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EMPOWERING ALL THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS OF POLICE OR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE IN THE STATE OF TELANGANA, DURING THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXERCISE POWERS UNDER SECTION 162 OF THE BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023 (CENTRAL ACT No. 46 OF 2023).

[G.O.Ms.No.91, Law (L&LA&J-Home-Courts-B), 1st November, 2025.]

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 162 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023) and in addition to all existing notifications, orders or instruments issued in this behalf, the Government of Telangana hereby also empowers all the Deputy Commissioners of Police or the Superintendents of Police in the State of Telangana, during their term of Office to exercise the powers under section 162 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023).

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THE BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023 (CENTRAL ACT No. 46 OF 2023) - THE CONSTITUTION OF DEDICATED MERCY PETITION CELL (MPC).

[G.O.Ms.No.75, Law (LA, LA&J-Home-Courts-B), 6th October, 2025.]

In compliance of the directions passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its Judgment dated 9th December, 2024 in Criminal Appeal No. 2831 of 2023, in ***State of Maharashtra and others*** vs. ***Pradeep Yashwant Kokade and another*** with Criminal Appeal No. 2832 of 2023, the State Government is pleased to issue this notification to process the mercy petitions in the State of Telangana.

1. Constitution of Dedicated Mercy Petition Cell (MPC):

(a) A dedicated cell with the following members shall be constituted by the State Government to deal with the mercy petitions.

S.No.	Designation	Department	Designation
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Principal / Additional Secretary	Home Department	Chairperson
2.	Deputy Inspector General of Police, State Central Prison	State Central Prison	Member
3.	Joint Secretary	Home Department	Member
4.	Secretary	Law	Member
5.	Superintendent of Prison / Additional Superintendent of Prison	State Central Prison	Officer-in-charge

(b) The dedicated cell shall be responsible for the prompt processing of the mercy petitions.

(c) The officer-in-charge of the dedicated cell shall receive and issue communication on behalf of the dedicated cell.

(d) All the prisons shall be informed about the designation of the officer-in-charge of the dedicated cell and his address and email ID.

2. Communication Protocol :

a. All District Prisons & Correctional Homes in the State of Telangana shall be notified of the contact details of the Officer-in-charge of MPC.

b. Correspondence shall be via email unless confidentiality necessitates physical communication

3. The terms and reference of the dedicated cell are as under:-

(a). As soon as the Superintendent of Prison receives the mercy petitions, he/she shall immediately / within 24 hours forward the copies thereof to the dedicated cell and call for the following details or information from the Officer-in-charge of the concerned Police Station and/or the concerned investigation agency, namely:-

i. The criminal antecedents of the convict;
ii. Information about family members of the convict;
iii. Economic condition of the convict and his/her family;
iv. The date of arrest of the convict and the period of incarceration as an under trial; and,
v. The date of filing charge sheet and a copy of the committal order, if any.

(b) On receipt of the request made by the jail authorities, the officer-in-charge of the concerned police station shall be under an obligation to furnish the said information to the jail authorities immediately / within 7 days.

c. On receipt of the aforesaid information, the jail authorities shall forward without any delay/ within 24 hours the following documents to the Officer-in-charge of the dedicated cell and the Secretary of the Home Department, namely:-

i. Information furnished as aforesaid by the concerned Police Station with its English translation;
ii. Copy of the First Information Report with its English translation;
iii. Details, such as date of arrest of the convict, date of filing of charge sheet and actual period of incarceration undergone by the convicts;
iv. A copy of the committal order, if any, passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate;
v. A copy of charge-sheet with its English translation;
vi. Report about the conduct of the convict in prison;
vii. Copies of the notes of evidence, all exhibited documents in the trial and copies of statements of convict under section 351 of the Sanhita with its English translation;
viii. Copies of the judgment of the Sessions Court (with its English translation, if it is in vernacular language), High Court and the Supreme Court of India.

d. Immediately upon receipt by the Mercy Petition Cell (MPC), copies of the mercy petition along with the complete dossier of supporting documents shall be forwarded immediately / within 7 days to the appropriate Secretariat namely :

i. The Secretariat of the Hon'ble Governor for the State for matters invoking article 161 of the Constitution of India;

Or

ii. The Secretariat of the Hon'ble President of India for matters invoking article 72 of the Constitution of India.

e. All correspondences as far as possible, shall be made by email to the official e-mail ID unless confidentiality is involved, in which case correspondence may be in the physical mode.

f. All concerned personnel and Departments are to ensure strict compliance of these directives as mandated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India

This notification shall come into force with immediate effect.

B. PAPI REDDY,
Secretary to Government
Legal Affairs, Legislative Affairs & Justice.

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THE BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023 (CENTRAL ACT No. 46 OF 2023 - THE FORENSIC EXPERT VISIT TO THE CRIME SCENE.

[G.O.Ms.No. 80, Home (Courts.B), 9th October, 2025.]

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 176 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023), the Government of Telangana hereby declares that with effect from....., the officer in-charge of a police station shall, on receipt of every information relating to the commission of an offence, which is made punishable for seven years or more, cause the forensic expert to visit the crime scene to collect forensic evidence in the offence and also cause videography of the process on mobile phone or any other electronic device.

Registrar General
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THE COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION - SUBMISSION OF FINAL REPORT OF THE CASE BY THE POLICE OFFICER- POLICE REPORT IN ANNEXURE - A (CHARGE SHEET).

[G.O.Ms.No. 81, Home (Courts.B), 9th October, 2025.]

In exercise of the powers conferred under clauses (i) and (iii) of sub-section (3) and sub-section (9) of section 193 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023), Government of Telangana hereby makes the rules regarding Completion of Investigation:-

RULES

1. Upon completion of investigation the Police Officer shall submit a Police Report in the Form as prescribed in Annexure A as appended.

2. The Police Officer shall communicate to the informant who gave the information the action taken by the Police Officer concerned, by way of notice / telephone call / e-mail / or any other electronic mode in the Form as prescribed in Annexure B as appended.

3. In case, any Police Officer does further investigation in the case after submission of Police Report, he shall forward to the Magistrate a further report regarding such evidence in the Form as prescribed in Annexure A as appended.

Annexure-A

FINALFORM/REPORT

(U/s 193 BNSS)

INTHECOURTOF.....

1. P.S.....Year.....FIR No.....Date.....
2. Final Report/Charge Sheet No.....
3. Date.....
4. Acts and Sections .....
5. Type of Final Form/Report: Charge Sheet/Not charge sheeted for want of evidence/FR True, Un-detected/FR True, Un-traced / FR True, offence abated/ FR Un-occurred . (tick'✓'applicable portion).
6. If FR Un occurred: False/Mistake of Fact/Mistake of law/Non cognizable/Civil in nature. (tick ' ✓' applicable portion).
7. If Charge sheet: Original/Supplementary. (tick ' ✓' applicable portion).
8. Name of I.O.....Rank.....No.....
   .....
   (at the time of charge sheet)
9. Name of complainant/informant.....

   Father's/Husband's name.....

   Address .....

   Mobile No.....
10. Details of Properties/Articles/Documents recovered/seized during investigation and relied upon(separate list can be attached, if necessary).

Sl. No.	Property description	Estimated value (Rs.)	P.S. Property Register No.	From whom/where recovered or seized	Disposal
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

11. Sequence of custody of Electronic evidence

Description and Details of electronic	Date of transaction	Hand over by (Name and Rank)	Received by (Name and Rank)	Purpose of Handover	Reference number – 63 certificate / FSL acknowledgment
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

12. Particulars of accused persons charge-sheeted: (Use separate sheet for each accused)

    Sl. No. .....
    a. Name.....
    b. Father's/Husband's name.....
    c. Date of birth.....
    d. Sex .....

e. Nationality .....
f. Aadhar no .....
g. Pan No .....
h. Mobile No .....
i. Email ID .....
j. Passport no ..... date of Issue ..... place of issue .....
k. Religion .....
l. Whether SC/ST/OBC / OC .....
m. Occupation .....
n. Address
Present address .....
Permanent Address .....
o. Date of Arrest .....
p. Date o f release on bail .....
q. Date on which forwarded to court .....
r. Previous convictions with case reference .....

S.No.	FIR No.	State	District	Police Station	Description of case	Details of Conviction
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

s. Status of accused forwarded / bailed by police / bailed by court / absconding / proclaimed offender / bound over/ bound down.
t. Details of Sureties
Name .....
Father's / Husband's Name .....
Occupation .....
Mobile No .....
Address
Present Address.....

13. Particulars of accused persons-not charge sheeted (suspect)@Use separate sheet for each suspect)
Sl. No.....
a. Name.....
b. Father's/Husband's name.....
c. Date of birth.....
d. Sex .....
e. Nationality .....
f. Aadhar no .....
g. Pan No .....
h. Mobile No .....
i. Email ID .....
j. Passport no ..... date of Issue ..... place of issue .....
k. Religion .....
l. Whether SC/ST/OBC / OC .....
m. Occupation .....
n. Address
Present address .....
Permanent Address .....
o. Suspicion approved (Yes / No)
p. Status of Accused / Suspect bail
Bailed by police / bailed by court / judicial custody / Not arrested
q. Any special remarks including reason for not charge sheeting .....

14. Particular of the witnesses to be examined :

Details of the witness	Type of witness
(1)	(2)

15. Particular of documents including electronic and digital records cited/ relied upon (attach separate sheets if required)

S. No.	Details of the document	Number of Pages	Paging	By whom the document will be proved during trial, serial number of witness
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

16. If FIR False, indicate the action taken or proposed to be taken u/s 217/284 BNS
17. Result of laboratory Analysis .....
18. Whether the informant/victim/next of kin have been informed about the progress of the investigation within 90 days? (as per section section193(3)(i) BNSS) (Yes/No)
19. Whether the informant/victim/next of kin have been informed about the final status of the case under investigation? { as per section 193(3)(iii) BNSS} (Yes/No)
20. Total Number of copies, enclosed documents, which have to be provided to an accused and victim (if represented by an Advocate) (as per section 230 & 193(8) BNSS). (Copies, if e-challan attached)
21. Has mandatory permission of the trial court been obtained to conduct further investigation (as per proviso of section 193(9) BNSS) and such investigation has been completed with a period of ninety days? (Yes/No)
22. Brief facts of the Case ..... (Add Separate Sheet if necessary) and details of investigation and result of investigation

Signature of IO submitting Police Report
Name ------
Rank ---------

Annexure I

MEMO of Witnesses

Police Station ..... Unit ..... Cr. No. ..... U/s .....

S.No	Details of the Witness	Nature of Witness
LW 1		Complaint / victim
LW 2		Eye witness

Signature of IO submitting Police Report
Name ------
Rank ---------

Annexure II

MEMO of Material/Documentary Evidence / Exhibits

S. No.	Description of Evidence	Form (Paper / Electronic)	Sheets
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

Signature of IO submitting Police Report
Name ------
Rank ---------

Annexure-B

Format for providing information t o t h e informant/victim regarding progress of investigation with in a period of 90 days or at the time of submission of final report.

Details of Informant/Victim

Sub: Intimation regarding progress of investigation u/s 193(3) (ii) (iii) BNSS, 2023

It is intimated that progress of investigation of the case FIR No ..... is .....

(In case charge sheet is submitted – details of the charge sheet

Charge sheet not submitted any other relevant information.

Signature of IO submitting Police Report
Name ------
Rank ---------

THE GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC EXPERT AS PER THE SANHITA.

[G.O.Ms.No. 82, Home (Courts.B), 9th October, 2025.]

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (q) of sub-section (4) of section 329 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023), the Government of Telangana hereby specifies the following as Government scientific experts, in addition to those mentioned in clauses (a) to (f) of the said sub-section, for the purposes of sub-section (4) of section 329 of the Sanhita:-

a. Chief Environmental Scientist, Environmental Forensic Laboratory, Telangana Pollution Control Board (TGPCB).
b. Director / Government Analyst, Central Drug Testing Laboratory, Hyderabad.
c. Chemical Examiner (NDPS), State Forensic Science Laboratory.
d. Deputy Chief Chemist / Senior Scientific Officer, Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).
e. Chief Metallurgical Examiner, MSME Testing Station, Sanathnagar.
f. Principal Scientist, Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET), Cherlapally.
g. Chief Public Analyst, State Food Laboratory.
h. Senior Scientific Officer (Food & Water), State Public Health Laboratory.
i. Senior Seed Analyst, State Seed Testing Laboratory, Rajendranagar.
j. Senior Fertilizer Analyst, Agriculture Quality Control Laboratory.
k. Senior Cyber Forensic Examiner, National Cyber Forensic Laboratory (NCFL), I4C
l. Professor / Head, Department of Forensic Medicine, Government Medical Colleges.
m. Any other Government Analyst, Scientific Officer, Chemical Examiner, or Forensic Expert from notified Central/State laboratories or testing centres, as may be notified by the Central or State Government from time to time.

THE TELANGANA WITNESS PROTECTION SCHEME, 2025.

[G.O.Ms.No. 83, Home (Courts.B), 9th October, 2025.]

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 398 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023), the Government of Telangana hereby notify the following scheme:-

SCHEME

1. Short title and commencement: (1) The scheme shall be called as the Telangana Witness Protection Scheme, 2025.

(b) It shall come into force on and from the date of publication of the Notification in the Official Gazette.

PART - I

2. Definitions:

(a) **"Sanhita"** means the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023);

(b) **"Concealment of Identity of Witness"** means and includes any condition prohibiting publication or revealing, in any manner, directly or indirectly, of the name, address and other particulars, which may lead to the identification of the witness during investigation, inquiry, trial and post-trial stage; the name of witness, may be published only after the permission of the Competent Authority;

I **"Competent Authority"** means a Standing Committee in each District chaired by the Principal District and Sessions Judge with Head of the Police in the District as Member and Head of the Prosecution in the District as its Member Secretary;

(d) **"Family Member"** includes parents/guardian, spouse, live-in partner, siblings, children, grand children of the witness;

(e) **"Form"** means "Witness Protection Application Form' appended to this Scheme;

(f) "**In Camera Proceedings**" means proceedings wherein the Competent Authority/Court allows only those persons who are necessarily to be present while hearing and deciding the witness protection application or deposing in the court;

(g) "**Live Link**" means and includes a live video link or other such arrangement whereby a witness, while not being physically present in the court room for deposing in the matter or interacting with the Competent Authority;

(h) "**Audio-Video Electronic**" means and includes use of any communication device for the purposes of video conferencing, recording of processes of identification, search and seizure or evidence, transmission of electronic communication and such other purposes and by such other means as the State Government may, by rules provide; [Section 2(1)(a) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023];

(i) "**Witness Protection Measures**" means measures spelt out in clause 7, Part III, Part IV and Part V of the Scheme;

(j) "**Offence**" means those offences which are punishable with death or life imprisonment or an **imprisonment for a term exceeding seven years** and also offences punishable under sections 74 to 79 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023;

(k) "**Threat Analysis Report**" means a detailed report prepared and submitted by the Head of the Police in the District Investigating the case with regard to the seriousness and credibility of the threat perception to the witness or his family members. It shall contain specific details about the nature of threats faced by the witness or his family to their life, reputation or property apart from analyzing the extent, the person or persons making the threat have the intent, motive and resources to implement the threats. It shall also categorize the threat perception apart from suggesting the specific witness protection measures which deserves to be taken in the matter;

(l) "**Witness**" means any person, who possess information or document as provided in section 2(1)(d) of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (Central Act No.47 of 2023) about any offence;

(m) "**Witness Protection Application**" means an application moved by the witness in the prescribed form before the Competent Authority through its Member Secretary for seeking Witness Protection Order. It can be moved by the witness, his family member, his duly engaged counsel or Investigation Officer/Station House Officer/Sub-Divisional Police Officer/Jail Superintendent concerned;

(n) "**Witness Protection Fund**" means the fund created for bearing the expenses incurred during the implementation of Witness Protection Order passed by the Competent Authority under this scheme;

(o) "**Witness Protection Order**" means an order passed by the Competent Authority detailing the witness protection measures to be taken;

(p) "**Witness Protection Cell**" means a dedicated Cell of the Telangana Police or Central Police Agencies assigned the duty to implement the witness protection order.

PART - II

3. Categories of Witness as per threat Perception:

Category 'A': Where the threat extends to life of witness or his family members, during investigation/inquiry/trial or thereafter.

Category 'B': Where the threat extends to safety, reputation or property of the witness or his family members, during the investigation/inquiry/trial or thereafter.

Category 'C': Where the threat is moderate and extends to harassment or intimidation of the witness or his family member's, reputation or property, during the investigation/inquiry/trial or thereafter.

4. State Witness Protection Fund:

(a) There shall be a Fund, namely, the Witness Protection Fund from which the expenses incurred during the implementation of Witness Protection Order passed by the Competent Authority and other related expenditure, shall be met.

(b) The Witness Protection Fund shall comprise the following:-

(i) Budgetary allocation made in the Annual Budget by the State Government;

(ii) Receipt of amount of costs imposed/ordered to be deposited by the courts/tribunals in the Witness Protection Fund;

(iii) Donations/contributions from Philanthropist/Charitable Institutions/Organizations and individuals permitted by the Government of Telangana.

(iv) Funds contributed under Corporate Social Responsibility.

(c) The said Fund shall be operated by the Home Department of State of Telangana.

5. Filing of application before the Competent Authority: The application for seeking protection order under this Scheme can be filed in the prescribed form (Annexure-I annexed in Schedule-I) before the Competent Authority of the concerned District where the offence is committed, through its Member Secretary along with supporting documents, if any.

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6. Procedure for Processing the Application: (a) As and when an application is received by the Member Secretary of the Competent Authority, in the prescribed form, he shall forthwith pass an order for calling for the Threat Analysis Report from the Assistant Commissioner of Police / Deputy Superintendent of Police, in-charge of the concerned Police Sub-Division.

(b) Depending upon the urgency in the matter, owing to imminent threat, or in all cases where the Threat Analysis Report is not submitted to the Competent Authority within 5 days, the Competent Authority may in the absence of a Threat Analysis Report, pass orders for interim protection of the witness or his family members during the pendency of the application, **upon such recommendation by the Member Secretary of the Standing Committee:**

Provided that nothing shall preclude police from providing immediate protection in case of grave and imminent threat to life of applicant and his family members.

(c) The Threat Analysis Report shall be prepared expeditiously, while maintaining full confidentiality and it shall reach the Competent Authority within five working days of receipt of the order.

(d) The Threat Analysis Report shall categorize the threat perception and also include suggestive protection measures for providing adequate protection to the witness or his family.

(e) While processing the application for witness protection, the Competent Authority shall also interact preferably in person and if not possible, through Audio-Video electronic means as defined in section 2(1)(a) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 with the witness and/or his family members/employers or any other person deemed fit so as to ascertain the witness protection needs of the witness.

(f) All the hearings on Witness Protection Application shall be held in-camera by the Competent Authority while maintaining full confidentiality.

(g) An application shall be disposed of within five working days of receipt of Threat Analysis Report from the Police Authorities.

(h) The Witness Protection Order passed by the Competent Authority shall be implemented by the Witness Protection Cell of Government of Telangana or the Trial Court, as the case may be. Overall responsibility of implementation of all witness protection orders passed by the Competent Authority shall lie on the Director General of Police, Telangana. However, the

Witness Protection Order passed by the Competent Authority for change of identity and/or relocation shall be implemented by the Home Department, Government of Telangana.

(i) Upon passing of a Witness Protection Order, the Witness Protection Cell shall file a monthly follow-up report before the Competent Authority.

(j) In case, the Competent Authority finds that there is a need to revise the Witness Protection Order or an application is moved in this regard, and upon completion of trial, a fresh Threat Analysis Report shall be called from the Assistant Commissioner of Police / Deputy Superintendent of Police in-charge of the concerned Police Sub-Division.

7. Types of Protection Measures: The witness protection measures ordered shall be proportionate to the threat and shall be for a specific duration not exceeding three months at a time. These may include:

(a) Ensuring that witness and accused do not come face to face during investigation, inquiry or trial;

(b) Monitoring of mail and telephone calls;

(c) Arrangement with the telephone company to change the witness's telephone number or assign him or her, an unlisted telephone number;

(d) Installation of security devices in the witness's home such as security doors, Closed Circuit Television, alarms, fencing etc;

(e) Concealment of identity of the witness by referring to him/her with the changed name or alphabet;

(f) Emergency contact persons for the witness;

(g) Close protection, regular patrolling around the witness's house;

(h) Temporary change of residence to a relative's house or a nearby town;

(i) Escort to and from the court and provision of Government vehicle or a State funded conveyance for the date of hearing;

(j) Holding of in-camera trials;

(k) Allowing a support person to remain present during recording of statement and deposition;

(l) Usage of specially designed vulnerable witness court rooms which have special arrangements like live video links, one way mirrors and screens apart from separate passages for witness and accused, with option to modify the image of face of the witness and to modify the audio feed of the witness' voice, so that he/she is not identifiable;

(m) Ensuring expeditious recording of deposition during trial on day to day basis without adjournments;

(n) Awarding time to time periodical financial aids/grants to the witness from Witness Protection Fund for the purpose of re-location, sustenance or starting a new vocation/profession, as may be considered necessary;

(o) Any other form of protection measures considered necessary.

8. Monitoring and Review: Once the protection order is passed, the Competent Authority would monitor its implementation and can review the same in terms of follow-up reports received in the matter. However, the Competent Authority shall review the Witness Protection Order on a quarterly basis based on the monthly follow-up report submitted by the Witness Protection Cell.

PART - III

9. Protection of Identity:

During the course of investigation or trial of any offence, an application for seeking identity protection can be filed in the prescribed form (Annexure) before the Competent Authority through its Member Secretary.

Upon receipt of the application, the Member Secretary of the Competent Authority shall call for the Threat Analysis Report. The Competent Authority shall examine the witness or his family members or any other person it deems fit to ascertain whether there is a necessity to pass an identity protection order.

During the course of hearing of the application, the identity of the witness shall not be revealed to any other person, which is likely to lead to the witness identification. The Competent Authority can thereafter, dispose of the application as per material available on record.

Once, an order for protection of identity of witness is passed by the Competent Authority, it shall be the responsibility of Witness Protection Cell to ensure that identity of such witness, his or her family members including\name/parentage/occupation /address/digital footprints are fully protected.

As long as identity of any witness is protected under an order of the Competent Authority, the Witness Protection Cell shall provide details of persons who can be contacted by the witness in case of emergency.

In line with the aforesaid provisions contained in the scheme, vulnerable witnesses may testify in special courts with physical barriers or through Video conferencing facilities to minimize interaction with the accused.

PART - IV

10. Change of Identity:

In appropriate cases, where there is a request from the witness for change of identity and based on the Threat Analysis Report, a decision can be taken for conferring a new identity to the witness by the Competent Authority.

Conferring new identities includes new name/profession/parentage and providing supporting documents acceptable by the Government Agencies. The new identities should not deprive the witness from existing educational/professional/property rights.

PART - V

11. Relocation of Witness:

In appropriate cases, where there is a request from the witness for relocation and based on the Threat Analysis Report, a decision can be taken for relocation of the witness by the Competent Authority.

The Competent Authority may pass an order for witness relocation to a safer place outside the State of Telangana, but within India keeping in view the safety, welfare and wellbeing of the witness. The expenses shall be borne from the Witness Protection Fund.

PART - VI

12. Witnesses to be appraised of the Scheme:

The Director General of Police, Telangana shall give wide publicity to this Scheme. The Inquiry Officer and the Court shall inform witnesses in all cases covered under the Scheme about the existence of the Telangana Witness Protection Scheme, 2025 and its salient features.

13. Confidentiality and Preservation of Records:

All stakeholders including the Police, the Prosecution Department, Court Staff, Lawyers from both sides shall maintain full confidentiality and shall ensure that under no circumstance, any record, document or information in relation to the proceedings under this scheme shall be shared with any person in any manner except with the Trial Court/Appellate Court and that too, on a written order.

All the records pertaining to proceedings under this scheme shall be preserved till such time the related trial or appeal thereof is pending before a Court of law. After one year of disposal of the last Court proceedings, the hard copy of the records can be weeded out by the Competent Authority after preserving the scanned soft copies of the same.

14. Recovery of Expenses:

In case the witness has lodged a false complaint, the Home Department of Government of Telangana can initiate proceedings for recovery of the expenditure incurred from the Witness Protection Fund.

15. Review:

In case the witness or the police authorities are aggrieved by the decision of the Competent Authority, a review application may be filed before the Competent Authority within 15 days of passing of such order.

Annexure

Witness Protection Application

Before,(To be filed in duplicate)
The Competent Authority,
District.....

Application for:

1. Witness Protection
2. Witness Identity Protection
3. New Identity
4. Witness Relocation

1.	Particulars of the Witness (Fill in Capital): 1) Name 2) Age 3) Gender (Male/Female/Other) 4) Father's Name 5) Mother's Name 6) Residential Address 7) Name and other details of family members of the witness who are receiving or perceiving threats 8) Contact details(Mobile/e-mail)	
2.	Particulars of Criminal matter: 1) FIR No. 2) Under Section 3) Police Station 4) District 5) D.D.No.(in case FIR not yet registered) 6) Cr.Case No.(in case of private complaint)	
3.	Particulars of the Accused(if available/known): 1) Name 2) Address 3) Phone No.	

	4) Email id	----------
4.	Name & other particulars of the person giving/suspected of giving threats	---------- ----------
5.	Nature of threat perception. Please give brief details of threat received in the matter with specific date, place, mode and words used	---------- ---------- ----------
6.	Type of witness protection measures prayed by/for the witness	---------- ----------
7.	Details of Interim/urgent Witness Protection needs, if required	---------- ----------

- Applicant/witness can use extra sheet for giving additional information.

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(Full Name with signature)

Date:.....

Place: .....

UNDERTAKING

1. I undertake that I shall fully cooperate with the Competent Authority and the Department of Home of the State and the Witness Protection Cell.
2. I certify that the information provided by me in this application is true and correct to my best knowledge and belief.
3. I understand that in case, information given by me in this application is found to be false, Competent Authority under the scheme reserves the right to recover the expenses incurred on me from out of the Witness Protection Fund.

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(Full Name with signature)

Date:.....

Place .....

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTNAT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR (APP) IN THE ABSENCE OF REGULAR APPOINTMENT.

[G.O.Ms.No. 84, Home (Courts.B), 9th October, 2025.]

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 19 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central No.46 of 2023), the Government of Telangana hereby notifies the following procedure:-

1. Appointment of Assistant Public Prosecutor in the absence of regular appointee: In situations where no Assistant Public Prosecutor is available for a particular case, the District Magistrate may appoint any other eligible person as Assistant Public Prosecutor for that specific case.

2. Eligibility Criteria: A person shall be eligible for appointment under section 19(3) of the *Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023*, as an Assistant Public Prosecutor if:

(a) He/she has been in a practice as an Advocate for not less than three years; or

(b) He/she is a retired Prosecuting Officer who has served in the Prosecution Service of Telangana.

3. Notice to the State Government: *Such an appointment shall be made only after providing a fourteen days notice to the State Government through the Director of Prosecution, Telangana.*

4. Role of Director of Prosecution: Upon receipt of the fourteen (14) days notice from the District Magistrate regarding the proposed appointment of an Assistant Public Prosecutor for a specific case, in the absence of a regular appointee, the Director of Prosecution shall forward the proposal, along with any remarks, to the Government without delay.

5. Role of the Government: Upon receipt of the proposal from the District Magistrate, forwarded through the Director of Prosecution along with any remarks, the Government shall, within 14 days, pass appropriate orders either ratifying or rejecting the proposal. In the event of rejection, the Government shall direct the Director of Prosecution to make immediate alternative arrangements for the particular case.

6. Payment of fee: The District Magistrate shall pay the fee, as may be fixed by the Government, for such appointments upon the submission of proof of disposal of the said case for which the Assistant Public Prosecutor was appointed. However, in no case such fee payable to such Assistant Public Prosecutor so appointed, shall exceed ₹2,000 (Rupees Two Thousand only) per case.

7. Cancellation of Appointments: Upon the appointment of a regular Assistant Public Prosecutor to that Court, the appointment made by the District Magistrate shall automatically stand cancelled.

8. Maintenance of register of appointments: The District Magistrate shall maintain a separate register for recording the appointments of persons as Assistant Public Prosecutors for specific cases. The register shall contain the following particulars:-

(a) Name of the person appointed as Assistant Public Prosecutor
(b) Details of the case for which the appointment is made
(c) Copy of the LL.B. degree certificate of the appointed person
(d) Enrolment certificate issued by the Bar Council of Telangana
(e) Practice certificate issued by the Bar Association of Telangana
(f) Details regarding payment of fee etc.,

This notification shall come into force with immediate effect.

DECLARATION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES AS DEEMED PRISONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TEMPORARY DETENTION UNDER SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 187 OF THE SANHITA.

[G.O.Ms.No. 86, Home (Courts.B), 9th October, 2025.]

In exercise of the powers conferred under proviso (2) of sub-section (5) of section 187 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023), and in order to ensure lawful detention and confinement of accused persons or under trial prisoners in situations, where regular prison facilities are unavailable, unsuitable, or overburdened, the Government of Telangana hereby notifies the following types of facilities as deemed Prison, for the purpose of temporary detention, subject to the conditions mentioned hereunder:

I. Notified Places Deemed as Prisons: The following categories of facilities are hereby declared as places that may be used as prisons under special or temporary circumstances:-

1. **Temporary Detention Centres** – Established specifically for holding detainees or under trials on a temporary basis.

2. **Hospitals or Medical Facilities** – For accused persons or prisoners requiring medical attention and treatment.

3. **Rehabilitation Centres or De-addiction Centres** – For detainees undergoing rehabilitation or substance abuse treatment.

4. **Government Buildings or Guest Houses** – In exceptional cases, such as:
   - Detention of VIP accused persons.
   - In instances of overcrowding in regular jails.

5. **Military or Paramilitary Facilities** – For the confinement of personnel belonging to the Armed Forces or Paramilitary Forces, if under detention.

6. **Quarantine Centres** – For detainees during epidemics, pandemics, or infectious disease outbreaks, as deemed necessary by the competent authority.

II. Conditions for Use of Notified Facilities: The above-mentioned facilities may be used as Prisons only under the following conditions:

(1) The place must be expressly notified by the State Government for the purpose of detention under section 187(5) of the Sanhita.

(2) The facility must be secure, suitable, and capable of safe confinement, as assessed by the competent authority, who shall not below the rank of IG Prisons.

(3) Such detention shall be allowed only in special or temporary circumstances, including but not limited to:

- Overcrowding in regular prisons.
- Security concerns.
- Medical emergencies or special medical needs.
- Natural disasters or other emergencies affecting jail infrastructure.

III. Implementation:

All District Collectors, Superintendents of Police, Jail Superintendents and other concerned authorities, shall take necessary steps to identify, secure, and notify such facilities when required, strictly in compliance with the provisions of the Sanhita and any other applicable laws and regulations.

IV. Validity:

This notification shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in operation until further orders.

NOTIFYING THE RECORD OF FORMS FOR ENTERING THE PARTICULARS OF SUMMARY TRIALS.

[G.O.Ms.No. 87, Home (Courts.B), 9th October, 2025.]

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 286 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No. 46 of 2023), the Government of Telangana is pleased to notify the Record of Forms for entering the particulars in summary trials by Magistrates as given in Annexure "A".

Annexure-A

Summary Trial Case Form

(As per section 286, BNSS, 2023)

1.Case Details:

- Case Serial Number: _____
- Name of the Court: _____
- Name of the Presiding Magistrate: _____
- Police Station: _____
- Case Reference Number(FIR/Complaint No): _____
- Date of Offence: _____
- Date of Complaint/Report: _____
- Mode of Case Institution (Police Report/Private Complaint/Other) : _____

2. Complaint Details (if any):

- Name: _____
- Parentage: _____
- Address: _____
- Contact Number: _____

3. Accused Details:

- Name: _____
- Parentage: _____
- Address: _____
- Age: _____
- Occupation: _____
- Contact Number: _____
- Whether in Custody (Yes/No): _____
- Date of Arrest (if Applicable): _____
- Whether Legal Aid Provided (Yes/No): _____

4. Details of Offence:

- Offence Complained of: _____
- Offence Proved (if different): _____
- Relevant Sections of Law: _____
- Value of Property involved (if Applicable): _____

5. Trial Proceedings:

- Date of First Hearing: _____
- Plea of Accused (Guilty/Not Guilty): _____
- Examination of Accused (Summary of Statements): _____
- Evidence Presented: _____
- Witnesses Examined (if any): _____

6. Finding & Decision:

- Finding of Court (Convicted/Acquitted): _____
- Sentence or Final Order: _____
- Details of Fine/ Penalty (if applicable): _____
- Probation Granted (if applicable) (Yes/No): _____

7. Conclusion:

- Date of Conclusion of Proceedings: _____
- Signature of Magistrate: _____
- Official Seal: _____

Additional Notes (if any):

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Instructions for Use:

1. This form is to be filled by the Presiding Officer for all Summary Trial cases.

2. All Sections must be completed accurately.

3. If additional Space is required, attach extra sheets with proper referencing.

THE POWER TO REQUIRE ATTENDANCE.

[G.O.Ms.No. 88, Home (Courts.B), 9th October, 2025.]

Whereas, section 302 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023) (hereinafter referred as BNSS) empowers a Criminal Court to make an order requiring the Officer in charge of the prison to produce a person before the Court for answering to a charge or for the purpose of a proceeding or for giving evidence in the course of an inquiry, trial or proceeding under the Sanhita;

And whereas, sub-section (1) of section 303 of the Sanhita empowers the State Government to direct by a general or special order, that any person or class of persons, shall not be removed from the prison, in which he or they may be confined or detained, and no order under section 302, whether before or after the order of the State Government, shall have effect in respect of such person or class of persons;

And whereas there is a chance of prisoners,-

- escaping from the police custody with the help of their accomplices
- attacking police personnel during their transportation from prison to court and vice versa
- and their sympathizers in using fire arms in public places

more so, in cases the prisoners are accused of heinous offences such as organized crimes, terrorist acts, murder, attempt to murder, robbery, dacoity, offences against the State among others;

And now, therefore, in view of the reasons recorded above and in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (1) of section 303 of the Sanhita, the Government of Telangana is pleased to make the following order:

1. Prisoners to whom section 302 of BNSS does not apply:

The persons accused/convicted of offences specified in the Schedule appended to this Notification shall not be removed from the prison in which they are confined or detained, and no order made under section 302 of the Sanhita, whether before or after this order, shall have effect in respect of these persons.

2. Identification of other person to whom section 302 BNSS does not apply

a) The Inspector General of Prisons shall, in consultation with the Director General of Police, Telangana, identify the individuals or classes of persons whose removal from prison for Court attendance may pose a threat to public order or is not in the public interest.

b) **Assessment Criteria:**
   - The assessment shall consider:
     - The severity and nature of the offence committed.
     - The potential risk to public safety and order.
     - Any intelligence inputs regarding threats posed by the prisoner's movement.

c) **Issuance of Exclusion Orders:**
   - Upon identification, the Home Department shall issue a formal order excluding the specified individual(s) from the operation of section 302, thereby preventing their removal from prison for Court proceedings.

3. Communication to Relevant Authorities:

- Copies of the exclusion order shall be sent to
  - The concerned Judicial Magistrate or Court.
  - The Superintendent of the respective prison.
  - The Director General of Police, Telangana.
  - The Director of Prosecution.

4. Production through Audio-Video

In all cases, where a person is exempted from the application of section 302 of the Sanhita, the concerned Superintendent of Prison shall ensure that such person is produced before the Court through video conferencing, in compliance with the procedural requirements outlined under section 303(2)(a) to (c), while safeguarding public order and interest. Such production via video conferencing shall be deemed as compliance with the requirements of section 302.

5. Power to modify the Schedule

The State Government may, from time to time, by notification in the Official Gazette, add to, delete from, or modify the list of offences mentioned, class of persons, or any specific person to the Schedule appended hereto, as may be required, having regard to the factors specified under section 303(2)(a) to(c) of the Sanhita.

SCHEDULE OFFENCES

Sl. No.	Category of Offence	Specific Provisions
(1)	(2)	(3)
I.	National Security and Unlawful Activities	Offences under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA), National Security Act, 1980 (NSA), or offences against the State (Sections 147, 152, 160 of BNS or corresponding IPC sections).
II.	Organized Crime and Terrorism	Organized crimes (Section 111 of BNS) or terrorist acts (Section 113 of BNS).
III.	Multiple Serious Violent Offences	Two or more cases of murder (Section 103 of BNS / Section 302 of IPC) or attempt to murder (Section 109 of BNS / Section 307 of IPC); Two or more cases of kidnapping or abduction with intent to murder or ransom (Sections 140(1)/(2) of BNS or corresponding IPC sections).
IV.	Drug Trafficking and Arms Violations	Two or more cases of commercial quantity under NDPS Act, 1985; Two or more cases under Sections 25(6)/(7)/(8), 27(2)/(3) of Arms Act, 1959.
V.	Robbery, Dacoity, and Extortion	Five or more cases of robbery/dacoity/extortion (Sections 308 to 313 of BNS or corresponding IPC sections).
VI.	Escape from Custody and Offences Against Public Servants	Escape from custody (Section 262 of BNS / Section 224 of IPC); Two or more cases of offences against public servants (Sections 121, 132, 195, 221 of BNS or corresponding IPC sections).

NO FORMAL PROOF OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.

[G.O.Ms.No. 89, Home (Courts.B), 9th October, 2025.]

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 330 and all other enabling sections of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023), the Government of Telangana hereby, issues the following Forms, for the purpose of admission or denial of the genuineness of documents proposed to be given in evidence.

Where any document(s) is/are proposed to be filed before any Court by the Prosecution or the accused, they shall submit the document(s) as per the format annexed in Form A, Form B and Form C as produced below -

Form A

In the Court of .....

State

Versus

..... (name of the accused)

Case No.....
FIR No.....
Under Sections.....
Police Station

Application filed under section 330 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita for Admission of Denial of Documents

May it please your Honour,

It is submitted that the applicant (prosecution / accused) hereby submits the documents given in the list that are proposed to be adduced in evidence.

It is further submitted that the .....(opposite party) has to examine them and either admit or deny the genuineness of each of these documents as per Section 330 of BNSS, 2023 within 30 days and submit them to the court in the document provided.

It is submitted that where the genuineness of any document is admitted or not disputed, such document may be read in evidence without any further proof of its genuineness.

Therefore it is prayed that the Hon'ble court may be pleased to call on the .....(opposite party) to accept or deny the genuineness of each of these documents.

Date:
Place:

Applicant
(prosecution / defense)

Form B

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

The applicant proposes to adduce in evidence document(s). The list of such document(s) including their details are mentioned in the following table.

S. No.	Document Name / Particular	Date of issuance of document	Nature of document (original / certified copy / photocopy)	Issuing authority
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

Date :
Place :

Name and signature of applicant

Form C

LIST OF DOCUMENTS WHETHER ADMITTED OR DENIED

The applicant proposes to adduce in evidence the document(s) specified in the table below. The ..... (opposite party / accused or prosecution) shall specify whether they admit or deny the genuineness of such document and return the same to the Hon'ble Court within 30 days.

S. No.	Document Name / Particular	Date of issuance of document	Nature of document (original / certified copy / photocopy)	Issuing authority	Genuineness of document (write specifically as admitted or denied)
1.					
2.					
3.					

Date:
Place:

Signature and name (opposite party)
(admitting or deny documents)

C.V. ANAND,
Special Chief Secretary to Government.

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA :: AT HYDERABAD

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Endt.Roc.No.2583/SO/2025 **Dated: 03.12.2025**

"Communicated for information and necessary action."

REGISTRAR GENERAL

To

1. The Prl. Secretary to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court for the State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. All the Personal Secretaries to all the Hon'ble Judges (with a request to place the same before Hon'ble Judge for kind perusal)
3. The Registrar (Judicial-I), High Court for the State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
4. All the Unit Heads in the State of Telangana.
5. The Director, Judicial Academy for the State of Telangana.