

The meeting of the Congress Working Committee on 30th July, 2013
NOTING

- The long standing demand of large sections of the people of Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh for a separate State of Telangana in order to better fulfill their social, economic, political and other aspirations;
- That the election manifesto of the Indian National Congress for the elections to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly in 2004 referred to the demand for a separate State of Telangana;
- That the Common Minimum Programme of the UPA (I) Government of May, 2004 and the President's address to the joint session of Parliament in June, 2004 referred to the formation of a separate State of Telangana after consultations and building of a consensus;
- That Shri Y S Rajasekhara Reddy, then Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, made a statement in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly on 12th February, 2009 assuring the House of steps towards the formation of a separate State of Telangana;
- The views expressed at an all-Party meeting held at Hyderabad on 7th December, 2009 with Shri K Rosalah, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, in the Chair on the proposal to form a separate State of Telangana;
- The statements made by Shri P Chidambaram, then Union Home Minister, on 9th December, 2009 and 23rd December, 2009 after due consultations;
- The views expressed by the eight recognized political parties of Andhra Pradesh at the meetings held at New Delhi on 5th January, 2010 and 6th January, 2011;
- The report of the Justice B.N. Srikrishna Committee submitted on 30th December, 2010 and the various options recommended therein;
- The views expressed by political parties, political leaders, elected representatives and citizens' groups at a large number of meetings convened by the General Secretaries of AICC (in-charge of Andhra Pradesh) on different dates and in different parts of the State of Andhra Pradesh over a period of nearly three years;

It is **RESOLVED** to request the Central Government

- To take steps in accordance with the Constitution of India to form a separate State of Telangana;
- To establish, simultaneously and within a definite time frame, institute mechanism to address the concerns of the people of the regions of Andhra, Rayalaseema on matters relating to (but not limited to) the sharing of river waters, generation and distribution of electricity, safety and security of all residents in all the three regions, and the guarantee of the fundamental rights of all residents;
- To declare that Hyderabad will be the common capital of both States for a period of ten years after the formation of the State of Telangana and to put in place legal and administrative measures to ensure that both State Governments can function efficiently from the common capital during the said period of ten years;
- To assist in the building of a new capital for the residuary State of Andhra Pradesh within a period of ten years;
- To declare the Polavaram irrigation project as a National project and to provide adequate funds to complete the same;
- To identify the special needs of the backward regions/districts of Andhra Pradesh and to provide adequate funds for the development of those areas; and
- To assist the Government of Andhra Pradesh and, after the formation of the State of Telangana, assist both State Governments to maintain law and order and ensure peace and harmony in all the regions/districts;

The Congress Working Committee acknowledges that the decision to form a separate State of Telangana has not been an easy decision. The decision taken today has been taken after the widest possible consultations and after taking into account the chequered history of the demand for a separate State of Telangana since 1956. The Congress Working Committee appeals to all Congress men and women as well as to all the Telugu speaking people and the residents of the State of Andhra Pradesh to extend their fullest cooperation so that this resolution can be implemented in letter and spirit and in a manner that ensures peace and goodwill and progress and prosperity among all the sections of the people of both States.