success in prosecution. One of the reasons for delay and acquittal is lack of sufficient prosecuting officers. In some cases one prosecuting officer is required to attend more than one court in different Taluquas and districts.

There are close to 400 sanctioned posts of prosecuting officers in the state of Telangana, out which only 219 persons (55%) are working and remaining 181 posts (45%) vacant. To fill the gap, some advocates are taken on tenure basis (out sourcing). The appointment on tenure basis is mostly political appointment. Advocates who are not otherwise active are taken on tenure basis for a period of 2 to 3

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years. They just come and spend their time. As there is no system in place to judge their performance they are not accountable and there is general feeling that in some cases they help the accused and see that he is acquitted. In contrast the regularly appointed prosecuting officers are Government employees and are accountable for their good / bad performance.

Forum for Good Governance requests the Chief Secretary to kindly take up filling of these 181 posts of prosecuting officers to improve the success rate of prosecution which goes a long way in improving the people's confidence in Police and Judiciary.

Yours Sincerely

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Secretary

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Encl: Letter received from Administrative Officer, O/o Director of Prosecution, Government of Telangana

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