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REGISTRAR GENERAL

HYDERABAD
Dt: 03 .02.2026

ROC.NO.2717/SO/2025

To
All the Unit Heads in the State of Telangana.

Sir/Madam,

Sub:- High Court for the State of Telangana – E-mail received from the Section II B, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi – Forwarded Reportable Judgment in Criminal Appeal Nos.5400-5401 of 2025 connected with Criminal Appeal Nos.5402-5403 of 2025 and Criminal Appeal No.5404 of 2025 – Forwarding the same for complying with the directions laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India - Reg.

Ref:- e-mail, Dt:12.12.2025 from the Section II B, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi along with Reportable Judgment in Criminal Appeal Nos.5400-5401 of 2025 connected with Criminal Appeal Nos.5402-5403 of 2025 and Criminal Appeal No.5404 of 2025.

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Adverting to the subject and reference cited, I am to inform that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, while delivering the Judgment in Criminal Appeal Nos.5400-5401 of 2025 connected with Criminal Appeal Nos.5402-5403 of 2025 and Criminal Appeal No.5404 of 2025, issued directions and the relevant Para Nos.24 and 25 are extracted hereunder:

"24. **Before parting with the matter, we may observe that the nature of the offence, its gravity and the loss of life caused thereby has been given due consideration by us. We are also cognizant of the emotions of the families affected by this unfortunate incident and the likes thereof. It is in recognition of these aspects that it is important that the State, while employing the full force of the law against those persons who carry out such acts, also ensures that the process of law against them, starts and concludes with efficacy and expediency, be it investigation or trial. As such, specifically for those cases involving legislations imposing reverse burden of proof, find it fit to issue directions both in *personam* and *in rem*.**

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Directions *in personam*:

1. **The Trial Court shall take stock of the matter and record in its order, the status thereof and the reasons for the**

trial having remained pending for many years, prior to the matter having been taken up after this judgment.

2. From that day forth, the matter shall be taken up on a day-to-day basis.

3. The granting of adjournments shall be eschewed unless exceptional circumstances are shown.

4. We request the learned Administrative Judge of the High Court, as nominated by the learned Chief Justice, to seek a report, every four weeks, from the Trial Judge and ensure that the directions are being complied with.

Directions *in rem*

The Crimes in India Report, 2023 published by the National Crimes Records Bureau shows total number of cases pending for trial and total number of cases pending for investigation in year 2023 under UAPA to be 3949 and 4794 respectively. The State Legal Services Authority shall take steps to make aware, each undertrial of his right to representation, either by counsel of their own choice or through a legal aid counsel. For those who choose the latter, assignments to their cases to the counsel should be made expeditiously so that the proceedings can start/continue at the earliest.

The learned Chief Justices of all High Courts are requested:

(a) to examine the number of cases pending within their States under laws such as the UAPA, posing a reverse burden of proof on the accused;

(b) to ascertain the number of special courts designated to try the said offences, and if special courts have not been designated, the number of Sessions courts dealing with matters under these legislations and to take up the matter with the appropriate authority if it is found that they are not sufficient;

(c) to discern, whether posting of judicial officers in these courts as also staffing is sufficient, thereby foreclosing a ground for delay and adjournment, and if not, then suitable order for posting be issued expeditiously;

Further, it is hereby directed:

(a) that the list prepared in accordance with (a) shall be organised in order of case registered, to the extent possible and permissible, from the earliest to latest. Requisite directions be issued to the special courts/sessions courts to take up the matters registered earliest, first, unless otherwise warranted.

(b) In consultation with the appropriate authority, the High Court to ascertain the position with respect to appointment/allotment of prosecutors/special public

prosecutors, as may be applicable, to ensure that the matters, once taken up, are not further delayed on that count;

(c) For those cases that have been pending for more than five years, the concerned court be directed to take stock of the situation as and when they are taken up, record detailed order taking note of the previous reasons for adjournment if available, refrain from granting adjournments on routine requests and take up the matter on a day-to-day basis.

(d) The High Court concerned will periodically, seek reports from the concerned Courts dealing with these matters and take up issues that may be confronting the said courts, on the administrative side so as to ensure smooth functioning.

25. The Registrar (Judicial) is directed to transmit electronically, a copy of this judgment to the Registrars General of each of the High Courts who shall then place the same before the learned Chief Justices and solicit requisite orders in accordance with the directions issued hereinabove. Let a copy also be sent to the Chief Secretaries of the States for necessary information/compliance and necessary actions."

Therefore, you are requested to download the soft copy of the above said judgment from the official e-mail of your Unit and comply with the directions laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Yours sincerely,

REGISTRAR GENERAL

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

Endt.Dis.No. 336 /2026/A1, **Dated: 17-02-2026.**

"Communicated, with a request to download the soft copy of Judgment from the official e-mail of this Unit, of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in Criminal Appeal Nos.5400-5401 of 2025 connected withCriminal Appeal Nos.5402-5403 of 2025 and Criminal Appeal No.5404 of 2025 and follow the directions laid down therein and comply the directions laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India".

PRL. DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, YADADRI-BHUVANAGIRI.

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri.

To:

1. All the Judicial Officers in the Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri District Judiciary.
2. The Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri.

Copy to:
The System Assistant, District Court, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri with a direction to upload the same in the District Court website.