HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA :: AT HYDERABAD

ROC.NO.1488/SO/2026 **DT: 03.07.2026**

CIRCULAR NO. 03/SO/2026

Sub: 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

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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.

Communicate to all the J.Os.

REGISTRAR GENERAL

To

1. All the Registrars, 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, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad, Telangana 500032.

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

PRINCIPAL JUDGE
03 JUL 2026
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HYDERABAD

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:

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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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2 Attachment(s)

Court letter to MEA.pdf
120.6 KB

MEA letter to the Embassy.pdf
217.2 KB

IN THE COURT OF ADDL.CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE,
71 th COURT, Bandra , MUMBAI.

CASE NO. 2425 / PW / 2016
IN
C.R. No. 109 / 2016

The State (at the instance of B.K.C. Police station) .....Complainant,

V/s.

① Dharmendra Chamanlal Patel .....Accused
② Rakshitaben Dharmendra Patel.

APPLICATION FOR WITHNESS SUMMONS

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:-

I understand on behalf of State submit and state that this matter is fixed for hearing and, therefore, the witness summons to be issued to the following person/s:-

Overseas Criminal Investigator
Consulate General of the USA.
C-49, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex
Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051.
Phone No. 2672-4000
Fax No. 2672 4060
Email: mumbai visa fraud@state.gov

Through
The Ministry of External Affair
Protocol II Section, Room No. 1095,
Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan,
Janpath, New Delhi
Phone No.011- 23085424
Fax: 011-23085450

I pray, Your Honor to issue witness summons on the above address through MEA.

(Place of court), Mumbai

Date: 10/04/2025.

A.P.P

सत्यमेव जयते

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

न्याचार-II अनुभाग,
Protocol-II Section
Tele- 23085424 Fax- 23085576
e-mail- protocol2@mea.gov.in

No. D-II/441/2/2023 **10 April 2026**

The Ministry of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in New Delhi and has the duty to enclose herewith Summon to witness received from the Hon'ble Court of Judicial Magistrate (First Class), 71st Court, Bandra, Mumbai, Maharashtra seeking the presence of Mr. Greg Paladino, Consulate General of USA, Mumbai, Maharashtra on **27.04.2026** in the case FIR No. 109/2016 U/s 61 & 244 Cr.P.C, Police Station - B.K.C., Mumbai.

The esteemed Embassy is requested to provide its reply to this Ministry at the earliest so that the same can be forwarded to the Hon'ble Court.

The Ministry of External Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America, New Delhi the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,
New Delhi

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