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Respected Sir,

At the outset I must state that I am fully conscious of the content and the implication of the oath I have taken that I'll bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established. I am equally aware of the fact that under the Constitution of India the three great branches of government, the Legislature, the Executive and the Judiciary are required to function with the only aim of serving the people in accordance with the Constitution and the laws.

1. I am mindful of the fact that under the scheme of our Constitution, the Constitutional courts have the jurisdiction and authority to examine the compliance of the Acts of Legislature and the actions of the Executive with the mandates of Constitution and the laws made by the Legislature. Therefore the Constitution vests an extraordinary authority in the judiciary to examine critically each and every Act of the Legislature and Executive only to ensure that the Legislature and the Executive do not overstep the Constitutional limits. Such authority of the judiciary can be effective only when its independence

is guaranteed. Hence the Constitution made appropriate provision to ensure that independence.

2. I firmly believe that a fair and impartial judiciary is the ultimate guarantor of the rights of the people. It goes without saying that the authority of each branch of governance under the Constitution comes with a corresponding responsibility. The base line in all the cases is the consciousness of the greatest good to the greatest number of people.

3. Under the scheme of the Constitution, each one of the three branches of governance are designed to act as checks against the other for balancing the great powers endowed by the Constitution for securing the rights and liberties of the people. The entire edifice of the Constitutional governance is created and the sole justification for its continuance is to secure the goals specified in the preamble to the Constitution.

4. To avoid concentration of absolute power in the hands of any one of the three branches of governance, the Constitution devised a scheme of distribution of powers, both horizontally and vertically. Elected representatives are subjected to a periodic audit by way of an election apart from judicial superintendence. The only check on the members of judiciary is primarily their conscience and adherence to the settled principles of jurisprudence.

5. It is my unpleasant duty to place on record the following facts:

a) Ever since I assumed office of the Chief Minister of the State of Andhra Pradesh, I started taking stock of the affairs of Andhra Pradesh in its

various facets, administrative and economic, etc. There are various complaints about acts of malfeasance and misfeasance, leading to the amassing of huge amount of wealth by Mr Chandrababu Naidu and some of the members of his government and party and people closely associated with them between 2014-2019. In the process, various decisions taken by the predecessor government headed by Shri Chandrababu Naidu, required a scrutiny.

b) I believe such a scrutiny is a mandate emerging by necessary implication, from the massive trust the people of Andhra Pradesh reposed in me. In other words it is nothing but disapproval of the various misdeeds of the previous government headed by Mr Chandrababu Naidu. I also believe such a course is perfectly within the Constitutional authority vested in an elected government.

c) In furtherance of discharge of such Constitutional obligation, the government headed by me formed a sub committee consisting of my cabinet colleagues by a Government Order No 1411, dated 26-06-2019. One of the items which the sub-committee is required to examine is allegations of unbridled corruption, ruthless exploitation of natural resources for private gain, avaricious grabbing of lands from small and marginal farmers, especially those belonging to weaker sections. The Committee submitted its prima facie findings, referring to amassing of huge wealth by Mr Chandrababu Naidu and others by adopting various illegal means, including the illegal transactions of purchase of considerable extent of land (approximately in the order of 4000 acres) by various individuals or bodies corporate closely associated with Mr Chandrababu Naidu and his government. The report was placed before the Legislative Assembly. The Assembly opined that the matter called for a deeper enquiry as there are indications in the report of commission of various crimes by various persons. The Government forwarded the report to the Union of India, requesting an investigation by CBI. I believe and am assured by my legal advisors that the

State Government itself would be Constitutionally competent to initiate appropriate proceedings against various individuals involved in the above mentioned illegal activities. However, in view of the fact that most of the persons who are prima facie involved are closely associated with the TDP and its leader Mr Chandrababu Naidu, I was more than certain that any such action would be immediately countered by a propaganda, that such action is a process of political vendetta. I therefore thought that it is better that the investigation is carried on by a body over which my government would have no administrative control. I therefore, addressed a letter dt. 23-3-2020 to the Union of India requesting investigation by CBI. The said facts are forming part of the SLP No. 20524 of 2020.

d. It is my painful duty to place on record that in the course of enquiry by the cabinet sub-committee and also during the course of preliminary investigation conducted by the Anti-Corruption Bureau in a complaint received by it, it came to light that two daughters of Honourable Sri Justice N.V. Ramana, a sitting Judge of the Supreme Court and some of his close associates and relatives are beneficiaries of various questionable transactions of land within the area which came to be eventually notified as a location of the new capital proposed by Shri Chandrababu Naidu. The said transactions took place in the interregnum period between Mr Chandrababu Naidu's swearing in as CM of AP and the public announcement of location of the new capital. From the records it appears that a few transactions were routed through Mr Dammalapati Srinivas who at the relevant point of time was functioning as Additional Advocate General of AP. It is a notorious fact that said Mr Srinivas is too closely associated with Sri Justice NV Ramana and Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu with whose blessings he eventually became the Advocate General of Andhra Pradesh. The dossier containing the nexus of Sri Justice N. V. Ramana and Mr. Damallapati Srinivas, is enclosed herewith, which clearly shows the judicial favour extended by Sri Justice Ramana,

while being a Judge of the High Court at Hyderabad in what constitutes acts of judicial impropriety. I believe that the same is part of the record of the Honourable Supreme Court in a connected litigation.

e. Such transactions of purchase and sale of property could not have taken place without the knowledge and acquiescence of Sri Justice N.V Ramana for the simple reason that just a year before such purchase, in his declaration of assets as the Chief Justice of Delhi high court, it is shown that his 2 daughters are dependant members of his family. No information is available in public domain for the years 2014 and 2015. The enclosed diagrammatic representation clearly demonstrates the sequence of transactions and the obvious pecuniary gain.'

f. The complaint lodged with the ACB has shown that the extent of lands purchased by Dammalapati Srinivas and his relatives extends to around 80 acres. There is a possibility that the figure may go up, if a proper investigation is conducted in the matter. It is unfathomable that the land purchased in 2014 prior to the announcement of the capital, was in turn sold, at the same price, to Mr. Dammalapati Srinivas and the daughters of Sri Justice N.V. Ramana, after the Government announced the land pooling scheme. Consequent to the announcement, the prices of the land sky-rocketed into crores of rupees per acre and yet the transactional value of sale and purchase, remained the same in the range of Rs. 2-8 lakhs per acre. The same vendors have sold some holdings to outsiders at the relevant market value, but when it comes to transacting within the family and friends, the sale is done at the purchase value itself, which indicates money laundering and also benami holdings. A proper investigation would disclose the actual beneficial ownership of the lands, sprayed into the holdings of many others. The pattern of transactions clearly points out the obvious. A prior meeting of minds, meticulous round tripping of transactions and the holdings, clearly conveys a larger scam which needs investigation. I am also enclosing the joint

holding property of Sri Damalapati Srinivas and the daughters of Sri Justice N.V. Ramana and the other accused as mentioned in the FIR and as per the records available on the CRDA website.

g. Sri Justice Ramana's proximity to Mr Chandrababu Naidu is too well-known. I am making this statement with utmost responsibility. I may only bring it to your notice that a former judge of Honourable Supreme Court Justice Chelameswar placed this fact on record with EVIDENCE. Such letter and interviews of the learned Judge are in public domain and am enclosing a copy of the opinions highlighting the identity of views and expression between Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu and Sri Justice N.V. Ramana, about the fitness of candidates considered for elevation as Judges of High Court. All the beneficiaries of the illegal transactions needed to protect their interests and cover up their misdeeds.

7. Sri Justice N. V. Ramana has been influencing the sittings of the High Court including the roster of a few Honourable Judges and instances of how matters important to Telugu Desam Party have been allocated to a few Honourable Judges are enclosed in the annexure, along with the copies of the orders passed in a few matters. The above clearly demonstrates the nexus of Sri Justice N. V. Ramana, TDP and a few Honourable Judges of the High Court. The latest being the orders passed by Honourable Chief Justice Maheshwari in in WP No 16468 of 2020 filed by Shri Dammalapati Srinivas can lead to no other inference. This is the order of stay of investigation in the FIR lodged against Mr. D. Srinivas including the gag order on the press, against which an SLP is preferred. While the Supreme Court has been steadfast in ensuring no prior-restraint on publication by media, a gag order on the media is passed in the above W.P. Further, Justice D.V.S.S. Somayajulu, passed an interim order dt. 16-09-2020, the very next day of the gag order, staying further proceedings arising from the

cabinet sub-committee report, even after being apprised that the matter is before the Union of India. SLP No. 20524/2020 is filed before the Honourable Supreme Court. The beneficiary of both the judgements of the High Court are clearly and exclusively the politicians belonging to TDP of which Shri Justice Ramana was a legal adviser and Additional Advocate General in the past advising the government run by the TDP. The same clearly demonstrates the bias in the State judiciary towards Telugu Desam Party and its interests, in the nature of the orders passed staying investigation, staying enquiry, and the rest, at the admission stage itself.

In my respectful view, the subject matter may be looked into by your esteemed goodselves to consider initiating such steps as may considered fit and proper, to ensure that the State judiciary's neutrality is maintained. Further material if any, corroborative of the above contents and the enclosed annexures, shall be made available by me to your esteemed institution to substantiate the above.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures :

1. Opinions of Sri Justice N.V. Ramana and Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu on elevation of Advocates as Judges of High Court
2. Declaration of Assets by Sri Justice N.V. Ramana in 2013 and 2016

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3. Copies of joint holding of ownership of plots by Sri Dammalapati Srinivas and daughters of Sri Justice N.V. Ramana and others named in the FIR
4. Statement of cases and orders passed in cases filed by Sri Dammalapati Srinivas, out of turn and nexus between Justice Ramana and Mr. Dammalapati Srinivas – Impropropriety
5. Copy of the complaint and FIR in Cr. No. 08/RCO-ACB-GNT/2020
6. Diagram explaining the flow of funds and property purchased by the accused in the FIR
7. Copies of orders passed by the High Court in
 - i) WP against cabinet sub committee
 - ii) FIR against Sri Damallapati Srinivas along with the copy of the complaint
 - iii) Orders passed by the High Court in various cases favouring TDP interests under the influence of Justice Ramana through Chief Justice Maheswari and other honourable judges .