

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

General Administration (I&PR) Department – Delegation of powers to Secretaries of respective Departments to lodge complaints and to file appropriate legal cases through Public Prosecutor against false, baseless and defamatory news items published/Telecast/posted in Print/ Electronic/ Social Media– Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (I&PR) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 2430

Dated: 30-10-2019.

Read :-

G.O.Rt No.938, General Administration (Poll.D)) Department, dated.20.02.2007.

ORDER:-

In the reference 1st cited, Orders were issued to accord permission to the Special Commissioner, Information and Public Relations to lodge complaint and file defamation cases through the Special Public Prosecutor against the Publishers and Editors and to initiate legal action.

2. Instances have come to the notice of the Government that certain print, electronic and social media are deliberately trying to tarnish the image of Government and Government officials by spreading false, baseless and defamatory news with malafide interest. In order to see that true and correct information reaches to people, Government vide G.O.Rt.No.938 GA (Poll.D) Dett., dt.20-02-2007 has empowered Special Commissioner, I&PR to file cases under appropriate sections of the law.

3. However, it is felt that Departmental Secretaries with thorough knowledge of the affairs of their respective Departments and also having powers and wherewithal to order enquiries to establish the veracity of news reports / posts on print, electronic and social media are better placed to issue rejoinders, file complaints and lodge appropriate cases, if need be, through public prosecutor after following due process of law.

4. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby accord permission to delegate powers to the Secretaries of respective Departments to issue rejoinders,, file complaints and lodge appropriate cases, if need be, through public prosecutor against defamatory news items published /Telecast/Posted in Print/ Electronic/Social Media pertaining to their respective Departments after following due process of law.

5. All Spl.CSs/Prl.Secys./Secretaries in the Departments of Andhra Pradesh Secretariat shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To

The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, AP, Vijayawada.

All Spl.Chief Secys/Prl.Secys./Secys in A.P.Secretariat.

The Pay & Accounts Office, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Prl. Accountant General, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Chief Minister,

The P.S to Hon'ble Minister (I&PR)

The P.S to Chief Secretary to Government.

The P.S. to E.O. Spl. Secretary to Government. (I&PR).

The GA(Cabinet) Deptt,

The Finance (FMU-GAD.II) Deptt

SC/SF

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

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