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To
The Chief Secretary
Government of Telangana
Hyderabad

Madam,

Sub : Payment of Income Tax by State Government in respect of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dy. Chief Minister, other Ministers and Corporation Chairpersons and advisors having cabinet rank – Request to stop this practice – Reg.

Ref : 1. A.P. payment of salaries and pensions and removal of disqualification Act 1953
2. G.O. Rt. No.917, GAD dated 25-3-2015
3. J.S. GAD letter No. 3493/GAD/Claims A/2024-1, dated 21-5-2024

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As per sub section (4) of sec. 3 of payment of salaries Act 1953, the Income Tax payable by Chief Minister, Dy. Chief Minister, other Ministers, Corporation Chairpersons and advisors having cabinet rank are paid by Government. This provision is against the Principal of equality before law. In this connection we have represented to the Chief Secretary to stop this unconstitutional practice but there was no response. Further we have requested GAD the details of Income Tax being paid from public funds, the reply given to us is "The information requested is related to personnel / Privacy information of the individual as such cannot be furnished" (ref. 3rd cited). Here it is pointed out that Tax payer's money is spent to pay Income Tax of Ministers, as such people have the right to know the information. It is unfortunate that the officer of J.S. rank is unaware of this simple fact.

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The GAD in Secretariat is resorting to wrong and erroneous calculations for payment of Income Tax. Many times, they are adding their private agriculture and business profits also and Government is paying Income Tax. As an example, I quote the grave irregularity committed in GAD.

GAD has issued orders (G.O. Rt. No. 917, dated 25-3-2015) for payment of Income Tax for the financial year 2014-15 in respect 8 individuals based on wrong calculation. The Income Tax paid for Hon'ble Chief Minister for the year 2014-15 is Rs. 15,39,111-00. Telangana State was formed in June 2014 and Chief Minister started working since June 2014. He drawn the salary for the month of June to February 2015 (total of 9 months).

As per amended Act of 2012 the Chief Minister is eligible for the following salary and allowances.

1. Salary	-	16,000 – 00
2. Special Allowance	-	8,000 – 00
3. Sumptuary Allowance	-	7,000 - 00
4. Security Car Allowance	-	25,000 – 00
5. Own Car Allowance	-	10,000 - 00
6. Fuel charges	-	15,000 - 00
7. Camp office Allowance	-	10,000 - 00
8. Constituency Allowance	-	83,000 – 00
Total	-	1,74,000 – 00

Except salary and special allowance all other items are paid to meet the expenditure supposed to be incurred as such do not attract I.T. Act. Therefore, the taxable income works out to Rs. 24,000 /month or Rs.2,88,000 / year as against this income GAD paid 15,39,111/- Income Tax of Chief Minister. Same is the case with other persons mentioned in G.O.

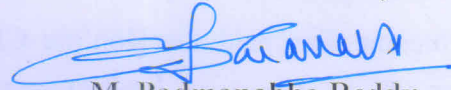
Forum for Good Governance requests the Chief Secretary to kindly order for enquiry for the lapses mentioned above. It is further requested to put a stop to this unconstitutional practice of paying Income Tax of Chief Minister and Ministers from Tax Payer's money. Today in India many states have stopped payment of Income Tax of Ministers from Government funds. Few states like Telangana are only paying Income Tax of Ministers from public funds.

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As the financial year incoming to close. I.T. paid by Government for Chief Minister and others may be put on Government website for the information of public.

Yours Sincerely



M. Padmanabha Reddy

President

Forum for Good Governance

Encl : Ref. 2nd and 3rd cited

Copy to

Prl. Secretary to Government, GAD, Government of Telangana

Prl. Secretary to Government, Finance department, Govt. of Telangana

End state-funded I-T for CM, mins: FGG

Hyderabad: The Forum for Good Governance questioned the state govt's practice of paying the income tax for the chief minister, deputy CM, ministers, and others holding cabinet rank. The forum has called this arrangement unconstitutional and requested its immediate termination.

The FGG wrote a letter to the chief secretary, highlighting that the income tax of ministers and top officials should not be funded by the state exchequer. TNN

ప్రభుత్వమే ఐటీ చెల్లించడం రాజ్యాంగ విరుద్ధం

- సీఎం, మంత్రులు, ఇతరుల
పన్ను చెల్లించే పద్ధతిని నిలిపివేయాలి
- సీఎస్ కు ఫోరం ఫర్ గుడ్
గవర్నెన్స్ ఫిర్యాదు

దిశ, తెలంగాణ బ్యూరో:

సీఎం, మంత్రులు, కేబినెట్ హోదా ఉన్న వారి పన్నును ప్రభుత్వమే చెల్లించడం రాష్ట్ర స్థాయి ప్రజాప్రతినిధులు జీతభత్యాల చట్టం - 1953 సెక్షన్ (3) ప్రకారం రాజ్యాంగ విరుద్ధమని ఫోరం ఫర్ గుడ్ గవర్నెన్స్ అధ్యక్షులు ఎం. పద్మనాభరెడ్డి అన్నారు. ఈ మేరకు సీఎస్ కు ఫిర్యాదు చేసినట్లు పేర్కొన్నారు. సోమవారం ఒక పత్రికా ప్రకటన విడుదల చేశారు. ప్రభుత్వం తరపున ఎవరికి ఎంత ఆదాయపు పన్ను చెల్లిస్తున్నారని జనరల్ అడ్మినిస్ట్రేటివ్ విభాగ కార్యదర్శిని అడిగినా.. వ్యక్తిగత సమాచారమంటూ ఇవ్వడానికి నిరాకరిస్తున్నారని పేర్కొన్నారు. ప్రభుత్వ నిధులను ఖర్చు చేస్తున్నందునా ఈ విషయం తెలుసుకునే అధికారం ప్రతి పౌరుడికి ఉందన్నారు. సెక్రటేరియట్ లో ఐటీ చెల్లింపు లెక్కలు తప్పుల తడకగా ఉన్నాయని ఆరోపించారు. ఈ విషయంపై విచారణ జరిపించి తప్పులు జరగకుండా చూడాల్సిన అవసరముందని తెలిపారు. చాలా రాష్ట్రాల్లో చట్టాన్ని సవరించి సీఎం, మంత్రులు తమ ఆదాయపు పన్ను వారే చెల్లిస్తున్నారని పేర్కొన్నారు. రాష్ట్రంలో ఎవరి పేరిట ఎంత పన్ను ప్రభుత్వం చెల్లించిందో ప్రభుత్వ వెబ్ సైట్ లో అందుబాటులో ఉంచాలని సీఎస్ ను కోరారు.

