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Dear Shri

Sub: Reorganization of Districts in Andhra Pradesh – Request to consider exclusion of (5) Gram Panchayats adjoining Bhadrachalam Town and facilitating their restoration to Telangana in accordance with people's long-standing demand and historical continuity – Reg.

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At the outset, I extend warm greetings and best wishes to you and the people of Andhra Pradesh.

I am writing this letter in connection with the ongoing exercise of reorganisation and rationalization of district boundaries currently being undertaken by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. As a native of the Bhadradri-Kothagudem district in Telangana, I would like to bring to your kind attention a long pending public aspiration that has deep historical, religious, tribal welfare and administrative significance.

During the reorganisation of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh in 2014, while Bhadrachalam Town was retained in Telangana, five adjoining Gram Panchayats — **Yatapaka, Kannaigudem, Pichukalapadu, Purushothapatnam and Gundala** (comprising 17 revenue villages) were attached to Andhra Pradesh. These habitations are geographically positioned like an enclave between Telangana lands on two sides, with the Godavari river and reserve forest areas on the other, creating an administrative island and posing various challenges to both States

Over the last decade, there have been persistent representations from the residents, particularly from the tribal communities, urging that these villages be restored to Telangana. The aspirations of the people have been expressed consistently through memoranda, peaceful protests, and public forums. Their demand is rooted in ease of access to administration, historic linkage with Bhadrachalam, socio-cultural affinity, and convenience in availing government services.

As your Government is in the process of redefining district limits, this presents a natural and timely opportunity to revisit this longstanding request in the spirit of cooperative federalism and people centric governance.

With great respect, I submit the following for kind consideration:

Key Considerations:

- The famous Sri Seetha Ramachandra Swamy Temple, Bhadrachalam is in Telangana, while several associated temple lands lie in Purushottapatnam (AP).
- Tribal residents face repeated interstate checks and logistical inconvenience for access to education, healthcare and livelihood support.
- Law & order coordination challenges exist in this Left-Wing Extremism-affected belt due to split jurisdiction.
- Connectivity between tribal mandals in Telangana and Bhadrachalam town remains discontinuous.
- There is no scope for creation of dumping yard to cater the needs of temple town

Public sentiment in the region has been consistently in favour of realignment. The request is not political but arises out of the genuine administrative, cultural, and socio-economic interests of the people, especially Scheduled Tribe communities

In the light of the above, I humbly request your benevolent consideration to exclude the above Gram Panchayats from Andhra Pradesh while finalising the district reorganisation boundaries, and to support their eventual restoration to Telangana, as may be facilitated by the Central Government under the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.

I am confident that under your leadership, this long-standing aspiration of the people of the Bhadrachalam region will receive positive and sympathetic consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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To,
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