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To

- 1) The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh
- 2) The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana

Sir,

## Memorandum

### Inquiry Commission / Committee into the large scale, organised, commercially executed Christian missionary activity for fraudulently converting vulnerable sections of Hindus into Christianity .

In 1956 Js. Niyogi Committee submitted a report on the large scale fraudulent conversions of Hindus, especially uninformed and illiterate Tribals and SCs to Christianity, by Christian missionaries in the then Central Provinces ( now Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand). Subsequently, a number of State governments made laws prohibiting conversions by fraud, force ad inducement and regulating religious conversions.

2. In the two Telugu states, a very peculiar situation is obtaining. According to the census taken by the Government of India, the proportion of Christians in the two Telugu States has been coming down as shown in the table below:

### **Proportion of Christian Population in Andhra Pradesh (before division)**

	Year				
	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011
Total population mln	43.5	53.6	66.5	76.2	84.5
Christians mln	1.8	1.43	1.2	1.1	1.1
% of Christian population	4.19	2.68	1.83	1.44	1.38

Source: Census of India

3. However, it is noticed that in almost every village there is a plurality of Churches . Especially in the villages of Coastal Andhra Pradesh, there are 6 to 15 Churches in many villages. These are of different denominations. It is estimated that in the last 12 years more than 60,00 Churches had been **planted** in the villages of the two Telugu states.

4. Very surprisingly as per information secured under RTI, the A.P State Christian Minority Corporation which draws its funds from the Minority Welfare Department(s) from the budget of the government had, through public notice invited applications for construction of Churches for which purpose it was giving Rs. 3 lakh each. As per the RTI information 671 Churches at a cost of Rs. 1477 lakhs were constructed till the year 2014 from government funds.

5. The dis-connection between the declining proportion of Christian population and increasing number of Churches surely points to a fraud; namely, that the converted are advised and prevailed upon not to mention the fact of conversion for any government record like the census and for admission to educational institutions or for securing government jobs. The converted appear to be advised to continue to write their religion as Hindu SC. This fraud is being used by the converted to the disadvantage of those SCs who have not converted. Benefit of Reservation and welfare measures meant for Hindu SCs are misappropriated by the converted by hiding the fact of conversion.

6. It is widely believed by practical observation that a number of MLAs and MLC and MPs who are elected from the constituencies reserved for Hindu SCs are, in fact converts to Christianity. This is another great offence and crime perpetuated to the disadvantage of the SC Hindus .

7. In village after village the large number of Churches that are constructed have had no approval from the local Panchayat / Municipal authorities. It is estimated that, at the rate of Rs. 10 laksh for each Church, about Rs. 6000 cr had come to those who are planting the Churches .

8. According to Project Joshua conceived and approved by a World Conference of Christian missionaries at the beginning of this millennium, Churches are to be planted first, within the cycling distance (that is, at every 10 kmts); then within walking distance; (that is, every 5 kmts) and then within hearing distance; that is, within the residences in the villages/ towns, irrespective of whether there are Christians or not. This operation, is now in the third phase in many villages of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

9. At different times, especially in the evening and night, from loud speakers propaganda talks and sermons are broadcast . Also, broadcast are songs and Christian bhajans disturbing and offending the neighbouring Hindus . The Hindus are hesitating to file complaints and protests because the converted are invoking the Prevention of Atrocities Act and the protestors are straightway put in jails. This situation is leading to disaffection between the communities and in some cases, even to riots. This situation is bound to deteriorate as the missionaries and their accomplices are becoming more militant to visiting and trespassing into homes and distributing provocative material. Some NGOs receiving funds from abroad are assisting the conversion groups in ingenious ways.

10 . Nuns and other propagators are visiting hospitals, especially governments and are conducting prayers misleading the patients to believe that because of their prayers and intercession of mother Mary and Jesus Christ, they are getting cured.

11. In public assemblies fake cures are staged. On Sundays, Church -goers are reported to be given Rs. 200 each ; families are attracted to getting this easy money Pastors and their handlers report to their financiers abroad that so many had been converted; so many yet remain to be converted and therefore, more money should be sent. That money is coming in different ways, much through NGOs who are acting as sappers and miners of the Christian missionaries and evangelists.

12. One instance of village Angaluru in Gudlavalleru Mandal, Krishna District is given below to illustrate the discrepancies between census and facts on the ground.

Population of Angaluru :

	According to Census 2011	From the EO Panchayat -under RTI
Total population	4,234	4,234
SCs	1451 (34.27%)	25 (families)
STs	54 (1.28%)	
Church goers	-	425
Christian families	-	165
Churches	-	12 not one has got any permission
Hindu Temples	-	15 All of these are either too old, more than about 100 years or were recently reconstructed ones (4)
Muslims	-	58 (30- families)
Masjid	-	1

13. Among others, this Commission should :

a) Conduct census of all Christian Churches and prayer halls in each and every village; when were they constructed, what was its cost and whether there was permission from the local body like the Panchayat and what was the source of the funds.

b) What is the population of each village and what is the actual Christian population and how it stands in relation to that recorded in the 2011 census.

c) List the MLAs, MLCs and MPs who attained that position against those reserved for SC and ascertain what in fact they are

d) What is the number of the converts ( to Christianity ) working as Hindu Scs in the Endowment Department and the TTD and ascertain their activities

14. The Commission must hold public hearings, interview "S.C" MLAs/MPs/ Corporators and other elected "S.C" persons in the Endowment/TTD and find out whether they are in fact and practising Hindus and not Christian.

15. The Commission may suggest what provisions there must be in any Act that may be legislated to tackle this problem of unreported conversions; fraudulent/ misappropriation of privileges (like reservations) and welfare specially meant for Hindu SCs/STs; planting/ construction of Churches without due permission from local bodies; rules and regulations and norms for the number and location of churches / temples / mosques.

16. We therefore request the governments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to constitute a Committee or Commission of inquiry into the large -scale, commercially, executed internationally funded conversion activity and establish how the discrepancy between the census and the actual situation on the ground is rising.

