



# TELANGANA PRADESH CONGRESS COMMITTEE

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To,  
The Hon'ble Chief Minister,  
Govt. of Telangana,  
6th Floor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar  
Telangana Secretariat  
Hyderabad – 500022.



**Subject: Urgent Request for Equitable Media Accreditation for Urdu  
Journalists Following High Court Judgment.**

**Respected Chief Minister Shri A. Revanth Reddy Ji,**

Firstly, I extend my heartfelt congratulations on our party's resounding victory in the state assembly elections, ending the decade-long rule of the BRS party. Additionally, securing 8 parliamentary seats in the state is a testament to your exemplary leadership as TPCC President. As a devoted Congress member for the past four decades, it fills me with immense pride to witness these achievements under your able guidance.

I write to you today to bring to your attention a matter of significant concern regarding the recent judgment by the Telangana High Court Chief Justice Alok Aradhe on media accreditation for journalists based on language.

As you are aware, the High Court, in its recent ruling, declared the language-based criteria for media accreditation arbitrary and a violation of Article 14 of the Constitution of India. This decision was in response to a petition by the Telangana Urdu Working Journalists Union, which highlighted the unjust treatment of Urdu language journalists under the existing policy framework.

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The High Court rightly emphasized the need for fair, rational, and reasonable criteria in granting accreditation to journalists, suggesting factors such as circulation numbers or the number of pages in a publication as more appropriate benchmarks. This judgment underscores the principle of equality and non-discrimination based on language, ensuring that all journalists, regardless of the language of their publication, are treated equitably under welfare schemes like accreditation.

In light of this judgment, I respectfully urge you to take immediate steps to ensure that Urdu language journalists in our state are accorded the same rights and opportunities as their counterparts in other languages. It is crucial that the state government revises its guidelines for media accreditation within the stipulated timeframe, as directed by the High Court, to comply with rational and reasonable standards.

I am confident that your leadership will uphold the principles of justice and equality, ensuring that Urdu journalists are not disadvantaged due to their language of publication. Your swift action in this matter will not only uphold spirit of Constitution but also foster a more inclusive and fair environment for journalism in our state.

Thank you for considering this appeal. I look forward to a positive response from your office and remain hopeful for a just resolution in support of Urdu journalists.

Yours sincerely,

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