

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD
THURSDAY, THE TWENTY SIXTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE RENUKA YARA
WRIT PETITION NO: 6940 OF 2026

Between:

Telangana Working Journalists Federation (TWJF), Rep. by its Founder and President Mamidi Somaiah, S/o. Ramaiah, aged 59 years, c/o. H.No.3-12-92, Flat No.506, Ace Ratna Pearl Apartment, Rock Town Colony, L.B.Nagar, Ranga Reddy District.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Telangana, rep. by its Principal Secretary, General Administration (I and PR) Department, Dr BR Ambedkar State Secretariat, Hyderabad - 500022.
2. The Special Commissioner, Information and Public Relations Department, Samachar Bhavan, Masab Tank, Hyderabad- 500028.
3. The Additional Director (FAC), Information and Public Relations Department, Samachar Bhavan, Masab Tank, Hyderabad- 500028.
4. The Chairman, Media Academy of Telangana cum State Media Accreditation Committee, 5-9-116, Chapel Road, Bagher Complex Fateh Maidan, Hyderabad - 500001.
5. The Additional Registrar of Trade Unions and Joint Commissioner of Labour, Telangana, Anjaiah Bhavan, RTC X-Roads, Hyderabad-500020.

Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the 1st respondent in issuing the G.O.Rt.No. 229 dt. 12-2-2026 wherein the status of the Petitioners Trade Union - Telangana Working Journalists Federation (TWJF) - in the Telangana State Media Accreditation Committee (SMAC) as "Pending", without assigning any reason as illegal, arbitrary, and violative of Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents to grant membership to the Petitioners Trade Union - Telangana Working Journalists Federation (TWJF) - in the Telangana State Media Accreditation Committee (SMAC), in terms of G.O.Ms.No.219 dated 04.11.2025 wherein the petitioner's Union is recognized, and to grant;

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondent No. 2 herein to consider and accept the proposals sent by the petitioner union on 20-2-2026 pursuant to the Letter No.6677/MR/2025-5 dt. 16-2-2026 issued by the 2nd respondent, pending disposal of WP 6940 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of SRI GOVIND MALOTHU Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION for the Respondent No.1, GP FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY for respondent Nos. 2 to 4 and GP FOR LABOUR for respondent No.5, the Court made the following.
ORDER

The learned G.P. for GAD takes notice for respondent No.1, learned G.P. for Information Technology takes notice for respondents 2 to 4 and learned G.P. for Labour takes notice for respondent No.5.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Government Pleaders appearing for respondent 2 to 4 & 5.

The respondent No.3 is directed to give reply to the letter dated 20.02.2026 addressed by the Telangana Working Journalists' Federation to the Special Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department about the developments that have been taken place till date.

List this matter on 16.04.2026 for counter of the respondents.

**Sd/- M.OSMAN ALI BAIG
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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To,

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(RR 1 to 5 by SPAD)
6. One CC to SRI. GOVIND MALOTHU Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION ,High Court at Hyderabad. [OUT]
8. Two CCs to GP FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ,High Court at Hyderabad. [OUT]
9. Two CCs to GP FOR LABOUR ,High Court at Hyderabad. [OUT]
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DATED:26/03/2026

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DIRECTION

