

**National Human Rights Commission**  
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ADVOCATE YENNAM BALACHANDER REDDY,  
HYDERABAD HYDERABAD , TELANGANA  
**Dated: 24/04/2026**

Dear ADVOCATE YENNAM BALACHANDER REDDY,

The Commission has received your complaint and it has assigned diary number as **9057/IN/2026** with the following details:-

**Complainant Details**

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<b>District:</b>	HYDERABAD	<b>State:</b>	TELANGANA

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**Victim Details**

<b>Victim Name:</b>	VICTIMS OF INDEFINITE STRIKE OF TELANGANA RTC	<b>Gender:</b>	Both
<b>Religion:</b>		<b>Cast:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	TELANGANA STATE		
<b>District:</b>	HYDERABAD	<b>State:</b>	TELANGANA

**Incident Details**

<b>Incident Place:</b>	TELANGANA	<b>Incident Date:</b>	22/04/2026
<b>Incident Category:</b>	LABOUR DISPUTES IN PUBLIC SECTOR		
<b>Incident District:</b>	HYDERABAD	<b>Incident State:</b>	TELANGANA
<b>Is it filed before any Court / State HRC</b>	No		
<b>Incident Details:</b>	Flagrant violation of fundamental and human rights of the general and poor public due to disruption of essential public transport services caused by an indefinite strike by employees of Telangana State Road Transport Corporation from past three days. The same is in utter contravention of Article 21 of Constitution, Article 19 (1) (d) of Constitution, and Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) 1981 and Section 2 (d) of Protection of Human Rights Act 1993. The detailed Complaint dated 24.04.2026 is attached for taking immediate cognizance of the case as the same has demonstrated a strong prima facie case of human rights violation and the same is subsisting till date. Hence this complaint in good faith and in larger public interest.		

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

**NHRC CASE NO.: 2026**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

Violation of fundamental and human rights of the general public due to disruption of essential public transport services caused by an indefinite strike in Telangana from past three days.

**AND**

**COMPLAINANT:**

ADVOCATE YENNAM BALACHANDER REDDY

Hyderabad , Email id : [advocate.bcreddy@gmail.com](mailto:advocate.bcreddy@gmail.com)

**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 Action taken reports (ATRs):

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana.
2. Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC).
3. The State of Telangana, through its Transport Department.
4. The Labour Department, Government of Telangana.

**COMPLAINT UNDER THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACT,  
1993**

**MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:**

**PARTICULARS AND LOCUS STANDI OF COMPLAINANT:**

It is most humbly submitted that I am Yennam Balachander Reddy, Advocate and human rights defender, having office Hyderabad – Telangana. Hereinafter referred as the Complainant. That the Complainant has abundant locus standi as I had filed various petitions before hon'ble NHRC and different HRCs of States in larger public interest and for advancement of human rights. The Complainant is a public-spirited citizen filing the present petition in public interest, with no personal or private motive.

**BRIEF FACTUAL MATRIX OF THE CASE:**

1. That the Complainant is a regular passenger of Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) and the present complaint is being filed in public interest concerning the severe disruption of essential public transport services across multiple districts of Telangana, including Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, and Sangareddy. The RTC employees are on strike for the past three days, demanding absorption of employees into the government service among other demands. The strike has brought bus services across the state to a halt with passengers facing several hardships.
2. That a large-scale strike by employees of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation commenced abruptly at midnight, resulting in a near-complete halt of bus services. That the said disruption has caused widespread hardship to the general public, including daily wage workers, students, office-goers, and other vulnerable sections of society who rely heavily on public transportation.

3. That the inaction and negligence of all the Respondents arrayed in the said case, including Respondent No. 1 being the administrative head of the State, and Respondent No. 2 (TGRTC), has directly impacted the fundamental rights of citizens, including:
  - a. Right to livelihood under Article 21 of Indian Constitution.
  - b. Right to movement under Article 19 (1) (d) of Indian Constitution.
  - c. Right to access essential services
4. That the private transport operators are looting the poor public in the State by charging exorbitant charges. That public transport is an essential service, and any disruption thereof without adequate contingency measures amounts to a violation of human rights. That the ongoing strike prima facie appears to be in contravention of the provisions of the **Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1981 (ESMA)**, which prohibits strikes in essential services that affect normal life.
5. That the actions of the striking body and the failure of authorities to enforce legal provisions also raise concerns under the **Industrial Disputes Act, 1947**, particularly regarding unlawful strikes and the duty to maintain public utility services. That no adequate alternative arrangements were made to ensure continuity of transport services, thereby exposing citizens to exploitation through costly private transport options and unsafe travel conditions. The ongoing strike is also causing heavy financial loss to the treasury of State Government. That the situation reflects administrative failure, lack of preparedness, and negligence on the part of the Respondents in safeguarding public interest. Hence this complaint in good faith and in larger public interest.

## RESEARCH OF COMPLAINANT:

Vision of TGSTRC: TGSRTC is committed to provide consistently high quality of services and to continuously improve the services through a process of teamwork for the utmost satisfaction of the passengers and to attain a position of pre-eminence in the Bus Transport sector.

RTC in Telangana State was first established as NSR-RTD (Nizam State Rail & Road Transport Department), a wing of Nizam State Railway in the erstwhile Hyderabad State, in 1932, with 27 buses and 166 employees. Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) was established on 11th January 1958 in pursuance of the Road Transport Corporations Act 1950. In the undivided Andhra Pradesh, APSRTC has a fleet strength more than 22,628 buses which is the largest fleet held by any other transport undertaking in the World. Since 1999 APSRTC is holding a prestigious place in the Guinness book of world records as the owner of the largest fleet of buses. Consequent upon state bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh state into Telangana and residual Andhra Pradesh, two separate administrative units of RTC in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana state were started functioning with effect from 03.06.2015.

The Government of Telangana has subsequently established Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC), on 27.04.2016, under the Road Transport Corporation Act, 1950. After bifurcation, TGSRTC started operating buses from 98 depots to various destinations of Telangana and also to the neighboring states such as Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra State, Karnataka State, Tamilnadu and Chattisgarh transporting around 90 lakhs passengers every day. 68% buses are providing rural transportation and 32% buses for urban transportation. Now, Telangana State Road Transport Corporation is holding a fleet of 9,384 buses and 46,746 employees as on

April 2022 from 98 depots administered through 11 Regions. There are 364 bus stations in the State.

**GROUND OF COMPLAINT:**

1. Violation of Article 21 of the Constitution (Right to Life and Dignity) and Right to movement under Article 19 (1) (d) of Indian Constitution.
2. Failure to enforce statutory obligations under ESMA.
3. Negligence in maintaining essential public services.
4. Lack of timely intervention despite prior notice of strike.
5. Public hardship caused due to administrative inaction.

**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 any State HRC or any other court or authority and that the information provided is based on publicly available reports and credible data.

**INTERIM RELIEF:** Pending final disposal of this complaint, it is prayed that this Hon'ble Commission may issue interim direction calling for urgent Status report and Action taken reports from all Respondents as the complaint has demonstrated a strong prima facie case.

**PRAYER:**

The Complainant most respectfully prays 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 and initiate an inquiry into the disruption of essential transport services.
2. Constitute an independent Committee to resolve the lawful demands of Telangana State RTC workers.
3. Direct the Respondents to immediately restore normal bus services.
4. Issue appropriate directions to ensure that essential services are not disrupted in future.
5. Recommend action against officials and authorities responsible for negligence and failure to act.
6. Direct formulation of a contingency framework to handle such strikes without affecting the public.
7. Pass any other order(s) deemed fit in the interest of justice and protection of human rights.

**FILED BY:**

ADVOCATE YENNAM BALACHANDER REDDY

FILED ON : 24.04.2026