



Dated : 15-07-2026

To
Sri A. Revanth Reddy Garu,
Hon'ble Chief Minister,
Government of Telangana,
Hyderabad.

Sir,

Sub: Strengthening the Effective Implementation of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 – Suggestions for Time-bound Investigation, Victim Protection, Evidence Preservation and Monitoring - Reg.

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I am writing to respectfully seek your kind attention that, every child has the inalienable right to safety, dignity and freedom from fear. Protecting children from sexual offences is a profound constitutional obligation under Articles 21, 39(e) and 39(f) and India's commitments under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The POCSO Act, 2012 was enacted as a comprehensive framework. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has repeatedly directed that POCSO cases receive the highest priority.

In this context, my Office has received several representations and requests from distinguished religious heads of the Muslim community, as well as from other members of Muslim Community even from the Old city, Hyderabad, local residents and devotees highlighting grave concern at Rehmatabad Dargah in Nellore district. A FIR was registered under POCSO at Langar House Police Station, Hyderabad, Telangana in 2023 on an individual who is the Sajjada Nashin (hereditary spiritual head) of the Dargah, yet continues to perform the spiritual duties of that revered position, however, Andhra Pradesh State Government had ordered for a detailed enquiry. While the presumption of innocence remains fundamental, institutions commanding deep public faith especially places of worship frequented by families and children bear a special responsibility to maintain the highest standards of integrity pending conclusion of the

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legal process. It would therefore be appropriate for the Police to apprise the Andhra Pradesh Waqf Board and the district administration of the pendency of such charges so that suitable measures in accordance with law may be considered protect the sanctity and public trust associated with the Dargah .

A matter of grave concern is the emerging tendency of accused persons in POCSO cases, or their associates, to threaten, intimidate or physically harm victims and their families. A particularly tragic illustration occurred on 10th July 2026 in Shabad mandal, Rangareddy district, Telangana. A person facing proceedings under Sections 11 and 12 of the POCSO Act for alleged stalking and sexual harassment of a minor girl- and released on bail/personal bond – allegedly carried out brutal revenge attacks, stabbing to death six persons including the minor victim, her mother, maternal grandmother, his own wife and two young children. This horrific episode demonstrates the catastrophic risks of inadequate victim protection, rigorous bail scrutiny in POCSO matters, and failure to take proactive preventive measures. It serves as an urgent warning that such tendencies may manifest in our State and that robust victim-centric mechanisms are essential.

Recognizing that several victims have been awaiting justice due to delays in investigation and trials, the following measures are proposed to strengthen time-bound processes and ensure expeditious justice to every child.

I request that the following measures may be taken for effective implementation and immediate justice to the victims.

- a) Enhancement of Investigative Skills and Capacity Building: All Investigating Officers must undergo mandatory specialized training on child-sensitive investigation, trauma-informed statement recording, forensic and digital evidence collection, and coordination with medical experts. Well-trained officers will secure better evidence and reduce secondary trauma to child victims.

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- b) **Strengthening Collection, Documentation and Preservation of Evidence:** Victim medical examination must be conducted within 24 hours by a qualified doctor (preferably female/pediatrician) using SAFE kits. Strict chain of custody, tamper-evident sealing, prompt FSL/DNA follow-up with escalation for delays, and contemporaneous scene documentation (photo/video) are mandatory.
- c) **Strict Adherence to Time-Bound Procedures:** Investigation and charge sheet filing must be completed within statutory timelines- target 60 days for straightforward cases and 90 days for complex ones. District SPs and Range IGs must conduct monthly reviews of all pending POCSO cases, fix responsibility for delays, and take corrective action.
- d) **Rigorous Measures to Oppose Bail and Protect Victims from Intimidation:** In every POCSO case the IO must submit a detailed bail report covering allegation gravity, child vulnerability, accused antecedents, and specific threat assessment. Bail must be strongly opposed. Prompt cancellation action is required on any threat or violation. Every case must have a victim protection plan with nodal officer, increased patrolling, escort where needed, and linkage to One-Stop Centers and victim compensation.
- e) **Opening and Maintenance of Rowdy Sheets for Habitual/Threatening Accused:** For accused with criminal history or credible threat of intimidation, SPs must open Rowdy Sheets under Police Standing Orders on priority. This enables surveillance, preventive action under BNSS, and early intervention. Periodic Range-level review every 3-6 months is required.

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In addition, the following complementary steps are suggested for holistic strengthening of the POCSO ecosystem:

- **Comprehensive SOP:** A uniform SOP covering FIR to disposal with checklists for investigation, evidence, victim support and coordination must be issued.
- **Dedicated Monitoring Cells:** Dedicated POCSO monitoring cells at district and Range levels must track progress, enforce timelines, coordinate with prosecutors and courts. A State-level cell under DGP will provide oversight.
- **Joint Review Meetings:** Monthly district and quarterly State-level joint review meetings with police, prosecutors, WCD and child protection officers must review pendency, outcomes and bottlenecks.
- **Mandatory FIR Registration:** Field staff must be instructed on mandatory immediate FIR registration in POCSO cases without preliminary inquiry, per Supreme Court directions in Lalita Kumari. Non-registration or delay must attract prompt departmental action.
- **Coordination with Institutions:** Protocols for schools, hostels, coaching centers and places of worship must include internal reporting of allegations against persons in trust positions, mandatory reporting under Sections 19-20 POCSO, staff training on recognizing abuse, and swift escalation to police/CWC while respecting presumption of innocence but prioritizing child safety.

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The protection of children from sexual offences cannot be treated as routine administration. Every complaint must receive immediate sensitive attention, every investigation must be thorough and time-bound, and every victim must be assured of protection and support. I therefore request you to take immediate steps on the lines suggested and furnish a comprehensive action taken report within 30 days, indicating circulars issued, training initiated and monitoring mechanisms established.

I am confident that the Telangana Government under your leadership will set a benchmark in effective POCSO implementation and ensure every child in our State grows up safe with the assurance that justice will be swift and certain.

Yours Sincerely,

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