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Keep Election Promise on HC Bench: Capital City Organisations tell Political Fronts

Industry and Citizens' Organisations in the Capital demanded that the political parties fulfill their promise of reinstating the High Court Bench in Thiruvananthapuram, without any further delay.

"We are deeply concerned about the lack of action from the State and Union Governments and also the Opposition. We believe it to be a question of political will", said S N Raghuchandran Nair, President of Trivandrum Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI).

"Promise of Restitution of the High Court Bench has become a mere ritual in the Election Manifestos. Once the Elections are over, not only is there a noticeable lack of action and progress, but political parties also conveniently forget the commitment. People of the Capital cannot be hoodwinked and can see through the empty promises and will come together against this indifference in the coming Elections", he added.

"A significant half of thousands of cases pending before the Kerala High Court would involve the State Government as a party. A Bench in the Capital would save money and time spent on the travel of Government Officials to Ernakulam, mostly to appear before the Court for a few minutes – valuable resources which could otherwise be spent to serve the people", said Abraham Thomas (Joji), Secretary of TCCI.

"Demand for a Bench in the Capital is not a recent one, but rather a few decades old. We are not asking for something new or unprecedented. In fact, High Court Benches with full Filing Powers were operational in Thiruvananthapuram from 1882 to 1956. This historical precedent further strengthens the case. Majority of the States have multiple Benches for their respective High Courts", said K Srikanth, Secretary of Trivandrum Agenda Task Force (TATF).

"People's Representatives at all levels and cutting across political fronts must prioritise the establishment of a Bench in the State Capital Region (SCR). This is key to ensuring convenience and prompt judicial services", said R Anil Kumar, Secretary of Awake Trivandrum.

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