



THE HYDERABAD CRICKET ASSOCIATION

(Affiliated to the Board of Control for Cricket in India)

Date: 29 July 2024

To,
Sri. Anumula Revanth Reddy Garu
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana State.

Subject: **Request for Allocation of Land for Cricket Stadium and Grounds**

Respected Sir,

At the outset, please accept our heartfelt congratulations on the various sports initiatives you have undertaken since assuming office as the Hon'ble Chief Minister. These initiatives are crucial for promoting and developing the sports infrastructure and facilities that will encourage youngsters to pursue their passion for sports in the state.

The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA), the custodian of cricket in Telangana, has been a proud founding member affiliated with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) since 1934. Hyderabad hosted its first First-Class match as early as 1932 and has since remained a hub of cricket in India, consistently producing world-class cricketers who have represented Team India and brought laurels to the country.

The HCA comprises over 200 affiliated clubs and District Cricket Associations participating in various league tournaments conducted by the HCA, preparing and nurturing young talent to represent the country. Despite significant advancements in cricket infrastructure across various states and cities in the country, Telangana has lagged behind in developing quality infrastructure to meet this growing demand. The HCA currently has the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad on lease from the State Government and the Gymkhana Cricket Ground in Secunderabad on lease from the Secunderabad Cantonment Board.

**Hon. Chief Minister
Sri Anumula Revanth Reddy Garu
welcomed by HCA President
Sri A Jagan Mohan Rao at
RGICS, Uppal**





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The current stadium has a seating capacity of 37,000 and parking facilities for only 500 cars. Additionally, the stadium's location in a heavy-traffic area leads to severe congestion and parking issues, causing significant discomfort for fans. With the ever-growing demand for tickets for international matches and the IPL, there is an imminent need for a stadium with a 100,000 seating capacity and ample parking facilities. During the league season, the HCA is also compelled to rent 30-40 private grounds in the Hyderabad region to conduct league matches. However, these grounds do not meet the BCCI norms and do not provide the necessary playing conditions for aspiring cricketers.

In these circumstances, we sincerely and humbly request your consideration in allocating 100-120 acres of land in the Hyderabad city region, preferably closer to the airport and with Metro Rail connectivity, for purchase. This land would be utilized to build a cricket stadium with world-class facilities and ample parking, five practice grounds for conducting league matches, a high-performance academy, and an administrative block for office purposes.

We would be immensely grateful for this consideration and believe this initiative would greatly enhance the cricketing stature of Hyderabad and Telangana, attracting many more international cricketing events to the state.

Yours sincerely

Jagan Mohan Rao
President