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THE TELANGANA CUSTODY AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY RULES, 2025.

[G.O.Ms.No.73, Law (LA, LA&J-Home-Courts.B), 6th October, 2025.]

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 497 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023) and in pursuance of the articles 245 (1) and 246 (2) of the Constitution of India, the Government of Telangana hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

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RULES

CHAPTER – I

1. **Short title, extent and commencement:** (1) These rules may be called the Telangana Custody and Disposal of Property Rules, 2025.

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

(3) These rules shall come into force, on such date as the State Government may by notification in the Official Gazette, appoints.

CHAPTER – II

2. Definitions: (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise require:-

(a) "Act" means the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No 45 of 2023) and Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023) and other law for time being in force where the disposal of properties is not specifically mentioned;

(b) "Property" means and includes

(i) property for the purpose of Chapter XXXVI of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 includes property of any kind or document which is produced before the Court or which is in the custody of such Court, or in the custody of the police officer but not produced before such court or any other property defined under the Transfer of Property Act, 1882;

(ii) any property used for the commission of an offence or property regarding which an offence has been committed;

(c) "Custody" means the state of physically holding or controlling a piece of property or of having right to do so;

(d) "Photographer" means the word photographer wherever it appears in these rules, shall be the person designated under rule 6 of these Rules for the purpose taking photograph and video graph by the State Government in consultation with High Court;

(e) "Disposal" means an order of the Court, authorizing the disposal of property by way of destruction, confiscation or delivery of property. The delivery of property may be in the form of Interim custody with such conditions as the Court may impose;

(f) **"Interim Custody"** means delivery of the property to its owner or any other person as the court deems fit, to hold it for the period as mentioned in the order for disposal of property, with a condition to produce it as and when ordered;

(2) In these rules, unless the contrary appears from context, words importing the singular is shall include plural.

CHAPTER – III

(i) **Power to order the disposal of property produced before a Court :** (i) The Court, before which the property seized by police officer is produced; or which is empowered to take cognizance; or commit the case for trial may make an order for its proper disposal.

(i) the Court shall before passing the order for disposal of property under the above sub-rule, shall follow the conditions hereunder –

(a) When the property is produced, the court shall within in a period of 14 days from its production, shall prepare a statement containing the description of the property, as mentioned in the Annexure.

(b) The court shall take necessary steps to get the seized property photographed.

(c) When the court thinks it is necessary it may cause video-graphy of the property.

(d) Photography or video-graphy above mentioned shall be taken by the photographer, only on a mobile phone or any other electronic device provided by the State Government or High Court as the case may be, for the purposes of Chapter XXXVI of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(e) Correctness of the photograph or video-graph shall be certified by the photographer in the manner specified under sub-section (4) of section 63 of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (Central Act No.47 of 2023).

(f) The photograph or video-graph; along with the correctness certificate shall be made part of the record.

4. Power to order the disposal of property not produced before the Court :

(i) Where the police officer has seized any property and

a. reported the seizure but not produced the seized property before the court,

b. has neither reported about the seizure of property nor produced the seized property before the court any person seeking custody of such property may make an application before the court having jurisdiction.

(ii) The court may if it thinks necessary and after hearing parties pass an order for disposal of the property.

(iii) The order for the disposal of property shall contain a direction to the Police Officer, in whose custody the property is lying, to take photograph or video-graph by the photographer. The photographer who takes such photographs shall issue a certificate indicating the correctness of the photograph or video-graph.

(iv) The photograph or video-graph, so taken as per the above sub-rule shall be forwarded to the court along with the certificate issued by the photographer.

(v) The photograph or video-graph; along with the correctness certificate shall be made part of the record.

5. Photograph or video-graph to be evidence: (i) Photograph or video-graph taken by a photographer under Rule 4 of these rules, when accompanied with a correctness certificate from such photographer shall be used as evidence in any inquiry, trial or other proceedings under the Sanhita.

6. Designation of photographer: (i) The State Government in consultation with the High Court as soon as may be shall designate any person or any category of persons as a photographer for the purpose of these rules.

(ii) any officer of the court may be designated as a photographer

(iii) Where the designated photographer appointed under the above sub-rule is absent, the Magistrate may instruct any person having knowledge to handle electronic media to take photograph and video-graph, to function as a photographer.

7. Order for disposal of property: (i) The court, only after complying with the procedure laid in rule 3 or rule 4 of these rules, may make an order for the disposal of the seized property.

(ii) The said order shall be made within a period of 30 days after complying with the procedure laid in rule 3 or rule 4 of these rules.

8. Order for disposal of perishable goods: (1) The Court, where the property seized by Police Officer, whether forwarded before it or not; and is subject to speedy and natural decay, shall make an order for its disposal without delay.

(2) The Court before making the order for disposal of property under the above sub-rule, shall follow the conditions hereunder –

(I) The court shall make an order for the disposal of the seized property either on an application or *Suo moto*.

(ii) Upon an application for the disposal of the seized property, under any of the following circumstances

a. Seizure is reported and the property is forwarded before the court
b. Seizure is reported but property is not forwarded before the court
c. Seizure is neither report nor forwarded before the court

it shall be disposed off on the same day or the following day.

(3) When there is no claimant and the seizure is reported to the court, keeping in mind the nature of the property the court shall make an order *Suo moto*, with a direction either to the police officer or any other person as the court deems fit, to sell such property and deposit the sale proceeds before the court.

(4) The court shall complete the procedure as laid down sub-sections (2) and (3) of section 497 of the Sanhita, before passing an order under clauses (b) and (c) or sub-rule (ii) of this rule.

ANNEXURE

JUDICIAL FIRST CLASS MAGISTRATRE / NAME OF THE COURT

FORM–I

DESCRIPTION OF SEIZED PROPERTY

1. Dist.....P.S.....Year.....FIR No.....Date.....

2. Acts and sections.....

3. Name of property seize

.....

4. Details of the property seized with description –

Sl. No.	Name of the property	Quantity	Description of the property	Remarks

Signature of the Magistrate with seal

FORM II

CORRECTNESS CERTIFICATRE BY PHOTOGRAPHER

I, _____ (Name), Son/daughter/spouse of _____ residing/employed at _____ do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state and submit as follows:—

I have produced electronic record/output of the digital record taken from the following device/digital record source (tick mark):—

Computer / Storage Media DVR Mobile Flash Drive CD/DVD Server Cloud Other Other: _____

Make & Model: _____ Color: _____
Serial Number: _____
IMEI/UIN/UID/MAC/Cloud ID_____ (as applicable) and any other relevant information, if any, about the device/digital record____(specify).

The digital device or the digital record source was under the lawful control for regularly creating, storing or processing information for the purposes of carrying out regular activities and during this period, the computer or the communication device was working properly and the relevant information was regularly fed into the computer during the ordinary course of business. If the computer/digital device at any point of time was not working properly or out of operation, then it has not affected the electronic/digital record or its accuracy. The digital device or the source of the digital record is:—

Owned Maintained Managed Operated by me (select as applicable).

I state that the HASH value/s of the electronic/digital record/s is _____, obtained through the following algorithm:—

- SHA1
- SHA256
- MD5
- Other_____ (Legally acceptable standard)

(Hash report to be enclosed with the certificate)

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): _____

Time (IST): _____hours (In 24 hours format) Place: _____

(Name and signature)

THE TELANGANA BHARATIYA NYAYA SURAKSHA SANHITA (PAYMENT OF EXPENSES TO WITNESSES) RULES, 2025.

[G.O.Ms.No.74, Law (LA, LA&J-Home-Courts.B), 6th October, 2025.]

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 179 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No.46 of 2023), the Government of Telangana hereby makes the following rules:-

RULES

CHAPTER – I

1. Short title and commencement: (i) These rules may be called as the Telangana Bharatiya Nyaya Suraksha Sanhita (Payment of Expenses to Witnesses) Rules, 2025.

(ii) These Rules shall come into force on and from the date of their publication in the Telangana Gazette.

2. Definitions.-(1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-

(i) **"Information"** means the information received under sub-section (1) of section 174 of the Sanhita;

(ii) **"Offence"** means 'non-cognizable offence' as defined under clause (o) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Sanhita;

(iii) **"Officer in charge of a police station"** means the officer in charge as defined under clause (r) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Sanhita;

(iv) **"Police Station"** means the place as defined under clause (u) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Sanhita;

(v) **"Reasonable Expenses"** means payment towards compensation of loss of income, besides his actual travelling expenses and diet money;

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

(2) The words and expressions used in these rules shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Sanhita.

CHAPTER-II

Payment of Expenses

3. Cases in which Police Officer is to pay the expenses – (i) The Police Officer is liable to pay, reasonable expenses to any person who appears before him in compliance of an order under sub-section (1) of section 179 of the Sanhita.

4. Rate of reasonable expenses – Every person who appears before the Police Officer in compliance of an order under sub-section (1) of section 179 of the Sanhita, shall be paid a sum equivalent to the minimum wages payable to a skilled worker as notified by the Government towards loss of income, travelling expenses as per rule 5 and expenses for diet as per rule 7 of these rules.

5. Travel Rates – (A) Person residing in an outstation of the concerned Police Station appears before the Police Officer of such police station in compliance of an order under sub-section (1) of section 179 of the Sanhita is eligible to be paid travel expenses as below: -

(i) Travel by Train:- Sleeper berth charges from the place of his/her residence to the Railway Station of the concerned Police Station, and subsequent auto rickshaw charges from that Railway Station to the concerned Police Station and the equivalent charges for the return journey to his place of residence, as per the prevalent rates notified by the Government.

(ii) Travel by Road:- Express bus charges from the place of his/her residence to the Railway Station of the concerned Police Station, and subsequent auto rickshaw charges from that Railway Station to the concerned Police Station and the equivalent charges for the return journey to his place of residence, as per the prevailing rates notified by the Government.

(iii) Travel by Air:- No air fare is payable.

(B) **Person residing within local limits of the concerned Police Station:** Actual auto rickshaw charges for the onward and return journey of the person from the place of his/her residence to the concerned Police Station as per prevailing rates as notified by the Government.

6. Overnight Stay Rates: - When any person stays overnight as per the orders of the Police Officer, he shall be paid charges as per prevailing rates as notified by the Government.

7. Expenses for Diet : - If a person is –

(i) detained till before lunch or

(ii) called to appear before the police officer only in post lunch session or

(III) detained for post lunch session and is called to appear before the police officer in a pre-lunch session, such person shall be paid charges as per prevailing rates as notified by the Government.

8. Expenses for minor / Expenses for the attendant disabled – When any male person under the age of 15 years or above the age of 60 years or a woman or a mentally or physically disabled person or a person with acute illness and such witness cannot safely travel, appears before the police officer voluntarily, the attendant who accompanies the above referred persons shall be paid charges as per rule 4 of these rules, as if he was also called to the police station under sub-section (1) of section 179 of the Sanhita.

Chapter III

Miscellaneous

9. **Budgetary allocation** - (i) The State Government shall allocate budget for the implementation of these Rules.

(ii) The State Government shall notify an authorized officer at the district level, responsible for the management and disbursement of expenses as per these rules from the allocated budget.

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

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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.

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE:
YADADRI-BHUVANAGIRI.

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"Communicated".

PRL.DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE,
YADADRI-BHUVANAGIRI.

To

All the Judicial Officers in the Yadadri-Bhongir District Unit.