

National Human Rights Commission

Diary No	19/IN/2025	Case / File No	248/36/0/2025
Victim Name	GENERAL PUBLIC	Registration Date	04/04/2025

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3	Additional Information Called for	To:- THE CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA BURGULA RAMA KRISHNA RAO BHAVAN. 9TH FLOOR, ADARSH NAGAR TELANGANA TELANGANA 500063 Email- cs@telangana.gov.in	09/10/2025
2	Reminder	To:- THE CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA BURGULA RAMA KRISHNA RAO BHAVAN. 9TH FLOOR, ADARSH NAGAR TELANGANA TELANGANA 500063 Email- cs@telangana.gov.in	01/08/2025
1	Action Taken Report Called for	To:- THE CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA BURGULA RAMA KRISHNA RAO BHAVAN. 9TH FLOOR, ADARSH NAGAR TELANGANA TELANGANA 500063 Email- cs@telangana.gov.in	20/06/2025

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Action : Additional Information Called for(Action No 3)

Action Date	09/10/2025
Authority	To:- THE CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA BURGULA RAMA KRISHNA RAO BHAVAN. 9TH FLOOR, ADARSH NAGAR TELANGANA TELANGANA 500063

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Proceeding

1. The Commission received a complaint on 01.01.2025 about environmental pollution in Telangana. The complainant alleges that fluoride contamination in Telangana's groundwater has reached alarming levels, as highlighted by the Annual Ground Water Quality Report, 2024 and a news report from The New Indian Express , posing severe health risks. Despite government acknowledgment, effective measures to mitigate the crisis remain inadequate. Complainant seeks intervention by the Commission.
2. Vide proceeding dated 20.06.2025 the Commission took cognizance in the matter and directed as under:
“Let a copy of the complaint be transmitted to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Telangana, through online mode, to ensure the needful action and submit the action taken report duly translated in English to the Commission within four weeks.”
3. The Commission has considered the material placed on record. The complainant submitted that Groundwater in Telangana is found to contain excess fluoride levels, posing serious health risks, particularly skeletal and dental fluorosis among residents. The Annual Ground Water Quality Report, 2024, also documented the issue, indicating that several districts in Telangana show fluoride levels beyond permissible limits prescribed by BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards) and WHO. It is further submitted that the Govt. of Telangana’s acknowledged the problem; however, no efforts has been taken to address the issue. Adequate mitigation measures such as installation of defluoridation plants, provision of alternative safe drinking water sources, and health interventions remain insufficient.
4. It is further observed by the Commission that the present complaint raises the issues of protection of the affected population’s right to health and safe drinking water, which are integral components of the Right to Life guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution. The fluoride contamination in groundwater is a serious risk to people’s health and the environmental safety. The urgent and effective intervention by the concerned authorities is necessitated to ensure the availability of safe drinking water and the prevention of further contamination.
5. However, there has been no response from the office of the **Chief Secretary, Govt. of Telangana**, despite direction dated 20.06.2025 followed by a reminder dated 01.08.2025. The Commission warns that this continued inaction and failure to submit the required action taken report within the stipulated time may be viewed seriously, and the Chief Secretary shall be held responsible for non-compliance. A final opportunity is therefore granted to submit the Action Taken Report within four weeks, failing which the Commission may proceed to take appropriate action under the provisions of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

Complaint

Diary No	19/IN/2025	Section	M-5
Language	ENGLISH	Mode	HRCNET/ONLINE

Received Date	01/01/2025	Complaint Date	01/01/2025
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Victim

Victim Name	GENERAL PUBLIC	Gender	Both
Religion	Unknown	Cast	Unknown
Address	TELANGANA		
District	TELANGANA	State	TELANGANA

Complainant

Name	YENNAM BALACHANDER REDDY		
Address	DOOR NO167/Q55, SRIRAM NAGAR COLONY IDA JEEDIMETLA HYDERABAD		
District	HYDERABAD	State	TELANGANA (500055)

Incident

Incident Place	TELANGANA	Incident Date	NA
Incident Category	ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION		
Incident District	TELANGANA	Incident State	TELANGANA
Incident Details			