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To
The Hon'ble Governor of Telangana
and Chancellor of State Universities
Lok Bhavan, Hyderabad - 500041

Subject: Representation seeking constitutional intervention against the illegal and arbitrary suspension of Prof. B. Manohar, Osmania University – Gross violations of the Constitution, principles of natural justice, and university law - Reg

Ref: A copy of the suspension order dated 12.01.2026 is enclosed herewith

Respected Sir,

I respectfully submit this representation invoking your august constitutional role as the **Governor of Telangana and Chancellor of State Universities**, seeking urgent intervention in the matter of the **arbitrary, illegal, and punitive suspension of Prof. B. Manohar, Department of Chemistry, Osmania University**, vide proceedings dated **12.01.2026**.

Prof. Manohar, as a representative of the teaching fraternity, has a bona fide duty to protect the rights and interests of the faculty and to uphold the institutional integrity of Osmania University. In discharge of this responsibility, **he raised legitimate questions on matters of governance and functioning**. Instead of addressing these concerns, **the university authorities have responded with a vindictive suspension based on untenable and disproportionate allegations**.

The suspension of **Prof. B. Manohar**, is not a routine administrative action. It is a **dictatorial, arbitrary and illegal act**, amounting to **brutal suppression of dissent and freedom of expression within a university**, an institution meant to serve as the **conscience-keeper of society**. This action reflects a deeply disturbing trend where **questioning the OU authority is treated as misconduct**, dissent is criminalised, and fear is institutionalised. Such an approach strikes at the **very roots of constitutional democracy** and reduces centres of higher learning into spaces of silence, submission and slavery.

The impugned action of the Osmania University is not a mere internal disciplinary measure. It constitutes a **serious breach of constitutional guarantees, service jurisprudence, and statutory university governance**, warranting immediate scrutiny and correction.

Universities as Constitutionally Protected Spaces of Free Expression

Universities are not administrative extensions of the executive. They are **constitutionally significant spaces** where freedom of thought, debate, dissent, and criticism are integral to their functioning.

The suspension of a senior professor for expressing dissent or questioning administrative actions directly implicates:

- **Article 19(1)(a)** – Freedom of speech and expression,
- **Article 21** – Right to dignity, fair procedure, and reputation,
- **Article 14** – Protection against arbitrariness and unequal treatment.



One may agree or disagree with the views expressed, but any restriction on these rights must satisfy the test of **reasonableness, proportionality, and due process**, which is conspicuously absent in the present case.

Suspension Without Enquiry: Punishment Before Process

The suspension order itself acknowledges that:

- no regular departmental enquiry has commenced,
- allegations are only termed *prima facie*,
- approval of the Executive Council is merely “*anticipated*”.

Despite this, Prof. Manohar has been placed under **immediate suspension**, which is **punitive in effect**. This violates settled principles of service law, including:

- Suspension is **preventive, not punitive**,
- It cannot be imposed as a substitute for punishment,
- It must be based on compelling necessity, not administrative displeasure.

The action thus amounts to **punishment without enquiry**, impermissible in law.

Specific Legal and Constitutional Violations by OU Authorities

The impugned suspension suffers from the following **grave legal infirmities**:

(a) Violation of Article 14 – Arbitrariness

- The order is vague, overbroad, and disproportionate.
- No reasoned satisfaction demonstrating necessity of suspension is recorded.
- Collective and unrelated allegations are mechanically clubbed.

(b) Violation of Article 19(1)(a) – Academic Freedom

- Acts of dissent, criticism, and expression are treated as misconduct.
- This creates a chilling effect on the entire academic community.

(c) Violation of Article 21 – Due Process and Dignity

- Suspension without enquiry damages reputation and professional dignity.
- Procedure adopted is unfair, unreasonable, and oppressive.

(d) Breach of Principles of Natural Justice

- No finding of guilt.
- No opportunity of proportional response.
- No demonstrable urgency warranting suspension.

(e) Institutional Overreach and Colourable Exercise of Power

- Serious criminal allegations such as “criminal intimidation”, “impersonation”, and “fabrication” are made **without FIRs, trials, or judicial findings**.
- University authorities have assumed roles of **police, prosecutor, and judge**, which is impermissible.

Misuse of Disciplinary Powers to Suppress Dissent

The nature and language of the order indicate that **disciplinary machinery is being used as a tool of intimidation**, not governance. This undermines:

- institutional autonomy,
- academic independence,
- and public confidence in university administration.

Such actions, if left unchecked, will normalize fear and silence within institutions meant to nurture democratic thought.

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OU's Historic Legacy of Questioning the Authority & Democratic Dissent

Osmania University has historically stood as a beacon of intellectual courage and democratic engagement. Any attempt to convert it into a space of surveillance and coerced compliance would amount to a historic institutional regression and a serious affront to democratic values. Universities are meant to serve as the conscience keepers of society, not robotic enforcers of executive diktat.

Constitutional Position of the Governor as Chancellor

Respected Sir, as the Hon'ble **Chancellor of State Universities**, the office of the Governor is vested with the constitutional and statutory responsibility to **ensure that universities function within the framework of law, constitutional morality, and institutional autonomy with freedom of expression**. This includes preventing:

- abuse of disciplinary powers,
- erosion of academic freedom, and
- substitution of rule of law with executive intimidation.

In view of the above, I most respectfully request Your Excellency to:

1. **Direct immediate revocation of the suspension**, pending any lawful enquiry strictly in accordance with due process;
2. **Call for and examine the complete records** relating to the suspension of Prof. B. Manohar; and **Assess the constitutional and legal validity** of the action taken by OU authorities;
3. **Issue appropriate directions or advisories** to State Universities to ensure strict adherence to democratic traditions, constitutional norms, institutional autonomy, and academic freedom, and to prevent universities from degenerating into authoritarian or politically subservient entities

Sir, This representation is not merely about one professor. It is about whether **constitutional governance prevails over coercive authority**. If University Professors can be silenced through arbitrary suspension, universities lose their soul and democracy loses its conscience.

I trust that Your Excellency will intervene to **restore justice, dignity, and constitutional values** in the state of Telangana.

With the highest respect,

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sravan Kumar Dasoju

Copy to: The Vice Chancellor, Osmania University

Enclosure: Copy of Suspension Order dated 12.01.2026



OSMANIA UNIVERSITY
HYDERABAD - 500 007

No. MR- 12/153/97/Adm.I-1.

Date: 12.01.2026.

ORDERS

Sub: OSMANIA UNIVERSITY – Prof. B. Manohar, Department of Chemistry, University College of Science, Osmania University, Hyderabad - Grave Misconduct and Violation of University Code of Conduct - Placed under Suspension - Orders – Issued.

Ref: 1. Univ. Letter No. MR: 372/410/2025/Adm.III, dated 01.10.2025
2. Letter dated 09.10.2025 received from Prof. B. Manohar
3. Univ. Letter No. MR: 527/410/2025/Adm.III, dated 16.10.2025
4. Letter dated 22.10.2025 received from Prof. B. Manohar
5. Univ. Orders No.MR: 667/1/2025/Adm.I-1, dated 29.12.2025.

Through the University letter reference 1st cited, Prof. B. Manohar, Department of Chemistry, University College of Science, Osmania University, Hyderabad was sought explanation for misconduct in the presence of Chairman and other Members of the CAS Selection Committee on 20.09.2025. In response, he has submitted his explanation vide reference 2nd cited, which is not satisfactory.

Subsequently, the University vide letter reference 3rd cited, Prof. B. Manohar was sought explanation for creating & circulating the fake news, inciting other faculty members to revolt against the University authorities and conducting an official rally without taking any permission from the University by violating of Osmania University Employees Conduct Rules. In response, he has submitted his explanation vide reference 4th cited, which is not satisfactory. Accordingly, University has constituted a Committee to look into the behavior of Prof. B. Manohar, Department of Chemistry, University College of Science, Osmania University, Hyderabad. The Committee has submitted its report in detail following facts:

- 1) Committed serious misconduct by violating the decorum of a statutory selection committee and making false statements about official proceedings.
- 2) Repeatedly engaging in misrepresentation by unlawfully using the name and title of a defunct OUTA to criticize the University Administration publicly.
- 3) Actions breaching several provisions of the Osmania University Employees Conduct Rules and the Governing Bye-Laws of OUTA causing significant harm to the dignity, discipline and public image of the University.
- 4) Making false documents, impersonation, using fabricated documents as genuine, unlawful assembly, criminal intimidation and obstructing duties, threatening public servant.

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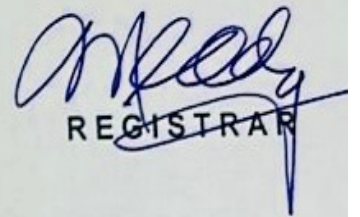
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Based on the above facts the Committee recommended as the following:

“Given the gravity of the misconduct, which comprises essential principles of institutional discipline, integrity and public trust, the committee unanimously recommends that the university initiate appropriate disciplinary measures against Prof. B. Manohar in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Osmania University Act, Statutes, Ordinances and the employee's Conduct Rules, 1965”.

In view of prima facie evidences it appears that there is a strong case of grave misconduct and violation of code of conduct, the Vice-Chancellor, in anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council, has placed Prof. B. Manohar, Department of Chemistry, University College of Science, Osmania University, Hyderabad under suspension in the interest of the university with immediate effect for his misconduct, pending enquiry to be initiated against him as per rules.

Further, sanction is accorded for payment of Subsistence Allowance to Prof. B. Manohar, Department of Chemistry, University College of Science, Osmania University, Hyderabad as per rules in force.


REGISTRAR

To
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Hyderabad

Copy to:

1. The Principal, University College of Science, O.U.
2. The Head, Department of Chemistry, O.U.
3. The Finance Officer, O.U.
4. The Deputy Registrar (Pre-Audit), O.U.
5. The Secretary to VC, O.U.
6. P.A. to the Registrar / OSD to VC, O.U.