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LAW DEPARTMENT

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THE TELANGANA COMMUNITY SERVICE (EXECUTION OF PUNISHMENT) RULES, 2026.

[G.O.Ms.No.19, Law (LA, LA&J-Home-Courts.B), 11th February, 2026.]

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (f) of section 4 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.45 of 2023), read with the relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023), and in pursuance of the objective of promoting reformation through community service for minor offences, the Government of Telangana hereby makes the following rules for the execution of community service punishment in the State.

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CHAPTER – I (Preliminary)

1. Short title and commencement:

(1) These rules may be called "the Telangana Community Service (Execution of Punishment) Rules, 2026".

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Telangana Gazette.

2. Extent and application:

(1) These rules shall extend to the whole of the State of Telangana.

(2) They shall apply to every order of punishment of community service passed by any Court within the State under the provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.45 of 2023) or the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023).

3. Definitions: (1). In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires ,–

(a) **"Authorising Officer"** means the officer in charge of a Service Institution where the offender performs community service, including the Resident Medical Officer or Dean in the case of hospitals, the Librarian in respect of libraries, the Principal or Headmaster in respect of schools, the Head of Department or the senior-most officer in any Government or public institution, or any officer duly authorised by the Government or appointed by the Court for supervising the offender's service at that institution;

(b) **"Bail Bonds"** means the bonds executed under clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023);

(c) **"Bond"** means a bond as defined under clause (e) of sub-section(1) of section 2 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023);

(d) **"Community Organisations"** means duly registered voluntary organisations, non-governmental organisations, self-help groups, resident welfare associations, or any similar body recognised by the Government for the purpose of facilitating community service;

(e) **"Community Service"** means the work which a Court may order a convict to perform as a form of punishment for the benefit of the community, for which the offender shall not be entitled to any remuneration, as provided in the Explanation to section 23 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023;

(f) "**Community Service Register**" means the official register maintained by the Monitoring Authority or the Service Institution, in physical or electronic form, recording the particulars of each offender, the nature of work assigned, hours of service performed, and progress of compliance;

(g) "**Compliance Verification**" means the process of inspection, supervision, or enquiry undertaken by the Monitoring Authority or the Probation Officer to ensure that an offender has duly performed the community service as ordered by the Court;

(h) "**Compliance Verification Report**" means a written report prepared by the Monitoring Authority or the Probation Officer, in the prescribed form, certifying whether or not the offender has satisfactorily completed the community service order and noting any default or non-compliance;

(i) "**Educational Institutions**" means State-run schools, Government-aided schools and colleges, and other Government schools or educational establishments recognised by the Government for the purpose of community service;

(j) "Hospital" means and includes the hospital specifically mentioned by the Court for the purposes of community service, including Primary Health Centres, Area Hospitals, District Hospitals, or any other hospital recognised by the Government for this purpose;

(k) "**Library**" means any library run by Government departments, educational institutions, or other public organisations recognised by the Government for the purposes of community service;

(l) "**Local Authorities**" means Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, Zilla Parishads, Mandal Parishads, Gram Panchayats, or any other statutory authority of local self-Government established under law;

(m) "**Monitoring Authority**" means the officer or authority designated under these rules by the Government or appointed by the Court to supervise the execution of community service orders across institutions, ensure compliance, maintain registers, and submit reports to the Court;

(n) "**Offender**" means a person in respect of whom a community service order is in force and who is bound to perform such service under the direction of the Court;

(o) "**Officer in charge of Police Station**" means the Officer-in-Charge of a Police Station as defined under clause (f) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023;

(p) **"Positive Behavioural Changes"** means demonstrable improvement in the conduct, attitude, and social responsibility of an offender, as assessed by the Monitoring Authority or Probation Officer, arising from the performance of community service;.

(q) **"Prescribed"** means prescribed by the Government of Telangana by notification issued under these rules;

(r) **"Probation Officer"** includes any officer appointed or recognized under the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958, or any other officer designated by the State Government for the purposes of these rules;

(s) **"Service Institution"** means any Government department, local authority, community organisation, public institution, hospital, educational institution, or non-profit organisation recognised by the State Government where the community service may be performed;

(t) **"Work Hours"** means the specific work hours ordered by the Court for performing community service or, in the absence of such order, the hours allotted by the Authorising Officer at their discretion.

(2). Words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023); the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.45 of 2023); the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (Central Act No.47 of 2023); and the Information Technology Act, 2000 (Central Act No.21 of 2000)

CHAPTER II

(Administration and Monitoring of Community Service Orders)

4. Designation of Monitoring Authorities:

(1) The Government of Telangana may, by notification, designate officers or authorities to act as Monitoring Authorities for the supervision of all community service orders within their jurisdiction;

(2) A Monitoring Authority may include,—

(a) A Deputy Superintendent of Police or any higher officer not below the rank of DSP from the Home Department;

(b) Probation Officers appointed under the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958;

(c) The Officer in charge of a Police Station or any other officer specifically appointed by the Court for monitoring a particular community service order.

Provided that the Court may, having due regard to the nature of the community service work awarded to the offender, appoint a Single Member Committee for supervising such community service order.

(3) The Monitoring Authority shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be necessary for supervising, coordinating, and ensuring compliance of all community service orders within its jurisdiction.

5. Duties and Functions of Monitoring Authority:

(1) The Monitoring Authority shall,—

(a) maintain a consolidated Community Service Register at the jurisdiction level, recording particulars of all offenders, nature of work assigned, work hours, attendance, completion status, and reports submitted by Authorising Officers;

(b) ensure that offenders perform the community service as ordered by the Court;

(c) inspect Service Institutions to verify compliance with Court orders;

(d) examine Compliance Verification Reports submitted by Authorising Officers;

(e) report to the Court regarding completion, default, or non-compliance of community service orders;

(f) recommend to the Court such action as may be necessary in case of default or non-performance;

(g) issue instructions or guidance to Authorizing Officers and Service Institutions to ensure uniformity, efficiency, and effective supervision of community service, without altering tasks or work hours prescribed by the Court.

6. Duties and Functions of Authorising Officer:

(1) The Authorising Officer of a Service Institution shall,—

(a) supervise offenders during performance of community service;

(b) assign tasks and work hours in accordance with Court orders, or in the absence of such orders, at their discretion;

(c) maintain a Community Service Register at the Service Institution level, recording—

(i) name, age, and particulars of the offender;

(ii) nature of community service assigned;

(iii) work hours and duration of service;

(iv) attendance and performance record;

(v) observations on conduct and positive behavioural changes;

(d) submit Compliance Verification Reports to the Monitoring Authority in the prescribed form;

(e) report immediately to the Monitoring Authority any misconduct, absence, or failure to perform assigned work.

7. Compliance Verification and Reporting –

(1) The Monitoring Authority or Probation Officer shall conduct Compliance Verification of offenders' community service at regular intervals;

(2) The Authorising Officer shall submit a Compliance Verification Report to the Monitoring Authority certifying,—

(a) completion of assigned community service;

(b) instances of default or non-compliance;

(c) observed positive behavioural changes, if any.

(3) The Monitoring Authority shall submit the consolidated report to the Court for such action as may be required, including modification, extension, or closure of the community service order.

8. Powers of Monitoring Authority:

(1) The Monitoring Authority shall have the power to,—

(a) inspect any Service Institution where community service is performed;

(b) verify entries in the Community Service Registers maintained by Authorising Officers;

(c) recommend to the Court such action as may be necessary in case of default, non-compliance, or misconduct by an offender;

(d) issue instructions or guidance to Authorising Officers and Service Institutions to ensure uniformity, efficiency, and effective supervision of community service, without altering tasks or work hours prescribed by the Court.

CHAPTER III

(Conditions, Modification, and Completion of Community Service Orders)

9. Conditions for Imposition of Community Service Orders:

(1) The Court shall not make a Community Service Order unless satisfied of the suitability of the offender, considering age, health, education, and physical capacity, and that arrangements for proper supervision exist;

(2) Every Community Service Order shall specify the nature of the work, which shall be of benefit to the community;

(3) **Duration of community service,**—

(I) The duration of community service awarded under these rules shall not exceed ninety days or three hundred and sixty hours, whether continuous or in parts, within the said period of ninety days:

Provided that the period of community service required to be performed on any single day shall not exceed eight hours:

Provided further that,—

(a) where community service is awarded **reckoned in days**, the Court may, in its discretion, prescribe the hours of service for each day, not exceeding eight hours, having regard to the availability of suitable work, the nature of the service to be performed, and any other relevant factors necessary to facilitate the proper execution of the community service order; and

(b) where community service is awarded **reckoned in hours** exceeding eight in total, the Court may, in its discretion, specify how such hours shall be apportioned across successive days, keeping in view the nature of the work, so that in no case shall the service required on any single day exceed eight hours;

(4) The work shall be commensurate with the nature and gravity of the offence, shall not be humiliating or degrading, and shall, as far as practicable, be suitable to the offender's age, health, and capacity;

(5) the categories of work that may be assigned under a Community Service Order shall include, but not be limited to, those specified in the Schedule annexed to these Rules;

(6) Any other community service of public utility or benefit, as the Court may deem fit, provided that such service is not inconsistent with the dignity of the individual and the objectives of these Rules;

(7) The District Collector concerned shall prepare and maintain a list of community service institutions and organisations suitable for the execution of Community Service Orders within the District. Such a list shall be forwarded to the District Court and updated from time to time, as may be required, to facilitate the effective implementation of these rules.

10. No Allowances or Facilities:

(1) No remuneration, honorarium, allowance, or facility, including food, travel expenses, or any other form of compensation, shall be payable to an offender in respect of the community service performed under these rules.

(2) All costs of travel, food, and incidental expenses, if any, shall be borne by the offender himself.

11. Modification, Revocation, or Imposition of Fine:

(1) If at any time the Court is satisfied that—

(a) a person against whom a Community Service Order has been made has failed, without reasonable cause or excuse, to comply with any term or condition of the Order; or

(b) having regard to circumstances arising after the date of making the Community Service Order, it is necessary or expedient in the interests of justice,the Court may,—

(i) In the case referred to in clause (a), modify or revoke the Community Service Order and deal with the person in the manner as if no Community Service Order had been made, or, without prejudice to the continued operation of the Order, impose a fine not exceeding the amount prescribed for the offence for which the Order was made; or

(ii) In the case referred to in clause (b), modify or revoke the Community Service Order and deal with the person in the manner as if no Community Service Order had been made.

12. Concurrent or Additional Hours of Work:

(1) Where a Court makes two or more Community Service Orders against a person convicted of two or more offences at the same trial, it may direct that the hours of work under any Community Service Order shall be,—

(a) Concurrent with, or

(b) In addition to, the hours of work under any other Community Service Order made by the Court at the same trial, subject to the condition that the total number of hours of work required under all such Orders shall not exceed the limits prescribed under rule 9(3);

13. Completion of Community Service:

(1) The Authorizing Officer shall certify the completion of community service in the Community Service Register maintained at the Service Institution level.

(2) The Monitoring Authority shall verify the completion and submit a consolidated report to the Court for closure of the Order.

(3) The Court shall record its satisfaction upon receipt of the verified report and formally discharge the offender from the Community Service Order.

CHAPTER IV

(Compliance and Enforcement of Community Service Orders)

14. Breach of Community Service Orders:

(1) Any person against whom a Community Service Order has been made who,—

(a) Willfully fails or refuses to comply with any term or condition of the Order without reasonable cause; or

(b) Misconducts himself during the performance of community service, shall be deemed to have contravened the provisions of these Rules in respect of the execution of community service as a mode of sentencing.

(2) The Authorizing Officer shall immediately report any default or misconduct to the Monitoring Authority or the Officer in charge of the Police Station, as the case may be.

15. Submission of Reports and Exercise of Court Powers:

(1) The Monitoring Authority shall verify the report submitted under rule 13(2) and forward it to the Court.

(2) The Court may, upon being satisfied of non-compliance—

(a) modify or revoke the Community Service Order;

(b) cancel any bond executed under the Order;

(c) issue a warrant for the appearance of the person before the Court; and

(d) award such punishment as may be deemed appropriate under the law.

16. Protection of Actions Taken in Good Faith:

No suit, prosecution, or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Monitoring Authority, Authorising Officer, Service Institution, or any person acting under their direction, for any act which is done or intended to be done in good faith in pursuance of the provisions of these Rules or any order made thereunder.

17. Non-Obstante Clause:

The provisions of these rules shall not apply to proceedings under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (Central Act No.2 of 2016), or any rules made thereunder;

Further, nothing contained in these rules shall override the provisions of any special or local law providing for community service or similar measures, and such provisions shall prevail in cases of inconsistency.

18. Repeal and Savings:

(1) Save as otherwise provided in rule 16, all provisions of law, rules, or orders in force immediately before the commencement of these rules, in so far as they are inconsistent with these rules, shall stand repealed;

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done, any action taken, or any order made under the provisions so repealed shall, in so far as it is not inconsistent with these rules, be deemed to have been done, taken, or made under the corresponding provisions of these rules.

Schedule (Annexure –)

Sl. No (1)	Community Services (2)	Place / Office of Service (3)	Authorising Officer (4)	Monitoring Authority (5)
1	Cleaning/maintenance of wards and peripherals	Hospital / Dispensaries	RMO / Dean / Designated Officer	District Probation Officer or other officer designated by Govt.
2	Casualty / OP Management	Hospital	RMO / Dean / Designated Officer	-do-
3	Trolley / Movement assistance	Hospital	RMO / Dean / Designated Officer	-do-
4	Duties requiring special/medical knowledge identified by RMO/Dean	Hospital	RMO / Dean / Designated Officer	-do-
5	Cleaning/maintenance of study area, stock area, peripherals	DLSA / Taluka Office / Legal Aid Clinics / Govt. Libraries	Secretary DLSA / Librarian / Incharge Officer	-do-
6	Arranging / Listing / Clerical assistance / Binding of books	DLSA Office / Govt. Library	Secretary DLSA / Librarian / Incharge Officer	-do-
7	Cleaning of classrooms, labs, grounds, peripherals	Educational Institutions	HM / Principal / Designated Officer	-do-
8	Cleaning/maintenance with Municipal/Corporation staff	Corporation / Municipality / Panchayat	Commissioner / BDO / Designated Officer	-do-
9	Removal of weeds from roadsides	Corporation / Municipality / Panchayat	Commissioner / BDO / Designated Officer	-do-

10	Cleaning/maintenance of public buildings	Public Offices	Concerned Officers	-do-
11	Traffic regulation, crowd regulation, station cleaning, common areas maintenance	Police Station	SHO / Designated Officer	-do-
12	Cleaning / Maintenance of public parks, beaches, common areas	Corporation / Municipality / Panchayat	Commissioner / BDO / Designated Officer	-do-
13	Cleaning / Maintenance in old age homes, mental health institutes, hostels, social welfare buildings	Concerned Institutions	Warden / Incharge Officer / Designated Officer	-do-
14	Tree planting, watering, weed removal, maintenance	Forest Department	Ranger / Incharge Officer / Designated Officer	-do-
15	Cleaning / Maintenance / Clerical assistance in Zoo or Museums	Zoo / Museums	Curator / Incharge Officer / Designated Officer	-do-
16	Any other duty as deemed fit by Court	Concerned Department	Concerned Officer	-do-

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