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ADVOCATE YENNAM BALACHANDER REDDY,
HYDERABAD HYDERABAD , TELANGANA
Dated: 27/04/2026

Dear ADVOCATE YENNAM BALACHANDER REDDY,

The Commission has received your complaint and it has assigned diary number as **9268/IN/2026** with the following details:-

Complainant Details

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Victim Details

Victim Name:	VICTIMS OF FUEL CRISIS IN ANDHRA PRADESH	Gender:	Both
Religion:		Cast:	
Address:	ANDHRA PRADESH		
District:	ANDHRA PRADESH	State:	ANDHRA PRADESH

Incident Details

Incident Place:	ANDHRA PRADESH	Incident Date:	26/04/2026
Incident Category:	MONOPOLISTIC AND RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES		
Incident District:	ANDHRA PRADESH	Incident State:	ANDHRA PRADESH
Is it filed before any Court / State HRC	No		
Incident Details:	That fuel (petrol and diesel) constitutes an essential commodity and critical supply, indispensable for transportation, healthcare access, agricultural operations, and economic activity. Its uninterrupted availability is intrinsic to the enjoyment of fundamental rights. That as per credible reports dated 26 April 2026, nearly 10% of fuel stations have shut down due to lack of supply, while others are operating under severe restrictions, leading to long queues, rationing, and denial of access. The complainant in good faith believes the said news available in public domain to be true and correct. That the crisis has severely impacted multiple districts including Vijayawada, Kakinada, NTR District, Guntur, Palnadu, Tirupati, Kadapa, and Kurnool, with citizens waiting for hours or being turned away without fuel. The gross inaction of State has resulted in blatant violation of Right to Life and Right to Freedom of Movement and violation of human rights as per Sec.2 (d) of Protection of Human Rights Act 1993 and same crisis is subsisting till date. A detailed Complaint dated 27.04.2026 is enclosed for taking immediate cognizance of the case in larger public interest. Hence this Complaint in good faith.		

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF INDIA::
AT::: NEW DELHI**

NHRC CASE NO.: 2026

IN RE:

Complaint regarding flagrant violation of fundamental rights under Articles 21 and 19(1)(d) of the Constitution of India due to severe and alarming fuel crisis and gross administrative inaction in Andhra Pradesh State.

COMPLAINANT:

ADVOCATE YENNAM BALACHANDER REDDY

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AND

RESPONDENTS: The following authorities are directly responsible in the said case and pending disposal the case, may be directed to submit time-bound and comprehensive Status Reports and Action taken reports (ATRs) from the following:

1. The Chief Minister's Office (CMO) Rep. by CM Shri.**NARA CHANDRA BABU NAIDU**, Government of Andhra Pradesh
2. The Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh
3. The Principal Secretary, Civil Supplies Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh
4. The Commissioner, Civil Supplies Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh
5. District Collectors of affected districts including Vijayawada (NTR District), Kakinada, East Godavari, Konaseema, Kadapa, Kurnool, Tirupati, Guntur, Palnadu and others

COMPLAINT FILED UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1993:

PARTICULARS AND LOCUS STANDI OF THE COMPLAINANT:

It is most humbly submitted that the Complainant, is an Advocate and active human rights defener filing the present petition in public interest, with no personal or private motive. The complainant has filed numerous cases since 2020 before hon'ble NHRC for advancement of human rights and they are part of record and the complainant doesn't want to mention it at the cost of repetition.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

SUM AND SUBSTANCE OF CASE:

1. It is most humbly submitted that hat the present complaint is being filed against the gross negligence, inaction, and administrative failure of the State authorities in addressing a severe petrol and diesel shortage across Andhra Pradesh, resulting in large-scale disruption of normal life.
2. That fuel (petrol and diesel) constitutes an **essential commodity and critical supply**, indispensable for transportation, healthcare access, agricultural operations, and economic activity. Its uninterrupted availability is intrinsic to the enjoyment of fundamental rights. That as per credible reports dated 26 April 2026, nearly 10% of fuel stations have shut down due to lack of supply, while others are operating under severe restrictions, leading to long queues, rationing, and denial of access. The complainant in good faith believes the said news available in public domain to be true and correct.
3. That the crisis has severely impacted multiple districts including Vijayawada, Kakinada, NTR District, Guntur, Palnadu, Tirupati, Kadapa, and Kurnool, with citizens waiting for hours or being turned away without fuel.
4. That farmers, transport operators, daily wage earners, and emergency service providers are among the worst affected, especially during critical agricultural and economic activities.

5. That the situation has been aggravated by panic buying, absence of effective regulation, and failure of authorities to implement timely corrective measures.

GROUNDINGS OF COMPLAINT:

A. Violation of Article 21 of Indian Constitution – Right to Life

The Hon'ble Supreme Court has consistently interpreted Article 21 to include the right to live with dignity, livelihood, and access to essential resources.

- Fuel, being indispensable for mobility, healthcare, agriculture, and economic survival, falls within the ambit of essential services necessary for a dignified life.
- The failure of the State to ensure its availability amounts to a direct infringement of Article 21.
- In *Olga Tellis v. Bombay Municipal Corporation*, the Apex Court categorically held *that the* right to livelihood is an integral part of the right to life. The present fuel crisis directly disrupts livelihoods of transport workers, farmers, and daily wage earners.

B. Violation of Article 19(1)(d) of Indian Constitution– Freedom of Movement

- The severe shortage and rationing of fuel have effectively curtailed citizens' ability to move freely throughout the territory of India.
- Long queues, non-availability, and restrictions have imposed unreasonable and indirect constraints on this fundamental freedom.

C. Fuel as an Essential Supply

- Petrol and diesel are integral to the functioning of public life, emergency services, and essential sectors such as agriculture and transport.
- Any disruption without adequate contingency planning constitutes a failure of the State's obligation to ensure essential supplies.

D. Administrative Negligence and Failure of Duty

- The Respondents miserably failed to anticipate and mitigate the crisis despite clear warning signs.
- Lack of coordination with oil companies and absence of emergency response mechanisms has exacerbated the situation.

E. Disproportionate Impact on Vulnerable Sections

- Farmers, daily wage earners, and small businesses are facing severe hardship, violating principles of equity and social justice.

Hence the inaction of the Respondents shall tantamount to flagrant violation of Article 21 and Article 19 (1) (d) of Indian Constitution R/w. Section 2 (d) of Protection of Human Rights Act 1993 and the same alarming situation is subsisting and the Respondents have turned a Nelson's eye and paid deaf ears. Hence this Complaint in good faith and in larger public interest.

PRIMA-FACIE CASE: In the light of the above it is most humbly submitted that the said Complaint has strong prima-facie case.

LIMITATION: The said case has running cause of action and is filed within the limitation period.

DECLARATION: The Complainant in good faith declares that this matter is not pending before AP State HRC or any other court or authority and that the information provided is based on publicly available reports and credible data.

PRAYER:

The Complainant most humbly prays the NHRC that PENDING DISPOSAL OF THE CASE, the Hon'ble National Human Rights Commission may be pleased to immediately take cognizance of the matter under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

1. Take cognizance of the matter under Section 12 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.
2. Issue notices to all the Respondents seeking time bound and comprehensive Status Reports and Action Taken Reports (ATR) from all Respondents..
3. Declare that denial of access to essential fuel supply amounts to a violation of Articles 21 and 19(1)(d) of the Constitution of India.
4. Direct the State Government to ensure immediate restoration and equitable distribution of fuel across all districts.
5. Order an independent inquiry to fix accountability for the administrative failure.
6. Direct formulation of a robust contingency and crisis management mechanism for essential supplies.
7. Recommend compensation to affected persons, especially farmers and vulnerable sections.
8. Pass any other order(s) deemed fit in the interest of justice.

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Fuel Crisis Deepens in AP

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Officials admitted that nearly 10 per cent of petrol bunks have shut down due to lack of supplies, while several others faced an acute shortage.

Vijayawada: A severe petrol and diesel shortage has gripped Andhra Pradesh, throwing normal life out of gear. 'No Stock' boards are seen across fuel stations and, when fuel is stored, long queues stretch for hours. The crisis, which worsened by evening on Friday, intensified over the weekend, leaving motorists, farmers and transport operators scrambling for fuel. Officials admitted that nearly 10 per cent of petrol bunks have shut down due to lack of supplies, while several others faced an acute shortage. Panic buying has worsened the situation, with consumers stocking fuel in large quantities, with plastic cans and drums, prompting dealers to impose restrictions and ration sales.

In Vijayawada, the situation remained alarming. Several fuel stations have closed, while others are dispensing limited quantities. At the police service bunk on Bandar Road, vehicles queued up for nearly half a kilometre. Police took up positions to regulate traffic and maintain order. Petrol was restricted to Rs.300 for two-wheelers, while cars were allowed diesel worth Rs.1,000,

leaving many motorists waiting for hours or returning empty-handed, NTR district, including areas such as Autonagar, Patamata, Mogalrajapuram and Yanamalakuduru, queues began forming as early as midnight. Similar scenes were evident in Tiruvuru, Kanchikacherla, Nandigama and Mylavaram, where several stations ran dry. Farmers have been among the worst-affected, particularly with the ongoing paddy harvesting season and aquaculture operations requiring uninterrupted diesel supply. In Konaseema and East Godavari regions, cultivators expressed concern over disruptions to harvesting and irrigation activities. Authorities, however, urged farmers not to panic and promised steps to prioritise diesel supply for agricultural use. In Kakinada district, the shortage entered its third consecutive day, with bunks supplying diesel on a restricted basis—Rs.1,000 for cars and as little as three litres for autos. Several outlets shut operations after exhausting stock. Similar conditions prevailed in Kadapa, Kurnool and Markapuram districts, where only a handful of fuel stations remained operational, attracting massive crowds and causing traffic congestion. Also Read - Godavari Officials Deny Fuel Shortage, Urge Calm Rural pockets in Palnadu and Guntur districts also reported severe disruptions, with areas such as Medikonduru, Perecherla and Firangipuram witnessing prolonged shortages.

In Machilipatnam and Tirupati, long lines of vehicles at petrol pumps highlighted the gathering gloom. Officials attributed the crisis partly to reduced supply from oil companies amid rising global crude oil prices. The civil supplies department is set to hold a review meeting with oil companies and dealers to address the issue and restore normal supply. Meanwhile, public criticism of the government's handling of the crisis is mounting, with citizens urging immediate intervention before the situation worsens further.

(Source : Deccan Chronicle)



Andhra Pradesh officials also noted that large-scale bulk purchases—particularly within the aquaculture sector—are placing immense pressure on local fuel availability.

Andhra Pradesh

Fuel shortage hits Andhra, CM Naidu orders urgent steps as 421 outlets shut

Naidu orders emergency measures after 421 gas stations go dry; surge in bulk purchases, cross-border restrictions drive petrol and diesel demand to rise further

The Federal

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To address the sudden and severe fuel shortage that has led to the closure of gas stations in the state, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has stepped in to direct officials to take immediate measures to address the shortage.

Officials informed Naidu that out of 4,510 fuel outlets in the state, around 421 have been shut due to supply constraints.

The CM reviewed the situation through a teleconference with Chief Secretary Sai Prasad and senior officials before leaving Mumbai for Amaravati late on Saturday (April 26), officials said, according to a PTI report.

“The Chief Minister directed officials to immediately implement measures to address the shortage and prevent inconvenience to the public,” said an official press release, quoting the CM on Sunday.

AP hit by shortage

Andhra Pradesh has been hit by a sudden and severe shortage of petrol and diesel, leaving hundreds of fuel stations empty and sparking widespread public anxiety. The crisis has disrupted daily life for commuters, transport operators, and the state’s vital agricultural and aquaculture sectors.

Long, winding queues are now a common sight at the few remaining operational pumps in major hubs, including Rajahmundry, Eluru, Vijayawada, Tirupati, Guntur, Kakinada and Kurnool. Several fuel stations have displayed “No Stock” boards, while dealers have warned that operations may be forced to shut down if the situation persists.

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While Visakhapatnam remains largely unaffected, the crisis is at its worst in the Eluru district, where the majority of the 426 retail outlets have been forced to suspend operations due to lack of stock.

According to reports, more than 30 fuel stations are closed in Kurnool causing a lot of anxiety among vehicle owners. The disruption was particularly serious in towns such as Yemmiganur, Pathikonda, Alur and Adoni, where horse-drawn carts were spotted transporting goods and passengers.

Panic buying

According to AP officials, panic buying by the public is one of the reasons.

Officials said that although supply has increased by 10 per cent, demand has surged sharply due to panic buying, resulting in heavy rush at several outlets.

On a normal day, average sales stand at 6,330 kilolitres of petrol and 9,048 kilolitres of diesel, but purchases have risen significantly amid fears of shortage.

On Saturday, sales reached 10,345 kilolitres of petrol and 14,156 kilolitres of diesel, they said. Despite improved supply, consumers are facing difficulties as long queues are being witnessed at several outlets due to panic buying.

Bulk purchases increase

Officials also told the media that large-scale bulk purchases—particularly within the aquaculture sector—are placing immense pressure on local fuel availability.

In response, Chief Minister Naidu has ordered a coordinated effort between district collectors and the fisheries department to regulate these drum purchases and stabilise the supply chain.

A significant factor behind the sudden spike in demand is the price difference between Andhra Pradesh and neighbouring states like Tamil Nadu, Odisha, and Karnataka, said reports.

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Traditionally, bulk consumers sourced cheaper fuel from across the border; however, recent crackdowns on cross-border sales have forced these large-scale buyers to turn to local retail outlets.

This unexpected push for bulk demand has severely strained the inventory intended for the general public.

10% increase in supplies

Meanwhile, state civil supplies commissioner K Kanna Babu told the media that there is no fundamental shortage of fuel, urging the public to refrain from panic buying. He said that the government is actively managing the situation through high-level consultations with major oil companies—including IOCL, HPCL, and BPCL—and the Andhra Pradesh Federation of Petroleum Traders.

To stabilise the market, Kanna Babu announced that oil companies have committed to increasing supplies by 10 per cent over April 2025 levels. Additionally, Joint Collectors have been tasked with monitoring the situation on the ground and providing immediate reports on any emerging supply issues.

Indian Oil issues 'no panic' assurance

Amidst the growing concern, Indian Oil also released a statement confirming that petroleum supplies remain uninterrupted nationwide.

A spokesperson revealed that petrol and diesel sales at retail outlets surged by over 13 per cent between April 1 and April 21, 2026. The company urged the public to remain calm, assuring customers that there is no need for panic-driven buying.

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Chandrababu Naidu invokes Dravidian identity, pitches NDA in Tamil Nadu campaign

Andhra Chief Minister highlights shared Tamil-Telugu heritage, praises state's legacy and temples while urging voters to back NDA candidates

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Striking a regional chord ahead of the Tamil Nadu Assembly polls, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday (April 21) invoked Dravidian sentiment as he campaigned for NDA candidates. Emphasising Tamil pride, the TDP chief urged voters to back the alliance, pitching it as a choice tied to the state's future.