

LEGAL NOTICE
‘WITHOUT PREJUDICE’

Date: 28.06.2025

To,
Mahaa News
Plot No 202, Rd Number 76,
Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana 500033
info@mahaanews.co.in

Dear Sir,

Sub: Defamation notice for comments made by you against Sri Kalvakuntla Chandrashekar Rao, Sri Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao and the BRS Party.

On behalf of our client – Bharat Rashttra Samithi (‘BRS’ or ‘the Party’), represented by its Authorised Signatory, having its office at Telangana Bhavan, Bhavani Nagar, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500034 and under the instructions of our client, we issue this legal notice as under:

1. The BRS Party (formerly known as Telangana Rashttra Samithi (TRS)), is an Indian political party which is predominantly active in the state of Telangana and currently the primary opposition party in the state. It was founded on 27 April 2001 by Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao Garu (KCR), with a single-point agenda of creating a separate Telangana state with Hyderabad as its capital. It has been instrumental in carrying forth a sustained agitation for the granting of statehood to Telangana. After heading the Telangana Movement, Sri KCR Garu was the first Chief Minister of Telangana and held the position for almost 10 years.



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2. Our client states that Sri KTR Garu is an Indian politician and a Member of Telangana Legislative Assembly. He is a former Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Industries and Commerce, and Information Technology, Electronics and Communications of Telangana. He represents Sircilla assembly constituency in the Telangana Legislative Assembly, he is also the working president of the BRS Party.
3. Our client, BRS Party, during their term as the Government of Telangana, made immense contribution to the development of the State. They led numerous delegations in partnering with multi-national corporations across the world inviting them to invest in the Telangana State. They achieved various milestones and has been a key contributor to the rapid development of the State.
4. Our client states that it has recently come to their attention that you are disseminating false and baseless information against our client and the Party leaders Sri KCR Garu and Sri KTR Garu in a vindictive manner with the sole intention to destroy the reputation of the Party and its leaders.
5. Our client also states that you are making derogatory remarks and using abnormal pictures as thumbnails to the videos you post on YouTube with an intention to demean the Party and its leaders Sri KCR Garu and Sri KTR Garu. Without any basis or proofs, you are implicating our client's leaders, in several issues which they are not related or connected to. Our client and its leaders are deeply affected by the false and malicious information that is being circulated all around, which is causing a great damage to their reputation.
6. Our client states that, following are some of the videos that you are publishing and circulating on social media, defaming our client and its leaders.



| S. No. | Link to the video | Title of the video | Summary of the remarks made |
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| 1. | https://youtu.be/-ACZ55ghVM0?feature=shared | నా దగ్గరికి రాకపోతే ఆడియో లీక్ చేస్తా..ఎక్కడికి రావాలో మావాళ్లు చెప్తారు Phone Tapping Case | The video contains the photos of Sri KCR Garu and Sri KTR Garu. The news reporter reports that the then government tapped into the phones of government officials, celebrities from movie industry, actresses, models, TV anchors, etc. It was further alleged that heroines, TV anchors were asked for illicit favours by showing all the call recordings obtained by tapping their phones. That they were listening to private phone calls of couples, and raising internal family disputes of a prominent cinema family. |



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| 2. | https://youtu.be/Q6tVoDAM6qg?si=c0n8eWtUdLXe-Dig | Yes KTR కోసం ఆ హీరోయిన్ వచ్చింది.. : Mahaa Vamsi Analysis | That there was a phone tapping machine on the walls of every home. They (leaders of BRS Party) have not left any good-looking woman, be it TV anchors, cinema actresses, and models. They have tapped the phones of these women, and solicited illicit favours using the information from these recorded conversations and lying to these women regarding the source of the information. |
| 3. | https://youtu.be/EJn9-p1oCvA?si=r9siZY2VmtMp4HF3 | సిట్ దూకుడు.. సార్ అరెస్ట్ కి అడుగులు...: Mahaa Vamsi Analysis | A total 4,200 peoples' phones were tapped. They (leaders of BRS Party) have also tapped phones of people from cinema industry. Regarding the phone-tapping case, all the fingers are being |



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| | | | pointed towards KCR and his family. Especially on the instructions of Sri KCR Garu and Sri KTR Garu, ex-SIB chief Mr. Prabhakar Rao have tapped these phones |
| 4. | https://youtu.be/qGi-VfXZ7qQ?si=6W80zq9CbRwRwBtG | KCR కొంపలో ట్యాపింగ్ కుంపటి...: Mahaa vamsi Analysis On KCR, KTR Phone Tapping | The title itself is implicating that Sri KCR Garu is involved in the phone-tapping case. The thumbnail image contains images of Sri KCR Garu, Sri KTR Garu along with a blacked-out image of a woman implicating that Sri KCR Garu, Sri KTR Garu were involved in phone-tapping. The videos alleges that it was during Sri KCR Garu government that the phones of leaders from BRS party, Congress Party, BJP party, YSRCP |



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| | | | party were tapped along with judicial officers, senior civil servants. The video also alleges that the phones of the wives of these leaders, officers were also tapped during that time. |
| 5. | https://youtu.be/CE-fhuMch-0?si=aETLo5NVCvZAOIMv | మౌనం అంగీకారం! సిగ్గుందా! ఆడవాళ్ళు ఫోన్ వినడానికి.... | The video contains the photos of Sri KCR Garu and Sri KTR Garu. The speaker strongly criticizes the alleged phone tapping activities that occurred during the previous government, stating that over 12,000 phones were illegally tapped and that Sri KTR Garu would be remembered in history for orchestrating such mass surveillance. It is alleged that the phones of political opponents, film |



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| | | | <p>actors, actresses, and private individuals were targeted. The speaker further refers to an admission connected to the farmhouse incident, questioning whether such acknowledgment amounts to an acceptance of the phone tapping conspiracy. The title of the video, “మౌనం అంగీకారం.! సిగ్గుందా.! ఆడవాళ్ళు ఫోన్ వినడానికి....”, directly questions Sri KTR Garu’s silence on the issue, implying that such silence amounts to admission.</p> |
| 6. | https://youtu.be/-ELvaP9JSAA?si=N8CQa9Br6ctGkPjI | <p>ఫోన్ ట్యాపింగ్ కు కేసీఆర్ కు సంబంధం..శాస్త్రి సంచలన కామెంట్స్..</p> | <p>The video contains the photos of Sri KCR Garu and Sri KTR Garu. The speaker alleges that even the phones of people from</p> |



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| | | <p>Shastri Reaction On Phone Tapping</p> | <p>the judicial system were tapped by the previous government. He states that this is not just a local issue, but a serious matter between two states, and that it should be brought before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The speaker expresses concern that the fundamental rights of citizens are being violated, and strongly remarks that those who are doing this are no different from the Britishers who ruled us in the past. He further states that if such phone tapping really happened, then the elections held under such circumstances should be cancelled. He demands that a formal complaint be made to the Election</p> |
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Some of the other examples for videos where your news channel had circulated such false news are as follows:

- a. <https://youtu.be/oB9dcyPlbmY?si=yVLA mn396fO1cVvb>
- b. <https://youtu.be/24EnvIOVeNc?si=KNlaUKlpqOQbQXvA>
- c. https://youtu.be/ct9rBzGqKy4?si=-o-se_pzm6kn4Lri
- d. <https://youtu.be/0GWmwEhaEws?si=IJ82BQF0caWwUy3M>
- e. <https://youtu.be/g6nW2Wgzo44?si=NYa0PCgREJUHXMAR>
- f. <https://youtu.be/EJn9-p1oCvA?si=L2QgsTp3QYC5uPi5>
- g. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIwZ4gjq61w>

7. Our client vehemently denies all the allegations made as stated above and you are put to strict proof of the same. Our client states that there are various media houses and social media accounts who are reporting without any proof whatsoever that our client's leaders are involved in many criminal activities, which is absolutely false.



It is atrocious that you are twisting facts to your suitability for the purpose of creating sensationalism. Being a responsible media house, which publishes news across the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, it is appalling that such statements are being made without any proof whatsoever in nature. The general public is bound to believe such statements when they are being made by you as a news channel, whose responsibility is to inform the general public of the true facts and happenings in the society.

8. Our client states that it is alarming and unacceptable that your media channel has engaged in disseminating unverified and misleading information, seemingly driven by personal vendettas, thereby neglecting your fundamental obligation to report accurate and truthful facts to the public. Such actions not only undermine journalistic integrity but also erode public trust. Your channel is legally bound to adhere to the *Information Technology Act, 2000*, *Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021*, *Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995*, and the *Programme and Advertising Codes* under Rule 6 of the *Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994*. Furthermore, compliance with the *News Broadcasters & Digital Association (NBDA) Code of Ethics and Broadcasting Standards* is mandatory, requiring fair, objective, and accurate reporting while prohibiting the spread of misinformation.
9. Our client further instructed us to strongly caution you that he shall not tolerate any such libelous and slanderous statements which are made only to tarnish the reputation of the Party and its leaders for your political and personal benefit and vendetta. By making such defamatory and derogatory statements, our client states that you are leaving an impact on the larger public to believe in such false statements and bring disrepute to the Party and its leaders. Your intentions are quite clear that



these defamatory statements are made to further your political gains, at the cost of reputation and goodwill of the Party and its leaders.

10. Our client states that previously, when Smt. Konda Surekha Garu (Cabinet Minister for Forest and Environment, and Endowments in the Government of Telangana) made such comments, Sri KTR Garu filed several complaints. In April 2024, the Election Commission of India vide Order No. 437/TEL-HP/SOU3/2024 dated 26.04.2024, had warned her to choose words carefully, especially she was a Minister in the Government of Telangana. Despite Election Commission of India issuing such warning, she continued to make similar defamatory statements without holding any proof whatsoever. As such, Sri KTR Garu was constrained to file a civil defamation suit and the Hon'ble Court directed and ordered Smt. Konda Surekha Garu not to make any such statements, and the suit is still pending. Our client states if you do not refrain from spreading such fake news, our client will be constrained to initiate similar action against you.
11. Our client states that, that you are indulging in vendetta politics and deceiving general public that the Party's leaders are involved in offences that they are neither aware of nor related to. Our client intends to state in a categorical and clear manner that, the Party's leaders have no relation to phone tapping. Based on your statements, various other media houses are making false and baseless conclusions that the Party's leaders are guilty of such offence and subjecting them to *trial by media*.
12. Our client states that various YouTube channels and media houses are continuously running stories naming and framing the Party and its leaders in the said phone tapping issue, without any proof whatsoever. Our client states that you are acting in



a co-ordinated manner conspiring against the Party and its leaders with the sole motive and intent to assassinate their characters without holding any proofs whatsoever in this regard. These unfounded allegations and acts of sensationalism have brought disrepute to the Party and its leaders.

13. Our client states that you, along with other interested parties, collectively initiated a smear campaign against our client with the malicious intent to mislead and misdirect the people at large to a great misconception, which is severely affecting them and the Party members. Your prime motive is to destroy the confidence and trust of lakhs of public in our client by damaging their reputation, through all kinds of publicity with vested political agenda, by levelling frivolous and false allegations against our client's Party and its leaders.
14. Our client states that as a consequence of this vitriolic campaign, the Party's leaders have been subjected to scandalous attacks with the sole motive of injuring their reputation. You, along with other media houses and political parties, have conspired to malign the Party's reputation based on false information, assumptions, lies and frivolous allegations.
15. Therefore, in these circumstances, you are hereby called upon to do the following:
 - i. To immediately remove the link cited above in paragraph 6 on your YouTube channel and other social media accounts as well.
 - ii. To refrain from creating/publishing defamatory print and videos, circulating the same, with an intent to tarnish the image of our client and its leaders.



- iii. To issue an unconditional public apology to our client and its leaders for tarnishing their reputation by your malicious and defamatory acts.
- iv. To refrain from engaging in any further malicious acts or frivolous litigations, directly or indirectly, against the BRS Party and its leaders.

16. Should you fail comply with our client's demands as stated in paragraph 15 above within 24 hours from the receipt of this notice, our client will be constrained to initiate necessary and appropriate legal action against you, as required under both civil and criminal law, while reserving his right to seek appropriate damages. We are also hereby attaching the screenshots of the videos for your reference.



Annexure

i) <https://youtu.be/-ACZ55ghVM0?feature=shared>



ii) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6tVoDAM6qg>



iii) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJn9-ploCvA>



iv) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qGi-VfXZ7qQ>



v) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CE-fhuMch-0>



vi) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ELvaP9JSAA>



