

**CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE
GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA**

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In a letter addressed to the Honorable Union Minister for Defence Sri Manohar Parrikar, Honorable Chief Minister Sri K Chandrashekar Rao requested him to issue suitable instructions to the concerned Army Authorities in Secunderabad cantonment to postpone the proposed closure of GOUGH road till alternative road is completed. The CM mentioned in the letter that severe hardship being faced by a large number of civilian population residing in many colonies and areas like thickly populated Sainikpuri, A.S. Rao Nagar, ECIL etc., surrounding the Secunderabad Cantonment Area either due to closure of roads or imposition of restrictions by AOC authorities on usage of roads in the Cantonment Area.

CM reminded the Defense Minister about the meeting of a delegation of people's representatives comprising both Parliament and State Legislature led by the Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana on 15th June, 2015 and submitting a memorandum highlighting the difficulties faced by the commuters from these colonies due to closure of roads and seeking his intervention in the matter.

CM said that, despite the matter being taken up at the level of local AOC authorities and Union Ministry, apart from existing road closures and restrictions, a decision has been taken by AOC authorities for closure of GOUGH road causing severe hardship to the above residents. An analysis of traffic and impact of closure of roads passing through Cantonment Area revealed extreme pressure on many traffic junctions abutting the Cantonment Area.

CM further wrote that the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation is ready to construct the new alternate roads provided that the AOC centre authorities cooperate in honoring the proposals put forth by the GHMC authorities for early completion to mitigate the hardship faced by the commuters.

CPRO to CM