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To

**The Hon'ble Smt. Sonia Gandhi ji,
Member of Parliament, Rajyasabha,
The Hon'ble Chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary Party(CPP)
10, Janpath, New Delhi-110001.**

Subject: Request for your intervention and justice regarding the political and administrative suppression I am facing as a Minister and senior Congress leader in Telangana.

Respected Smt. Sonia Gandhi ji,

I am **Konda Surekha**, MLA from the Warangal East Assembly Constituency and Minister for Forest, Environment and Endowments in the Government of Telangana. In my 31-year-long political journey, I have had the privilege of being elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly five times and serving as a Minister second time, with the continued trust and affection of the people.

My husband, **Shri Konda Muralidhar Rao**, has also served twice as a Member of the Legislative Council. I belong to the Padmashali community among the Backward Classes, while my husband belongs to the Munnuru Kapu community, also among the Backward Classes. **These two communities constitute a significant section of the electorate across the State.** Throughout our political journey, we have placed public issues above personal political interests and have stood by the people in their times of need. It is through this long-standing public service and political struggle that the '**Konda family**' has earned the trust, affection and goodwill of the people.

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We have worked tirelessly for the growth and strengthening of the Congress Party in Telangana, taking its ideology and programmes to the people and standing by party workers even during difficult times. We have continuously fought for public causes and contributed to strengthening the party.

Whether in power or in opposition, our commitment to the Congress Party has never wavered.

Following the November 2023 Assembly elections, when the Congress Party formed the Government in Telangana, I assumed charge as Minister for Forest, Environment and Endowments in accordance with the confidence reposed in me by the party leadership. I have been discharging the responsibilities entrusted to me with commitment, transparency and sincerity, and have continuously worked towards providing better governance to the people.

However, with deep anguish, I am compelled to bring certain matters to your attention.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri A. Revanth Reddy has been subjecting me, a BC woman Minister, to suppressive measures right from the beginning. The decision-making authority and independent role that should ordinarily be available to me as the Minister in charge of my departments have been progressively curtailed. Several directions emanating directly from the Chief Minister's Office have resulted in a situation where my role as the departmental Minister has become largely nominal.

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Despite this, I have never stepped away from the responsibilities entrusted to me. I am working to the best of my ability for the progress of the Forest, Environment and Endowments Departments and for the overall development of the State.

Against the backdrop of the ongoing political developments in the State, I have been deeply distressed by the concerted efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri A. Revanth Reddy, to hold me responsible for certain remarks made by my daughter, Smt. Susmitha Patel, in which she questioned the political pressure and suppression allegedly being faced by our family. The manner in which this issue is being used against me has caused me immense mental anguish and compelled me to seek the intervention of the party's highest leadership.

In these circumstances, I consider it my responsibility to place before you some of the important issues and challenges that I have been facing.

I wish to place before you the following important matters:

Erosion of my Authority as the Minister in Charge of the Departments

Despite being the Minister in charge of the Forest, Environment and Endowments Departments, several important decisions are being taken, allegedly at the direction of the Chief Minister, without being brought to my notice or involving me in the decision-making process.

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This has placed me in a position where, despite being accountable to the people as the Minister concerned, I am often left without an effective role in matters pertaining to my own departments. This situation has caused me serious concern and distress.

My role being sidelined in Endowments Department matters

In important matters such as the constitution of the **Yadadri Temple Trust Board**, I was not even provided basic information despite being the Minister in charge of the Endowments Department.

Similarly, after funds were released by the Endowments Department for the permanent development of the **Sammakka-Saralamma temple**, the funds were transferred to the Roads & Buildings Department within a single day and the works were taken up thereunder. I was not even informed of this development in my capacity as the concerned Minister.

These instances have reinforced my concern that my role and authority as the departmental Minister are being systematically bypassed.

Targeting and suppression of my Former OSD, Mr. Sumanth

My Former OSD, Mr. **Sumanth**, was removed from his position without even informing me. Subsequently, when he was sought to be implicated in a controversy and arrested, the police were sent to the residence where I live as a Minister.



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I consider this not merely an affront to my personal dignity but also an inappropriate and humiliating development in relation to the office I hold as a Minister.

In another case as well, without properly examining the circumstances and the background leading to the incident, he is being implicated in a non-bailable case, thereby placing his future in serious jeopardy.

Discrimination in the development of Warangal East Constituency

I have also been facing serious difficulties with regard to the development of my constituency, **Warangal East**.

While funds are being sanctioned to neighbouring constituencies based on their requirements, several urgent development needs of Warangal East have not received the same priority.

There has been considerable delay in the sanction and release of funds for several important public works, including the **Warangal Smart City Model Bus Stand and the expansion and development of Bondi Vagu**, apart from several other public-oriented development works.

As the elected representative of Warangal East, I am deeply concerned that the legitimate development needs of my constituents are not being accorded the required priority.

Conspiracies to undermine my ministerial position and political standing through MLA Sri Kadiyam Srihari

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The Station Ghanpur MLA, **Sri Kadiyam Srihari**, conducted a review meeting with officials of the Endowments Department in the Head office without informing me or taking the matter to my notice as the concerned Minister.

I raised an objection to this and brought the matter to the attention of the party leadership. However, no action was taken against him.

Such developments undermine the authority and institutional position of the Minister concerned. I am also facing similar difficulties in matters relating to the former united Warangal district, where certain local leaders and public representatives are allegedly being encouraged to act against me.

Different political standards being applied

On an occasion when former MLA Sri Jagga Reddy met him, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri A. Revanth Reddy publicly stated in a meeting that the decision on whether Shri Jagga Reddy would contest the next Assembly elections from **Sangareddy** or from another constituency would be taken by the party high command.

At the same time, at a public meeting held in **Parkal**, the Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed to the people to ensure that present MLA **Sri Revuri Prakash Reddy** is elected with a huge majority in the next Assembly elections.

These contrasting developments have created a perception that **different political standards are being applied to different leaders within the same party**. I am also receiving strong feedback from BC public representatives, leaders and sections of

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the people that such developments are being perceived as discriminatory towards BC leaders.

Political pressure against the Konda family in Warangal district

In the party affairs of Warangal district, several leaders and public representatives appear to be acting with the encouragement of certain unseen political forces to politically isolate and suppress the Konda family.

We had already brought these developments to the notice of the TPCC leadership. However, the situation continues to cause serious concern to me and my family.

“Targeting me over my daughter’s remarks

My daughter, **Smt. Susmita Patel**, recently made certain remarks after being distressed by the statements of Hon’ble Chief Minister Shri Revanth Reddy concerning the political developments surrounding the next Assembly elections and the Parkal constituency.

Holding me responsible for her personal remarks and issuing a show-cause notice to me has caused me deep anguish.

I respectfully request the party high command to examine whether it is appropriate to hold a Minister responsible for the personal statements of an adult family member merely because she is her mother.

I am also receiving strong feedback from fellow public representatives, party leaders and sections of the public that I am being specifically targeted because I am a **BC woman leader**.

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Coordinated political attacks against my family

In the backdrop of these developments, several public representatives and party leaders have, over the past few days, made public statements against me and my family, involving highly objectionable language and what I perceive as a **collective political attack**.

I firmly believe that these developments are not isolated incidents but are being carried out with a specific political intent. I humbly request you to discuss these matters with the State party leadership and ascertain the facts independently.

In this manner, I have been systematically suppressed and subjected to humiliation. If I were to recount everything, there are many more such instances that I need to bring to your attention.

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Respected Smt. Sonia Gandhi ji,

I am not writing this letter with the intention of personally attacking anyone or bringing internal party matters into the public domain. I have approached you because I wish to protect the relationship and trust I have built with the **Congress Party and the people over my 31-year political journey.**

As a **BC woman leader**, I have faced several political struggles, earned the confidence of the people and continued to work to the best of my ability for the Congress Party. Rather than silently bearing the circumstances I am facing, I believe it is my responsibility to place the facts before the highest leadership of our party and seek justice.

The issuance of a show-cause notice to me for the remarks of my daughter, the curtailment of my authority over my departments, the political attacks against my family, the lack of adequate attention to the development needs of my constituency, the sidelining of my role in departmental matters, and the manner in which my former OSD has been targeted – when viewed together – have left me with a deep and painful sense that I am being subjected to **sustained political and administrative suppression.**

These developments have caused me considerable mental anguish and political distress. Nevertheless, my faith in the Congress Party and in its national leadership remains unwavering.

I therefore humbly request you to consider these matters **not merely as a personal grievance, but as the concerns of a senior Congress woman leader who has devoted decades to the party**

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and public service, and to have them examined comprehensively and impartially.

I respectfully request that an **impartial inquiry** be conducted into the injustices I have faced, that appropriate protection be extended to my dignity and position as a Minister and elected public representative, and that steps be taken to ensure that I am able to exercise the **constitutional and administrative authority legitimately attached to my ministerial responsibilities**.

As a woman leader who has worked for the Congress Party for several decades, I have approached you today in the hope of securing justice. My faith in the **ideology of the Congress Party, democratic values and social justice** gives me the courage to place these concerns before you.

I sincerely hope that you will consider my grievances with empathy and impartiality and take appropriate steps to ensure that justice is done to me.

With respectful regards,

Yours faithfully,

(KONDA SUREKHA)