

One of The Mechanisms of Bribery within The R. R. District Consumer Court in Telangana State

The office assistants, clerks, and attenders working in the offices of the *R. R. District Consumer Court*¹ aren't accustomed to purchasing Stamps from the stationery shop at the R. R. District Court Complex, and only the Complainants or Advocates are typically allowed to purchase the Stamps from the Court Buildings' stationery shop. Each Stamp is exactly like that of a postal one, and is respectively valued at Rs 1, or Rs 5 for Court Fees.

In terms of actual money, the value of those Stamps seems inconsequential or insignificant, especially in this, modern era of doing work through e-Courts and e-Filings. But, complete digitization of files hasn't yet become a norm at district courts in Telangana, and digital resources haven't been fully and successfully adopted at those Judiciary Bodies.

So, every now and then, the office assistants, clerks, and attenders are given those Stamps as bribes, particularly so that, when those Stamps need to be affixed on the sheets of paper used by the Consumer Court's Panel of Judges for writing Notes and Remarks for any given case file, then the clerks affix Stamps wherever needed on the Docket and Remarks sheets of those Consumer Complaint case files. Worst of all, the Consumer Complaint case files get disrupted or disturbed via clerical errors, whenever those Office Staff aren't paid bribes. Those assistants, clerks and attenders seem to do their work diligently, but only if they have also been paid an additional Rs. 1,000 or Rs. 2,000 to make sure that those sheets of paper for the original Docket and the Judges' remarks do not get misplaced in the office, or get submitted to the Bench without the required Stamp on the Docket sheet for the Judges' handwritten endorsements on each submitted case file.

The average collection of bribes by the said Consumer Forum's Office Staff, under the instruction of their superiors and managers, i.e. the Panel of Judges of that Judiciary Body, is approximately Rs 14,000/- to Rs 26,000/- per day, with the monthly collection adding up to Lakhs of Rupees, and the yearly intake of bribes, is in Crores of Rupees.

If the Consumer Court's Office Staff aren't paid bribes, then they conveniently omit giving vital information to the Complainant and the Representative Advocates of the Complainants, about things such as the date of "Call on Bench" for a submitted case file. The Complainant or the Advocate has to personally go to the Consumer Court's Office Staff and stand over their desk to retrieve that type of information, which those Office Staff were supposed to provide via a phone call or a WhatsApp message to the deponent, as part of their office duty. The Consumer Court's Office Staff do, however, perform their office duties correctly, but mostly for bribe paying Companies, Complainants, and Advocates. Therefore, the socio-political value of that Rs. 1 or Rs. 5 Stamp is equivalent to at least Rs. 1,000 or Rs. 2,000 in cash bribes, and a whole lot more in terms of preventing loss of the submitted Consumer Complaint lawsuit at the court via miscarriage of justice due to "clerical errors."

Investigators interested in finding the bribes given to the office assistants, clerks, and attenders can check the protective covers of mobile phones belonging to those employees of the Courts. The Stamps

exchanged as a currency for bribery, are sneakily carried around by them within the outer covering of their mobile phones, instead of being carried around in their wallets. Do check the insoles of their shoes and their "lunch boxes" as well. And the method of transferring the bulk of the cash bribes from the Office Staff to their bosses and upper management, i.e. the Panel of Judges of the Consumer Forum, involves the use of temples and various non-profit organizations (affiliated to family members of those culpable Judges).

Did each of the Judges and Office Staff among those Judiciary Bodies truly think that all Hindu Gods, including Lords Shiva and Parvati, are blind-deaf-mutes to bless that type of ill-gotten gains as "Prasadam" or as judgment-free social benefits?

Or did those public servants think that corruption is a cultural part-and-participial of the Indian Judiciary and of all branches of the Central Government of India, and is somehow necessary for "greasing the wheels and gears of democracy?"

Trying to grease the parts of any system that is rotting and rusted to the core, with anything, is of no use!

There are numerous, august and just branches and wings, of the Central Government, that do not tolerate any bit of indolence, incompetence, complaisance, ignorance, or corruption. That is why, "Swacch Bharat Abhiyan" has already begun at and from the top, with all forms of corruption being wiped out from those types of Judiciary Bodies, for cleansing the Court Buildings as well as the Commissionerates, as a priority.

లక్ష్మి సరస్వతికి కదలగలదు, రావచ్చు.
సరస్వతికి రావాల్సిన లక్ష్మి కదలగలదు, సరస్వతి వైపు రావచ్చు.
కానీ, సరస్వతి ఏ కారణం చేత లక్ష్మి వద్దకు, రాదు.
**సరస్వతి, ఈ లోకానికి దిగివస్తే, ఆమె కేవలం కోపంతో కాదు,
తీవ్రమైన కోపంతో దుర్గా రూపంలో వస్తుంది.**

Lakṣmi Sarasvatiki kadalagaladu, rāvaccu.
Sarasvatiki rāvālsina Lakṣmi, kadalagaladu, Sarasvati vaipu rāvaccu.
Kānī Sarasvati ē kāraṇaṁ cēta Lakṣmi vaddaku, rādu.
**Sarasvati, ī lōkāniki digivastē, āme kēvalaṁ kōpantō kādu,
tīvramaina kōpantō Durgā rūpanlō vastundi.**

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1. Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission at Ranga Reddy District, L. B. Nagar Court Buildings, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500074. [↩](#)