

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

GAD - Allegations of unlawful occupation of Sri Seetha Rama Swamy temple lands-Devarayamjal village, Shamirpet Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District by Shri Etela Rajender, former Minister and others - Detailed Enquiry - Orders - Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (CABINET) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1014

Dated.03.05.2021  
Read:

News item published in few vernacular dailies on 2nd May, 2021.

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**ORDER:-**

Government have received several complaints about large scale encroachments and illegal transactions of lands belonging to Sri Seetha Rama Swamy temple located at Devarayamjal village, Shamirpet Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District. The Endowment Department is claiming that an extent of 1521 acres 13 guntas belongs to the said temple.

2. A couple of vernacular newspapers in their daily edition dated 2nd May, 2021 have extensively reported about the encroachment of the said temple lands by Shri Etela Rajender, former Minister and few other individuals. It is reported that these individuals have unlawfully occupied large extents of the temple lands in their own names as well as in benami names. It is reported that the value of the land encroached is more than Rs 1000 Crs and the temple has been defrauded of such high value properties. It has also been reported that large constructions have been made on these lands without any valid permissions and in flagrant violation of several laws. Besides gravely hurting the sentiments of the devotees and the donors, it is alleged that these actions constitute grave violations of several laws in force.

3. Government, after careful examination of the above issues, hereby order a detailed enquiry into this issue by a Committee of Officers with the following composition :

1. Sri M.Raghunandan Rao IAS, Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development -Team Leader
2. Sri Prasanth Jeevan Patil, IAS Collector, Nalgonda District - Member
3. Smt Bharati Hollikari IAS, Collector, Mancherial District - Member
4. Smt Swetha Mohanty IAS Collector, Medchal-Malkajgiri District (FAC) - Member

4. The above team shall conduct a detailed enquiry and submit a report on the following :-
- i. The details of the encroachers and the land encroached upon
  - ii. The nature of encroachment and the present usage
  - iii. The details of documents possessed by these encroachers
  - iv. The details of permissions if any issued by any Government body
  - v. Violations of existing Government regulations
  - vi. The extent of vacant land
  - vii. The extent of land under encroachment by the benamis and the influential persons behind them
  - viii. Extent of revenue loss to the Temple
  - ix. Recommended Action

5. The Committee shall submit a report to the Government at the earliest.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)**

SOMESH KUMAR  
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Members concerned.  
The CCLA, Hyderabad.

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The Revenue (Endowments) Dept.  
The Commissioner, Endowments Dept., TS Hyderabad.  
The Collector and District Magistrate, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.

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