

PRESS RELEASE

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HMDA press note on the rejoinder of press note issued by Hon'ble MP Revanth Reddy

Reacting to the press note released on behalf of MP Sri Revanth Reddy, HMDA has confirmed that there is no question of withdrawing the legal notice dated May 25th 2023 issued on behalf of HMDA. HMDA has strongly objected to manner in which particular officers are being named by the Hon'ble MP while casting aspersions and political motives on the functioning of officers or an institution.

It is reiterated that HMDA works under the guidance and directions of the State Government. The officers and departments work under the overall superintendence and the directions of the Council of Ministers and the State government while carrying out their duties as per rules.

HMDA further reiterates that the bid process of ORR TOT was carried out in the most transparent manner, duly following the laid down norms for TOT bid of NHAI. It is clarified that TOT bid for 30 years is in accordance with the decision of council of ministers and it is further clarified that two bids of NHAI were finalized for a period of 30 years and as such, it is not the first time that a TOT bid is done for 30 years.

HMDA reiterates that all officers involved in the bid process have carried out their job transparently, in accordance with state government orders and within the framework of conduct rules in the most neutral manner. The legal notice dated May 25th 2023 was issued to the Hon'ble MP to withdraw all his

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allegations including some of which were meant to demoralize the officers who are merely carrying out their job judiciously and transparently.

It is also clarified by the HMDA that reply to the RTI query by the Hon'ble MP was submitted to him within the prescribed timelines and there's no question of withholding any information regarding the ORR TOT bid process.

HMDA further clarifies that it can't be intimidated or browbeaten in discharge of its official functions and would undertake all necessary actions for protecting itself and its officers by moving necessary legal action as deemed appropriate.

Secretary, HMDA