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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**  
**(Civil / Criminal / Appellate / Original Jurisdiction)**

**SUO MOTO WRIT PETITION (C) No. 1 of 2020**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**IN RE : CONTAGION OF COVID 19 VIRUS IN PRISONS ...Petitioner**

**Vs**

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<b>1.</b>	Affidavit on behalf of respondent No. 3/ State of Andhra Pradesh		
<b>2</b>	Proof of Service		

Filed on: 13.07.2021

Your faithfully,

Office of  
The Advocate-on-Record  
(SUPREME COURT OF INDIA)

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**Clerk: Anuj Kumar**  
**I.C. No. 6318, ( MOB: 8130508335)**

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(UNDER ARTICLE 32 OF CONSTITUTION OF INDIA)

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

IN RE: CONTAGION OF COVID 19  
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...PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

The State of Andhra Pradesh,  
Rep. by its Chief Secretary and Ors.

...RESPONDENT(S)

**AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT No. 3**

**I.E. ANDHRA PRADESH STATE.**

I, Md. Ahsan Reza, S/o. Haji Khalilur Rahman aged 57 years, Residing at Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh, Occu: Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services Government of Andhra Pradesh, do hereby solemnly and sincerely affirm and state on oath as follows.

1. I say and in my aforesaid capacity am acquainted with the facts of the case. Hence, I am competent to file this affidavit.
2. It is respectfully submitted that, in obedience to the orders dated 07-05-2021 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Suo Moto Writ Petition (Civil) No.1/2020, the High Powered Committee constituted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh in G.O.RT.No.327, Home (Paroles & HRC) Department, Dated

26-03-2020 met on 12-05-2021 through video conference and directed the following on release of prisoners on interim bail:

- i. Resolved to release on interim bail all the convicts/undertrial prisoners, who had been released on interim bail earlier pursuant to the resolutions of the High Powered Committee dated 26.3.2020 and 28.3.2020 but have been re-admitted to the prison unless they are not otherwise disqualified as per the resolutions of the Committee.
- ii. Resolved to release the other convicts/under trial prisoners who are in custody in connection with offences punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend up to 7 years or less with or without fine and qualify for such release as per the resolutions of the High Powered Committee dated 26.3.2020.
- iii. Resolved that the interim bail be granted for 90 days initially.
- iv. Resolved that bail bonds shall be furnished to the satisfaction of the Magistrate concerned and the amount

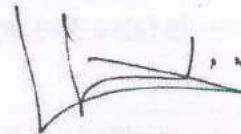
of bail bonds shall be reasonable. Undertaking shall be furnished before release that the convict/under trial prisoner shall remain in home quarantine for 14 days after the release. Interim bail may be cancelled for violation of conditions of bail and the convict/undertrial shall be forthwith taken into custody.

- v. Resolved to request the Principal Secretary, Home, and the Director General of Prisons to ensure adequate transport facility to the prisoners released on interim bail to return to their respective native places, keeping in view the restrictions on movement imposed by the Government.

3. It is respectfully submitted that as per the decision taken by the High Powered Committee on 12-05-2021, the Secretaries of District Legal Services Committee/ Principal District & Sessions Judge/Judicial Magistrates have visited various Prisons of Andhra Pradesh and sanctioned Interim bail to 171 Prisoners. Accordingly, 171 Prisoners were released on Interim Bail from the Prisons of Andhra Pradesh State, as on 15-06-2021.

4. It is respectfully submitted that, 03 prisoners were expired due to Covid-19 in the Prisons of Andhra Pradesh as on 15-06-2021.

5. It is respectfully submitted that, the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India are implemented in letter and spirit in all the prisons of Andhra Pradesh in order to prevent the spreading of Covid-19 in the Prisons and among the prisoners.

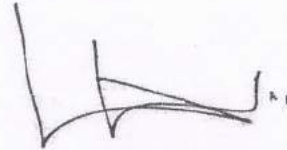


DEPONENT

**VERIFICATION**

I, Md. Ahsan Reza, S/o. Haji Khalilur Rahman aged 57 years,  
Residing at Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh, Occu:  
Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services Government  
of Andhra Pradesh, do hereby verify that the contents of paras 1 to 3  
are true to the best of my knowledge, belief and true and no part of it  
is false and nothing material has been concealed there from.

Verified at Vijayawada on this the \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2021.

**ATTESTOR****DEPONENT**