

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ECONOMIC OFFENCES WING-II
CRIME INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT



Rejoinder Dt 08.04.2024

Sub:- Rebuttal on the news telecast by some media channels that certain documents were destroyed near the office of S.I.T. in Tadepalli

The EOW-2 of CID / SIT submitted chargesheets in 5 cases before the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases & III Addl Sessions Judge, Vijayawada. Even prior to the filing of the charge sheet, case diaries and the originals of evidences were being submitted periodically to the Hon'ble Court.

The accused must be provided the copies of all the evidences submitted along with the charge sheets to the Hon'ble Trial court. Each charge sheet is accompanied by 8000-10000 pages of voluminous documentary evidence and each case has 12 to 40 accused.

Thus, photocopies of lakhs of pages are being prepared. During the process, owing to the heating-up of photocopier machines, papers getting stuck-up, reduced level of ink, etc., some papers came out with faded print. These were culled out and the wasted papers were destroyed by shredding or burning. Fresh prints were taken in their place.

We hereby strongly condemn the irresponsible reporting done by certain media channels. Their motives for discrediting the investigation and attempting to demoralize the officers investigating the cases are very obvious. They should refrain from such unethical practices. Sufficient evidentiary material to prove the guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubt, has been placed before the Hon'ble Trial court. It was wrongly reported (a) that evidences were fabricated to build false cases against certain persons (b) that documents pertaining to M/s Heritage Foods Pvt. Ltd and the Income Tax Returns of certain persons were obtained illegally and therefore, were being destroyed.

While these acts of intimidation aimed against the Investigation team would be brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Courts, it is hereby clarified specifically, that :

- (1) The Income tax returns of the accused and their family members were obtained via Official communication as per the provisions of CrPC. As it is with all other

evidences secured in a professional and legitimate manner, these IT returns, too, very much formed part of the evidence submitted to the Hon'ble Court

- (2) Using the same IT returns, the accused were questioned in the case and material was presented before the Hon'ble High Court of AP and the Hon'ble Trial Court in the relevant proceedings.
- (3) All the documents pertaining to M/s Heritage Foods Pvt. Ltd were provided officially by the representatives of the Company.



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