

National Human Rights Commission

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Victim Name	GENERAL PUBLIC	Registration Date	04/04/2025

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5	Additional Information Called for	<p>To:- THE CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA BURGULA RAMA KRISHNA RAO BHAVAN. 9TH FLOOR, ADARSH NAGAR TELANGANA TELANGANA 500063 Email- cs@telangana.gov.in</p>	08/04/2026
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2	Reminder	<p>To:- THE CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA BURGULA RAMA KRISHNA RAO BHAVAN. 9TH FLOOR, ADARSH NAGAR TELANGANA TELANGANA 500063 Email- cs@telangana.gov.in</p>	01/08/2025
1	Action Taken Report Called for	<p>To:- THE CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA BURGULA RAMA KRISHNA RAO BHAVAN. 9TH FLOOR, ADARSH NAGAR TELANGANA TELANGANA 500063 Email- cs@telangana.gov.in</p>	20/06/2025

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Action : Additional Information Called for(Action No 5)

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Authority	To:- THE CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA BURGULA RAMA KRISHNA RAO BHAVAN. 9TH FLOOR, ADARSH NAGAR TELANGANA TELANGANA 500063 Email- cs@telangana.gov.in
Proceeding	<p>1. The Commission received a complaint on 01.01.2025 about environmental pollution in Telangana. The complainant alleges that fluoride contamination in Telangana's groundwater has reached alarming levels, as highlighted by the Annual Ground Water Quality Report, 2024 and a news report from The New Indian Express, posing severe health risks. Despite government acknowledgment, effective measures to mitigate the crisis remain inadequate. Complainant seeks intervention by the Commission.</p> <p>2. Pursuant to the direction of the Commission, the District Collector, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, submitted an action taken report dated 03.10.2025, wherein it is submitted that a comparative analysis of Post-Monsoon Nov 2024 and Pre-Monsoon May 2025 shows that the number of affected villages has increased by 9 villages. It is further submitted that as per ideal hydro geological condition, the groundwater level should be maintained at 3m (bgl) in Post-Monsoon (November) and 5 m (bgl) in Pre-Monsoon (May) to delute the concentration of fluoride in the original rock formation.</p> <p>3. Further, the Director, Irrigation & CAD (Wrg. GRC) Dept., Govt. of Telangana, submitted report dated 21.11.2025 wherein it is submitted that High fluoride concentrations in ground water are commonly attributed to geogenic factors, such as weathering and leaching of fluoride-containing minerals (e.g., fluorite, apatite, biotite, from rocks into water, rather than due to anthropogenic activities. Hence, the presence of fluoride in groundwater is inevitable at the source. Further, the ground water studies reveal that predominantly analyzed and recommended for agricultural and domestic suitability.</p> <p>Considering the measures taken to provide drinking water in the state, water is being supplied from alternative sources such as surface water through various governmental schemes like Mission Bhagiratha (from Nagarjuna Sagar left Canal (NSLC), Lower Manair Dam (LMD), Sriram Sagar Project (SRSP), Singoor, Manjeera and Nizam sagar) and protected drinking water through bore wells/ open wells/ tube wells in the state.</p> <p>4. The Commission has considered the material placed on record. The complainant vide communication dated 07.02.2026, submitted the comments on the action taken report wherein it is stated that it is admitted facts that 09 additional fluoride-affected villages. The problem is</p>

worsening rather than stabilizing. The complainant further stated that mere identification of hydro-geological benchmarks (3m bgl and 5m bgl) without a concrete, enforceable implementation plan does not amount to meaningful remediation.

5. The action taken report submitted by the District Collector, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District and the Irrigation & CAD (Wrg. GRC) Dept., while acknowledging the issue, stated high fluoride concentrations in ground water are commonly attributed to Geogenic factors and therefore, that groundwater is inevitable at the source. However, the Commission is not in agreement with the statement that “groundwater is inevitable at the source.” It is understood that Fluoride in groundwater usually comes from natural rocks, but it is not always present and depends on specific local hydrogeological conditions, which the report failed to address. Further, the report is silent on the measures, if any, being undertaken to prevent the spread of fluoride contamination, particularly in light of the District Collector’s admission that an additional 09 villages have now been affected.

6. Further, the complainant also submitted that the report failed to provide village-wise coverage date; did not provide clarity, adequacy or quality monitoring of supplied water and do not address last-mile connectivity, seasonal disruptions or reliance on contaminated borewells in the absence of regular surface supply. Further the report was also silent on the medical surveillance of affected people and preventive healthcare measures, awareness campaigns.

7. Therefore, in view of the above concerns and observations of the Commission and the complainant, let direction be issued to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Telangana, to submit an additional report, within four weeks.

8. A copy of complainant's communication dated 07.02.2026, is enclosed for ready reference.

Complaint

Diary No	19/IN/2025	Section	M-5
Language	ENGLISH	Mode	HRCNET/ONLINE
Received Date	01/01/2025	Complaint Date	01/01/2025

Victim

Victim Name	GENERAL PUBLIC	Gender	Both
Religion	Unknown	Cast	Unknown
Address	TELANGANA		
District	TELANGANA	State	TELANGANA

Complainant

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District	HYDERABAD	State	TELANGANA (500055)

Incident

Incident Place	TELANGANA	Incident Date	NA
Incident Category	ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION		
Incident District	TELANGANA	Incident State	TELANGANA
Incident Details			