

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA :: AT HYDERABAD

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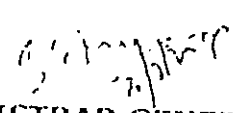
Subj: High Court for the State of Telangana - Service of summons on diplomatic personnel - Procedure to be followed under Order V Rule 26A of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908- Communications be channeled through the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) - Instructions issued - Reg.

Ref:- email letter dt. 12.06.2026 received from U.S. Consulate General

It has been brought to the notice of the High Court that, in certain cases, proper procedure is not being followed for serving of judicial summons upon diplomatic personnel requiring their appearance before the Courts to provide testimony. It is also noticed that, the summons were attempted to be served through law enforcement officials instead of through proper channel.

In view of the above contents, all Presiding Officers are hereby instructed to strictly adhere to the procedure prescribed under **Order V Rule 26-A of Code of Civil Procedure, 1908**, in all cases involving the service of summons upon diplomatic personnel.

The above instructions shall be followed scrupulously, and any deviation in this regard will be viewed seriously. The receipt of the circular be acknowledged.


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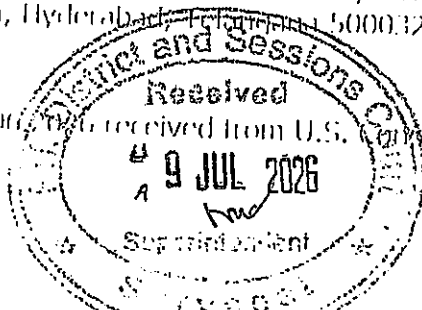
To

1. All the Presiding Officers, High Court for the State of Telangana.
2. All the Unit Heads in the State (with a request to communicate the same to Judicial Officers under their control).
3. The Director, Telangana State Judicial Academy, Secunderabad.
4. The U.S. Consulate General, Survey No. 115/1, Financial District, Banatraniguda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500032.

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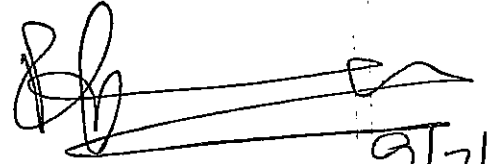


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PRL. DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE
SURYAPET

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To
All the Judicial Officers of Suryapet Unit.

Request for guidance on procedure for service of
summons upon diplomatic personnel

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Sri S. Goverdhan Reddy
Registrar General,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
India

12 June 2026

Subject: Request for guidance on procedure for service of summons upon diplomatic
personnel

Dear Goverdhan Reddy Garu:

14/7/26
The U.S. Consulate General extends its sincere appreciation to the High Court for the State of
Telangana for their continued cooperation and willingness to assist in this matter.

We write to bring to the Court's attention a procedural concern regarding the service of judicial
summons upon diplomatic personnel of this mission. It is our understanding that an attempt
was made to serve court summons upon members of our diplomatic staff requiring their
appearance before the Court to provide testimony; however, said summons were not served.
The summons were attempted to be served through law enforcement officials.

In accordance with established diplomatic practice, the U.S. Mission kindly requests that such
communications be channeled through the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). We therefore
humbly request that the High Court consider intervening to provide guidance to the relevant
authorities on the proper procedure for serving summons upon diplomatic personnel, and that
any future correspondence of this nature addressed to members of this mission be routed
directly through the Ministry of External Affairs.

This request is made solely to ensure that due process is observed in a manner consistent with
both the Court's authority and the recognized norms of diplomatic protocol.

We remain at the Court's disposal should any further clarification or supporting documentation
be required, and we look forward to receiving the Court's guidance on this matter.

With assurances of our highest esteem and regards,

Sincerely,

U.S. Consulate General,
Hyderabad

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Court letter to MEA.pdf
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MEA letter to the Embassy.pdf
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