

**HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

**MONDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY TWO**

PRESENT

**THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA
AND**

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE ABHINAND KUMAR SHAVILI

WRIT PETITION (PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION) NO: 259 OF 2020

Between:

C.V. Srinath, S/o C.V. Manmohan Rao, Aged 36 years, Occ. Advocate, Office at 403 and 404, Legend Commercial Complex, Above Keshav Medical Hall, Barkatpura, Hyderabad-27.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Telangana, represented by its Chief Secretary, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The State of Telangana, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, Secretariat Buildings, Hyderabad.

...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 a appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the G.O. Rt. No. 525 (Municipal Administration and Urban Development (GHMC.II) Department, dated 19.10.2020 only with regard to mode of payment of monetary relief in form of cash of Rs.10,000/- (rupees Ten Thousand) instead of bank transfer as being illegal, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently to set-aside the same by directing the respondent to provide the relief through banking mode to have accountability and transparency of public money.

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct respondents to provide the relief of Rs. 10,000/- by way of bank deposit or online transfer to the affected families instead of cash payment to have accountability and transparency apart from preventing misuse or misappropriation of public money in the interest of justice, pending before of the above writ petition.

Counsel for the Petitioner : Ms. M.V. ARCHITA FOR M/s. P. SHASHI KIRAN

**Counsel for the Respondents : G.P FOR MUNICIPAL ADMN AND URBAN DEV /
THE ADVOCATE GENERAL**

The Court made the following ORDER

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA

AND

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE ABHINAND KUMAR SHAVILI

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ORDER: *(Per the Hon'ble the Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma)*

Ms. M.V. Archita, learned counsel, has argued before this Court that the State Government has framed a scheme for grant of Rs.10,000/- to all those persons, who were affected by the floods, and to that effect a Government order was issued i.e., G.O.Rt.No.525, Municipal Administration and Urban Development (GHMC.II) Department, dated 19.10.2020. Her contention is that as per the aforesaid Government order, an amount of Rs.10,000/- has to be paid to all the persons and in the present public interest litigation a prayer has been made to pay the amount through banking transfer instead of paying cash to the residents of Telangana.

At this juncture, learned Government Advocate has stated before this Court that pursuant to issuance of G.O.Rt.No.525, dated 19.10.2020, the amount has already been distributed to all beneficiaries.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner was fair enough in stating before this Court that as the amount has

already been distributed pursuant to the aforesaid Government order, nothing survives in the present public interest litigation.

Accordingly, the public interest litigation is disposed of. However, it is made clear that the ground advanced by Ms. M.V.Archita is a genuine ground, as she is having an apprehension that in most of such schemes of the Government the actual beneficiary does not get the full amount in case it is given in cash and therefore from henceforth in respect of all other schemes whether it is on account of flood, heavy rains or any other calamity, the amount should be transferred through banking transaction only to the beneficiaries in the State of Telangana in order to ensure transparency in disbursement of the amount.

Miscellaneous applications pending, if any, shall stand closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

SD/-K.SAILESHI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To

1. The Chief Secretary, Secretariat, State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, Secretariat Buildings, State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. Two CC to the Advocate General, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad. (OUT)
4. Two CC to the G.P FOR MUNICIPAL ADMN AND URBAN DEV, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad. (OUT)
5. One CC to SRI.P.SHASHI KIRAN, Advocate [OPUC]
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HIGH COURT

DATED:07/03/2022



ORDER

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DISPOSING OF THE W.P(PIL)
WITHOUT COSTS.

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