

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

THURSDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

:PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE SRI RAGHVENDRA SINGH CHAUHAN
AND
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B.VIJAYSEN REDDY**

WP(PIL) NOS: 56, 59, 61, 78, 82, 91, 92, 96 &111 OF 2020

WP(PIL). No. 56 of 2020

Between:

Mr. R. Sameer Ahmed, Advocate, 1st Floor, 10-3-311/2/A/3/A, Castle Hills Road No.1, Behind NMDC, Masab Tank, Hyderabad 500 057

...Petitioner

AND

1. State of Telangana, Rep. by its Chief Secretary, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. State of Telangana, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Medical and Health Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
3. State of Telangana, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
4. The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad.
5. State of Telangana, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Home Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad
6. The Director General of Police, State of Telangana, Lakdikapool, Hyderabad.
7. The Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Commissionerate at Hyderabad.
8. The Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad city, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad.
9. State of Telangana, Represented by its Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.

...Respondents

In compliance with the directions of My Lord the Hon'ble Chief Justice on the office note dated 29.03.2020 filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Letter dated 27.03.2020 sent by the petitioner herein through email, the High Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Orders more particularly, one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus to call for remarks from the Respondents herein relating to and in connection with "protecting the lives of the Doctors and their assisting staff in putting their life at risk by not providing complete Personal Protection Equipment i.e., N-95 Respirator Mask, Face shield, goggles, Corvell/ Gowns, Shoe covers, Head covers etc., while testing reasonable suspects and patients of Epidemic/Pandemic COVID-19", since the Government of Telangana has directed the Medical Practitioners/ Civil Assistant Surgeons serving in all Primary Health Centres (including Urban Primary Health Centres) to physically visit the residence of each suspect, examine and conduct counseling to reasonable suspects and the vulnerable family members having the recent history of traveling from abroad and that the said Officers are directed to continue the same activity on daily basis till the completion of 14 days of incubation period, as the State is duty bound to protect the lives of the Doctors and their assisting staff who are putting their life at risk without being provided complete Personal Protection Equipment i.e., N-95 Respirator Mask, Face shield, goggles, Corvell/Gowns, Shoe covers, Head covers etc., which amounts to sheer infringement of their Right to life enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India

This petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Letter dated 27.03.2020 sent by the petitioner herein through email and upon hearing the arguments of Advocate General on behalf of Respondent Nos. 1 to 5 and 6 to 9 and of Sri N. Ashok Kumar, Standing Counsel for Respondent No. 4,