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To,

The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India,  
Supreme Court of India,  
New Delhi.

**Sub.: Urgent request for institutional intervention regarding the reported conduct of Hon'ble Sri Justice Tarlada Rajasekhar Rao, Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, in directing a young Advocate to judicial custody for 24 hours on 5th May, 2026.**

My Lord,

I most respectfully seek the urgent attention of your Lordship to a deeply disturbing incident of 05.05.2026 which has caused serious concern amongst members of the Bar and the legal fraternity.

As is seen from the video of the court proceedings presently in circulation, Hon'ble Sri Justice Tarlada Rajasekhar Rao of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh appears to have directed a young Advocate to be taken into judicial custody for 24 hours. The young Advocate is seen repeatedly seeking pardon and mercy before the Court, stating that he had not intended any disrespect and that he was in pain. Despite such repeated pleas, the learned Judge appears to have remained unmoved and directed the Registrar Judicial/Police authorities to take him into custody. Two police personnel can be seen entering the court room to take him into custody too.

The circumstances, as they appear from the video, are extremely troubling. The matter was apparently listed for production/availability of an order copy, and the learned counsel did not have the said order copy. For this, the young Advocate appears to have been rebuked in open Court, told that now you will learn, and was allegedly told that he thought of himself as a great Senior Advocate having about ten years experience. It is also seen that the learned Judge referred to the presence of other lawyers, including a Government counsel, as witnesses to the conduct. He was rebuked and told to file an appeal and/or sit for dharna at Bar Council.

We don't find anything wrong with the conduct of the young Lawyer.

With utmost respect to the majesty of the Court, such a course, if correctly reflected in the video and the order, raises grave questions of judicial temperament, proportionality, fairness, and the dignity of the Bar. An Advocate, particularly a young member of the profession, may be corrected, cautioned, or even proceeded against in accordance with law where the facts so justify. However, sending a young Advocate to judicial custody for 24 hours in such a manner appears, prima facie, to be grossly inappropriate and deeply damaging to the confidence of the Bar in the institution.

The relationship between the Bench and the Bar is founded on mutual respect. Any authority of the Court must always be exercised with restraint, compassion, and institutional grace. A young lawyer standing before the Court is not an adversary of the Judge. He is an officer of the Court, still learning, still growing, and entitled to correction without humiliation.

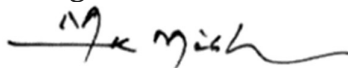
It is most humbly submitted that incidents of this nature have a chilling effect upon young members of the Bar. They create fear in the minds. The dignity of the Court is not enhanced when a lawyer is made to beg for grace in open Court and is still sent to custody for a procedural lapse.

In the circumstances, I most respectfully request your Lordship to kindly take immediate institutional cognizance of the matter and call for the video recording of the proceedings, the order passed, and the surrounding circumstances. I further request that appropriate administrative action may kindly be considered, including withdrawal of judicial work from the learned Judge pending review, his immediate transfer to some far off High Court, and his nomination for appropriate judicial training/orientation on court management, judicial temperament, Bar-Bench relations, and proportional exercise of contempt/judicial authority.

This representation is made to preserve the dignity, moral authority and public confidence of the judiciary. Judges command the highest respect not by fear, but by fairness, patience, restraint and constitutional humility.

I therefore most humbly beseech your Lordship to intervene at the earliest, so that the faith of the Bar, particularly young Advocates, in the protective and corrective role of the judiciary is restored.

**Obligated!**



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