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**Shri Rahul Gandhi ji**  
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**Subject: Revanth Reddy's "Hate Speech" Bill dislodges your "Mohabbat ki Dukaan" with state-sponsored dictatorial silencing of citizens and suppression of their right to freedom of expression - Requesting Intervention - Reg.**

**Respected Shri Rahul Gandhi ji,**

I write to you as a citizen who has watched you carry the Constitution of India across 4,000 kilometers, promising to replace the "**Market of Hate**" (**Nafrat Ke Bazar**) with a "**Shop of Love**" (**Mohabbat ki Dukaan**). You have stood in Parliament and on the streets, advocating for the right of every Indian to speak truth against the people in power without fear. I heard you in person saying that democracy is all about dialogue, discussion, debate and dissent. But today, in Telangana, the Congress government led by **Shri Revanth Reddy is like a betraying every word you spoke on those roads.**

The Govt of Telangana has recently introduced a draconian Bill, which is designed to scuttle the democratic dissent and freedom of expression. When even your own political ally, the CPI, is calling this law a 'death warrant for democracy' and demanding its withdrawal, you must realize that the Congress Govt in Telangana has lost its moral compass. Here is the blunt reality of what this Bill does:

- **It Weaponizes Vagueness:** It defines "Hate Speech" as anything causing "disharmony" or "ill-will." These aren't legal terms; they are political tools. Who decides what "ill-will" is? A police officer? A local politician? This is exactly the kind of "thought-policing" the Supreme Court struck down in the *Shreya Singhal* case.
- **Arrest First, Ask Questions Never:** By making these "offences" cognizable and non-bailable, the government is making the process the punishment. A simple WhatsApp forward could land a student or a journalist in jail without a warrant. In our country, an arrest doesn't just take away liberty; it destroys a life.
- **The "Designated Officer" is a Censoring Authority:** The Bill allows a government-appointed officer to block digital content without notice, without a hearing, and without an appeal. This is digital authoritarianism dressed up as social harmony.

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- **A Failed Copy-Paste:** This Bill is a carbon copy of the Karnataka State Govt version that was already flagged by the Governor as "draconian" and unconstitutional. Why is Telangana trying to succeed where constitutional scrutiny previously failed?

The **Telangana Hate Speech & Hate Crimes (Prevention) Bill, 2026** fundamentally **violates the "Golden Triangle" of the Indian Constitution, Articles 14 (Equality), 19 (Freedom of Speech), and 21 (Life and Liberty)**, by employing vague, overbroad terminology like "disharmony" and "ill-will", it turns a political disagreement into a jail sentence. The Constitution only allows the State to silence speech if it triggers immediate violence, but this law ignores that 'direct link.' It lets the police arrest you not for starting a riot, but simply for hurting the government's ego by questioning.

In **Shreya Singhal vs. Union of India (2015)**, the Supreme Court struck down Section 66A of the IT Act precisely because such undefined terms create a "chilling effect" on protected speech and fail to distinguish between mere advocacy and actual incitement to violence. Furthermore, by making these speech-related offences **cognizable and non-bailable**, the Bill bypasses the **"just, fair, and reasonable" procedural safeguards** established in **Maneka Gandhi vs. Union of India (1978)**, effectively converting arrest into a tool of executive intimidation.

Finally, the provision for digital censorship without prior notice or judicial oversight directly contradicts the mandate in **Anuradha Bhasin vs. Union of India (2020)**, which requires any restriction on internet expression to be transparent, proportionate, and subject to judicial review

**Rahul ji, there is a massive disconnect between your speeches in Delhi and Revanth Reddy's actions in Hyderabad.** While you speak of a *Mohabbat ki Dukaan*, he is running the state like a **private franchise demeaning the Gandhian Ideals**, where **dissent** is met with **abuse** and **questioning** is met with a **jail cell**.

**Filthy Language on the Floor:** It is painful to see the Telangana Assembly, once a temple of democracy, reduced to a theater of verbal violence. The Chief Minister routinely uses abusive, "filthy," and unparliamentary language against the opposition, including threats to "cut the tongues, behead the opposition leaders" of those who criticize him. This isn't the Gandhian ideal of civil discourse; it is the language of a street-side bully.

**The "Bulldozer" Governance:** Instead of fulfilling electoral promises and **many "Declarations" your party used to win power**, this Revanth Reddy government is bulldozing anyone who asks for accountability with intimidation and filthy language

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### **A Reminder of Your Own "Moral Compass:**

Rahul ji, the nation remembers **September 2013**, when you famously walked into a press conference and trashed your own government's ordinance, calling it "**complete nonsense**" that should be "**torn and thrown out.**" You took a high moral ground then, arguing that compromises on **corruption and institutional integrity were unacceptable**, even if it embarrassed your own illustrious Prime Minister.

- Today, I ask you: **Where is that same conviction?** If you could tear up an ordinance of Shri Manmohan Singh government to protect the "sanctity" of our institutions, why are you silent when Revanth Reddy introduces a law far more "nonsensical" and "draconian" than the one you tore up? By staying silent now, you are effectively allowing your "Mohabbat ki Dukaan" to be replaced by state-sponsored draconian law to suppress the human rights.

**Rahul ji, Where is the problem? Why are you unable to implement your stated ideals in Telangana?** Is the Congress party's high command so helpless that a state unit can act as a law unto itself, demeaning every word you speak on the national stage?

**These dictatorial steps are a direct insult to the "values" you propagate. *You cannot be a champion of democracy in Parliament while patronizing a Chief Minister who acts like a local autocrat.***

I urge you to look beyond what Revanth Reddy reports to you and understand that **Telangana is hurting**. The democracy we fought for is being scuttled by the very person you hand-picked to lead it. **If you do not restrain Shri Revanth Reddy now, your silence will be recorded by history as an endorsement of this tyranny.**

**Withdraw the Bill. Restore the Dignity of the House. Save the Constitution in Telangana.** If this Bill passes, it won't just be a Telangana problem. It will be the precedent that every future government across the nation uses to crush dissent, citing "harmony" as their excuse.

I urge you to intervene. Tell the Telangana government to withdraw this Bill in its entirety. Prove to the people of India that **your commitment to the Constitution isn't just a campaign slogan, but a core conviction.**

With Regards

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**Jai Samvidhaan.. Jai Bheem...Jai Telangana....**

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