To
The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India
Supreme Court of India
Tilak Marg, New Delhi – 110 001

My Lord

Sub.: Andhra Pradesh – TV9 Telugu News Channel misleading public by telecasting and spreading lies intentionally in the name of News – Fake news on Amravati as the judgment of Hon'ble Apex Court – Action – Reg.

I submit that being a public spirited person and practicing advocate and as a law abiding citizen and I wish to file this petition in pro bono publico to bring to the notice of Hon'ble Chief Justice of India.

I respectfully affirm and state on oath that I have no personal interest in the subject matter of this letter. I submit that I am a citizen of this country and bound by the Constitution of India and statutes, rules and regulations framed there under.

On 1st February 2023 at around 12.40 PM, TV9, a Telugu news channel with presence in other languages has with mala-fide intentions telecasted lies in the name of Hon'ble Supreme Court. The said fake was telecasted in order to mislead the public in general and people of Andhra Pradesh in particular with regard to Amaravati, Capital City of Andhra Pradesh. The said TV9 news channel with an intention to create adverse atmosphere in the public has telecasted lies as news.

The right to freedom of speech and expression, guaranteed by Article 19(1)(a) of the Indian Constitution, is the fundamental law that encourages the free publication or broadcasting of news. However, it is important to recall that the freedom granted by Article 19(1)(a) is not absolute and is subject to reasonable limitations imposed by Article 19(2).

The channel has misused the name of Hon'ble Apex Court that as if the Hon'ble Court had passed a stay order on the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh order on Amaravati and further gave the freedom to Government of Andhra Pradesh to chose a capital city. There appears to be a criminal conspiracy in airing such lies in order to mislead the public.

Hence, I pray to your Lordship to initiate suo moto action against TV9 news channel represented by its Editor and Management for deliberately spreading false news, misleading the public, causing general panic, and misusing the name of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Yours sincerely

With warm regards

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Encls.: Screenshots of TV9 telecasting lies with regard to Amaravati.

Screenshots of TV9 telecasting Lies





