



**To:**

**9<sup>th</sup> May, 2024**

**Bengaluru**

**Shri Tawara Chanda Gehlot**  
**Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka**  
**Raj Bhavan, Bengaluru -560001.**

**Hon'ble Governor,**

1. We, the undersigned Present and Past Members of Karnataka Legislature and Leaders of Janata Dal (Secular) are writing to Your Excellency to draw your kind attention to pressing matter of great urgency for the State and its people.
2. We also wish to bring to your kind attention that the Governor is the Executive Head of the State within the meaning of Article 153 and 154 of the Constitution of India. Article 154 vests the executive powers of the State in the Governor who exercises it either directly or through officers subordinate to him in accordance with the Constitution.
3. Further, under Article 163, the Governor as the Constitutional Head exercises all powers under the Constitution on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers. There are certain functions, which are possibly to be exercised by the Governor in his/her discretion as sending report to the President under Article 356 and reserving Bill for the consideration of the President under Article 254(2).
4. As you are kind self-aware that the Loka Sabha elections to all 28 parliamentary constituencies in the state have been completed on 26<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 respectively. However, during the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the Loka Sabha election in the state an incident relating to circulation of videos allegedly containing obscene scenes of women across the Hassan Parliamentary Constituency from where Sri Prajwal Revanna, sitting Member of Parliament is contesting has happened on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024. It is also alleged that these videos contain alleged exploitation of women by Sri Prajwal Revanna.
5. It is also brought to the kind notice of His Excellency that these videos were circulated widely not only in Hassan Parliamentary constituency but also in other Parliamentary constituency through social media platform and pen drive to defame the contesting candidates of NDA Alliance.

6. The Chair Person of Karnataka State Women Commissionin her report dated 25-04-2024 sent to the State Government has recommended an enquiry into the exploitation of women by influential political leaders and also to initiate action against the persons responsible for circulation of these videos in public.
7. The State Government based on the report of the Chair Person and alsoon acriminal case registered in Holenarasipura police station constituted a Special Investigation Team headed by ADGP of CID on 28-04-2024 to investigate into allegedexploitation of women.
8. We wish to bring your kind notice that we welcomed constitution of SIT as we are not against investigation into the alleged exploitation of women by Sri Prajwal Revanna and fully support the investigation. Further, ourparty never support or tolerate such kind of behaviour and attitude of our leaders and workers towards women.Accordingly, our party took prompt and quick action to suspend Sri Prajwal Revanna from the party.
9. However, investigations conducted by the SIT is biased and partial and not transparent .Further, functions and activities of SIT are totally controlled and monitored by the Government on day today basis. The SIT is working at the behest of the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister. As per the reports it is alleged thatthe videos containing obscene scene of exploited women were circulated at the behest of Deputy Chief Minister Sri D K Shivakumar in Hassan Parliamentary constituency and also in Bengaluru Rural Parliamentary constituency from where his brother Sri D K SureshM P is contesting seeking re-election.
10. It is brought to your kind notice Sri Devarajegowda, BJP leader and advocate from Hassan district who contested Assembly election – 2023 from Holenarasipura assembly constituency as BJP candidate in his press meet held on 06/05/2024 in Bengaluru has given detail account of the conspiracy in circulation of videos containing absencescenes of exploited women.

11. In the press conference, Sri Devarajegowda narrated that Sri Karthik Gowda who was earlier working as driver with Sri Prajwal Revanna had come to him during assembly election with pen drive containing videos with request to move the court to vacate stay which has granted interim stay from circulation of videos and photographs purportedly containing exploitation of women by Sri Prajwal Revanna. Further, he stated that Sri Karthika Gowda developed differences with Sri Prajwal Revanna and wished to expose Sri Prajwal Revanna. Sri Devarajegowda on his further enquiry with Sri Karthik Gowda it was revealed that Karthik Gowda had also met Sri D K Shivakumar, Deputy Chief Minister and handed over a pen drive containing videos containing alleged exploitation of women by Sri Prajwal Revanna and Sri D K Shivakumar has promised him to release these videos at appropriate time. Sri Devarajegowda also stated that the pen drive given to him by Sri Karthik Gowda was kept with him safely and he did not stoop to the low level to disclose the contents to anybody and anywhere.

12. Further, Sri Devaraje Gowda stated that on the insistence of Sri Shivarame Gowda, former M P from Mandya he had conversion over mobile with Sri D K Shivarame Gowda and during conversation Sri D K Shivakumar has revealed to him that they are roping the women allegedly exploited by Sri Prajwal Revanna to dispose before the SIT. Sri Devaraje Gowda has also released audio recorded containing the conversation between him and Sri D K Shivakumar.

13. In addition to the above, Sri Devaraje Gowda also revealed that he had also met Sri D K Shivakumar at an undisclosed location and he was pressurised to release the videos that were handed over to him by Sri Karthik Gowda. Further, he stated that Sri D K Shivakumar promised him that he would be rewarded with a post in the government with a cabinet rank if he would undertake this task. Further, he stated that he did not yield to such offers.

14. Further, though the videos containing obscenescene of women allegedly exploited are widely circulated through social mediaplatforms and pen drives, the Director General of Police, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner and District Police Superintendents have become mere spectators without initiating any action under relevant provisions of Indiana Penal Code and Information and Technology Act, 2000.

15. In this regard, we wish to bring to your attention that Sri M G Poorna Chandra, election agent of Sri Prajwal Revanna has filed complaint with the Police Inspector, CEN, Crime Police Station, Hassan on 22/04/2024 complaining that some of the persons are creating obscenephotos and videos containing images of Sri Prajwal Revanna and some of the womenand storing in the pen drive and distributing to the voters through out the parliamentary constituency. Further, he has specifically complained that a person by name Sri Navin Gowda in his Facebook account posted that to see the videos of Prajwal Revanna follow the Whatsaapp.com and also await for release of videos containing obscene scenes of Prajwal Revanna. However, so far no action is initiated against these persons who are responsible for circulation of these videos and photographs in social media platform and through pen drives.

16. Further, some of the Congress leaders and workers who were protesting publicly against alleged exploitation of women by Sri Prajwal Revanna resorted to shoeing and brooming the pictures of our beloved leader and former Prime Minister of India Sri H D Devegowda and the pictures of Sri H D Kumaraswamy, former, Chief minister. However, no action has been taken against concerned congress leaders so far by either by DGP and Election Commissionin spite of submission of petitions. However, to protect and safe guard their dignity and honour, both Sri H D Devegowda and Sri H D Kumaraswamy have approached appropriate court and obtained stay order against circulation and depiction oftheir morphed pictures.

17. The Chief Minister and his cabinet colleagues and congress leaders in the state are dragging the names of Honourable Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi and Honourable Home Minister Sri Amit Shah in circulation of videos stating that though they were aware of these videos still they participated in election campaign of Sri Prajwal Revanna and knowingly allowed Sri Prajwal Revanna to go abroad. Such kind of statements are politically motivated to tarnish the images of Honourable Prime Minister and Home Minister.

18. In the background, it is highly impossible to expect free and fair and an impartial enquiry from the Special Investigation Team as the team is influenced and mis guided by the state government.

19. Therefore, we seek kind intervention of His Excellency in recommending the case for thorough enquiry by the Central Bureau of Investigation on the following grounds: -

- (i) Conversation between Sri Devaraje Gowda and Sri D K Shivakumar openly exposes collision, conspiracy and involvement of Sri Siddaramaiah and Sri D K Shivakumar in SIT investigation bringing out vested interest in tarnish image of Sri H D Devegowda, H D Kumaraswamy and also image of JDS party.
- (ii) It is well known fact that Sri D K Shivakumar is behind distribution of more than 25 thousand pen drives in bus stands, parks and other public places throughout Hassan parliamentary constituency.
- (iii) Investigation conducted by SIT is bias, partial and not transparent as investigation is not as per established procedures as they are threatening the alleged victims to file complaint without governing their privacy and modesty.
- (iv) The State Government has utterly failed to stop the circulation of alleged videos causing lot of agony, sorrow and indignity to the families of victims.

- (v) The State Government failed to initiate suitable action under section 353-C of IPC and under section 6 a6-E, 67 and 67 – A of the Information and Technology Act-2000 against all the concerned who still possess and circulate such videos.
- (vi) The State Government has failed to arrest and act against persons like Sri Navin Gowda who was directly involved in circulation of videos through social media platform and through distribution of pen drives containing obscene items depicting women allegedly exploited in spite of specific complaint against him in Hassan Crime Police Station.

We also appeal to His Excellency to advise the Chief Minister to drop Sri Shivakumar from the cabinet as he is the mastermind in *circulation of* videos containing obscene scenes of women.

**We hope that your kind self would take appropriate action on all the points contained in the memorandum.**

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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