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Date: 30-09-2026

**LEGAL NOTICE BY REGISTERED POST WITH ACK/DUE,
SPEED POST, EMAIL AND OTHER ELECTRONIC MODES**

To,

1. The Editor

Eenadu Telugu Daily

Ramoji Film City, Anaspur Village,
Hayath Nagar Mandal, R.R.Dist-501512.
Telangana.

2. The Publisher/Printer/Proprietor

Eenadu Telugu Daily

#6-3-569, Eenadu Complex, Raj Bhavan Road,
Khairatabad, Opp to RTA Office,
Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500082.

3. The Resident Editor/Bureau Chief

Eenadu Telugu Daily #6-3-569,

Eenadu Complex, Raj Bhavan Road,
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Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500082.

4. The Reporter/Correspondent concerned

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Khairatabad, Opp to RTA Office,
Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500082.

N. Lalitha Reddy

Subject: LEGAL NOTICE calling upon you to immediately withdraw and retract the false, misleading publication falsely representing that the Hon'ble Special Court has ordered temporary impounding/seizure of the passport of Sri K. Taraka Rama Rao; to publish an unconditional apology and correction with the same prominence on the front page; and to disclose the source and material relied upon for such false publication.

Under instructions from and on behalf of our client **Sri K. Taraka Rama Rao garu**, I hereby issue the following legal notice:

1. My client is constrained to issue this notice in respect of the news item published by your newspaper Eenadu on 29.09.2026, prominently carrying the headline:

“కేటీఆర్ సహా నలుగురు పాస్‌పోర్టుల తాత్కాలిక జప్తుకు ఆదేశం!”

The very headline gives a clear and unequivocal impression to an ordinary reader that the competent Court has already passed an order directing temporary seizure/impounding of the passports of our client and the other persons referred to in the report.

The said publication/representation by you addresses is false, factually incorrect, misleading and seriously prejudicial to my client's reputation.

2. As a matter of fact, the true factual position is completely different. The ACB Investigation Officer has filed a memo before the Hon'ble Principal Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Hyderabad, stating that further investigation is required and requesting the Hon'ble Court to pass appropriate orders in relation to the passports.

The said document is merely a memo filed by the Investigating Officer/Prosecution. But not an order of the Hon'ble Court.

You may note that as on the date of your publication and till date the Hon'ble Special Court has not passed any order directing my client's passport to be temporarily seized, impounded or deposited before the Court.

Thus, your newspaper has committed a fundamental factual error by portraying a request made by the Investigating Officer as though it were a judicial direction issued by the Hon'ble Court.

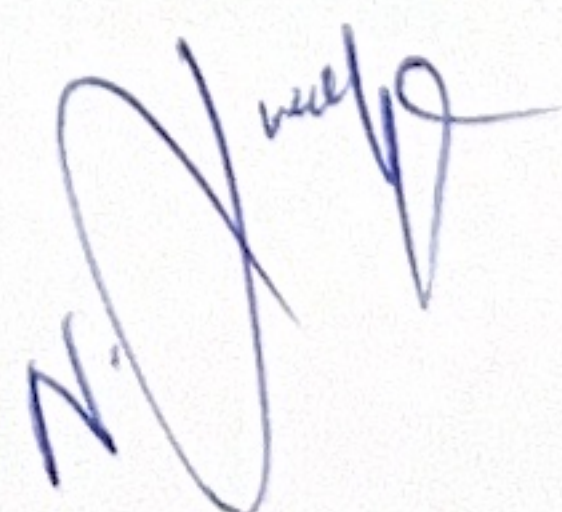
There is a substantial and legally material difference between:
"ACB has sought an order/direction from the Court"
and
"Court has ordered temporary impounding of the passport."

Your publication has incorrectly represented the former as the latter.

3. The falsity and misleading nature of the publication is further evident from the Show Cause Notice dated 28.09.2026 issued by the Regional Passport Office, Hyderabad and the same is expressly a notice seeking clarification/explanation from my client.

It refers to the ACB report and calls upon my client to explain why action should not be taken to impound the passport under Section 10(3)(e) of the Passports Act, 1967. Further the notice specifically provides an opportunity to my client to submit his explanation within 15 days.

Therefore, the official communication itself demonstrates that the matter was at the stage of show cause and consideration of proposed action, and not that a passport had already been impounded pursuant to an order of the Hon'ble Court. It is therefore inexplicable as to how your newspaper could publish, as a concluded fact, that there was an "order" for temporary impounding of passports.



4. You have attributed an order to the Hon'ble Court which was never passed. The impugned headline is particularly serious because it does not merely report the existence of an investigation.

It specifically attributes a judicial order to the Hon'ble Special Court.

A newspaper reporting that:

"ACB seeks direction from Court" is entirely different from reporting:

"Court orders temporary impounding of passport."

The latter is a statement regarding the existence of an actual judicial order. If there was such an order, you are hereby called upon to produce the same. If no such order exists, your publication is plainly false.

Failure of elementary verification:- Before publishing a statement that a Court has passed an order adversely affecting the passport of a person, the minimum journalistic duty required verification of the actual Court record.

You addresses ought to have verified:

1. whether the ACB had filed a memo/application;
2. whether the memo had been heard by the Hon'ble Court;
3. whether any judicial order had actually been passed;
4. the exact contents of such order, if any;
5. whether any direction to impound/deposit the passport was actually operative; and
6. whether the Regional Passport Office had independently issued any order or merely a show-cause notice.

Had these elementary facts been verified, the present false headline could never have been published.

You addressees might well aware that the Press Council of India expressly requires the press to avoid inaccurate, misleading or distorted material and emphasises pre-publication verification.

Serious prejudice to reputation:- My client is a prominent public figure, Member of Legislative Assembly and former Minister.

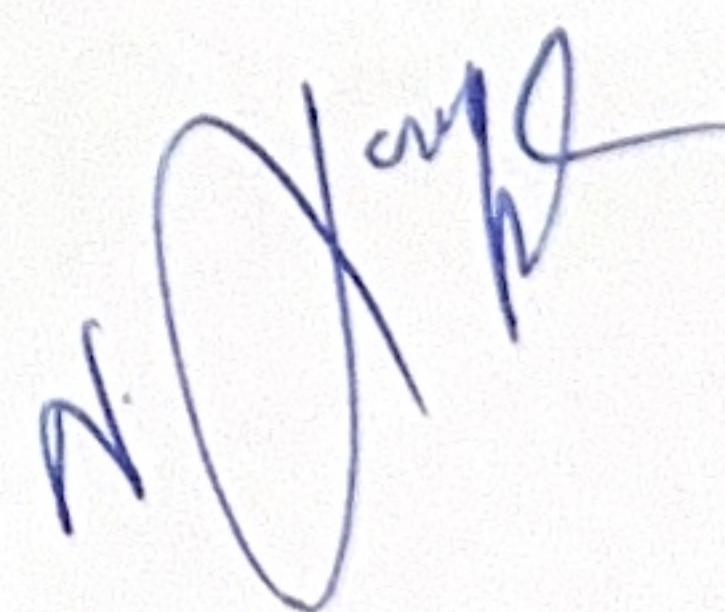
The publication creates an impression amongst readers that:

- a).the Hon'ble Court has already passed an adverse order against my client;
- b).his passport has been ordered to be seized/impounded;
- c).his right to travel has been judicially curtailed;
- and
- d).the Court has found sufficient grounds to pass such an adverse direction.

These impressions are false and wholly unwarranted insofar as they are represented as the consequence of an existing judicial order. The publication is therefore not a harmless reporting error. "The prominent headline itself has the potential to cause serious injury to my client's reputation, dignity and standing in public life".

Prima facie defamatory publication:- The publication is also liable to attract the consequences of the law relating to defamation. Section 356 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 covers publication of an imputation concerning a person with the intention of harming, or with knowledge/reason to believe that it will harm, that person's reputation.

5. My client accordingly reserves his right to take appropriate criminal and civil proceedings, including proceedings in respect of defamation, against all persons found responsible for the preparation, approval and publication of the impugned material. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as limiting or waiving any such remedy.



Disclosure of source:-You are hereby specifically called upon to disclose:

- a. Who supplied the information on the basis of which the statement that there was a Court order was published;
- b. The name and designation of the source, to the extent legally permissible;
- c. The document relied upon by your reporter for stating that the Court had ordered temporary impounding;
- d. Whether your reporter personally inspected the Court record;
- e. Whether any copy of an alleged judicial order was obtained;
- f. If so, furnish a copy of the alleged order;
- g. If no order was obtained, explain the precise basis upon which the word “ఆదేశం” / “order” was used in the headline; and
- h. Disclose the editorial verification undertaken before publication.

You are further called upon to preserve all source communications, WhatsApp messages, emails, reporter's notes, recordings, documents, drafts and electronic records relating to the preparation and publication of the impugned article.

Press Council norms:- The Press Council of India has specifically emphasised the requirement of accuracy and fairness, including avoidance of inaccurate, baseless, misleading or distorted material. It has also prescribed prompt correction of factual errors with due prominence and apology or expression of regret in cases of serious lapse.

The Press Council's norms further recognise the affected person's right to have a contradiction, clarification or rejoinder published promptly and with due prominence. The present issue squarely calls for such correction.

In view of the above, you are hereby called upon to comply with the following demands:

A. Immediately withdraw and retract the impugned news item and the headline:

“కేటీఆర్ సహా నలుగురు పాస్‌పోర్టుల తాత్కాలిక జప్తుకు ఆదేశం!”

B. Publish, on the front page and with the same prominence as the impugned publication, a clear and unambiguous correction.

The correction shall specifically state:

“CORRECTION/CLARIFICATION: Our report published on 29.09.2026 stating that the Hon'ble Special Court had ordered temporary impounding of the passport of Sri K. Taraka Rama Rao was factually incorrect. The ACB had filed a memo seeking appropriate orders, but no such judicial order directing temporary impounding/seizure of his passport had been passed by the Hon'ble Court as on the date of publication. The error is regretted.”

C. Publish an unconditional apology to my client Sri K. Taraka Rama Rao garu for falsely attributing a judicial order to the Hon'ble Court.

D. Digital withdrawal :-Immediately correct/remove erroneous report from:

- * Eenadu online edition;
- * e-paper;
- * website;
- * social-media platforms;
- * digital archives under your control; and
- * any other digital platform on which the impugned report has been circulated by you.

The correction should remain prominently accessible wherever the original report was published.

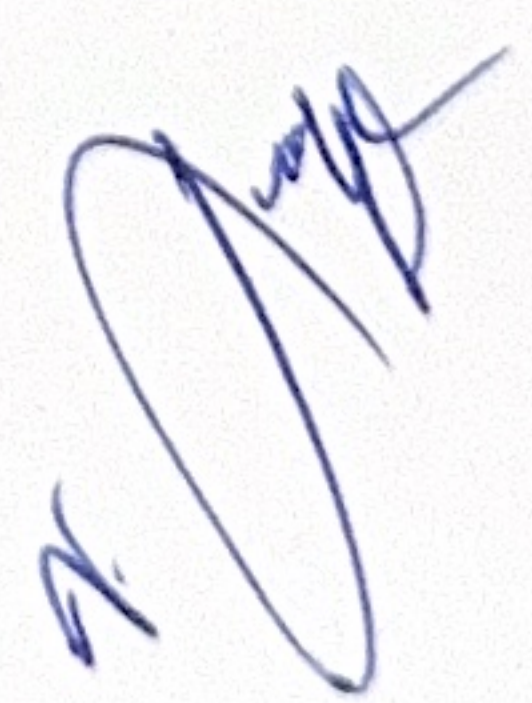
E. Right of reply: Publish my client's detailed clarification/rejoinder, without editorial distortion and with appropriate prominence. The Press Council norms recognise this right and contemplate prompt publication with due prominence.

F. Disclosure: Furnish a written explanation identifying the source and document relied upon for the assertion that the Hon'ble Court had passed an order.

Considering the continuing circulation and continuing prejudice caused by the impugned publication, you are hereby called upon to comply with the above requirements within 48 hours from receipt of this notice. In the event of your failure to comply within the stipulated period, my client shall, without any further notice, take such proceedings as may be available in law, including:

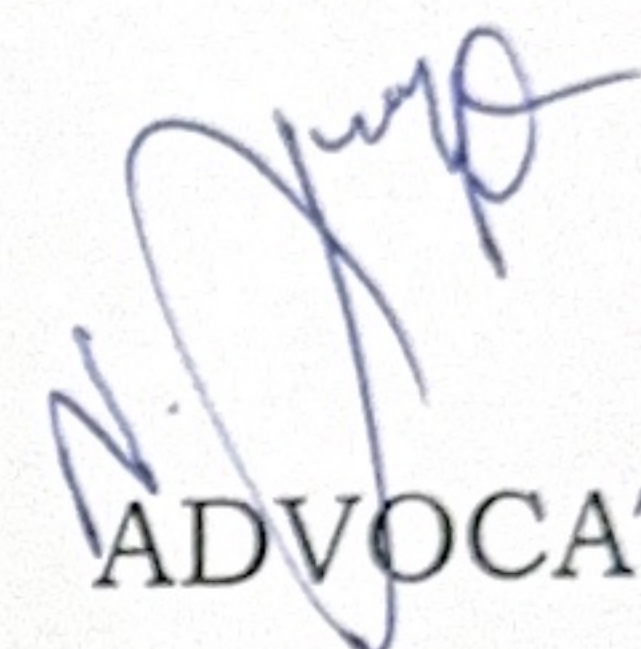
1. appropriate civil proceedings for damages and injunctive relief;
2. appropriate criminal proceedings for defamation under Section 356 BNS, as advised and maintainable in law;
3. proceedings before the Press Council of India under the applicable provisions of the Press Council Act, 1978 and Regulations;
4. appropriate proceedings for correction/retraction and preservation of evidence; and
5. such other proceedings before the competent Court/forum as may be necessary.

The Press Council's procedure itself requires an aggrieved person, ordinarily before approaching the Council regarding a publication, to first draw the newspaper/editor's attention to the objectionable publication and provide the grounds of objection making the present legal notice particularly important as a contemporaneous record of the grievance.



All costs, consequences and liabilities arising therefrom shall be entirely to your account. This notice is issued without prejudice to all rights, remedies, claims and proceedings available to my client in law and equity. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as an admission of any allegation contained in the ACB proceedings or the Passport Office notice. My client reserves the right to place the present notice, your response, the impugned publication and the relevant official documents before any competent Court, authority or statutory forum.

You are therefore advised to treat this notice as a final opportunity to correct the serious factual error committed by your newspaper and to prevent further damage to my client's reputation.



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