



SC Quashes Telangana Land Allotment to Privileged Groups

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The [Supreme Court\(SC\) of India](#) has quashed the **Telangana government's land allotments** to cooperative societies comprising [Members of Parliament \(MPs\), Member of the Legislative Assembly\(MLA\)](#), civil servants, and journalists, deeming it a **violation of equality under [Article 14 of the Constitution](#)**.

- The SC criticized the land allotment to privileged groups at **discounted rates**, favoring the already privileged over **marginalized communities**.
 - The court warned that such allocation of scarce land resources leads to **inequality** and has broader economic implications in **densely populated urban areas**.
- The ruling termed the policy a **colourable exercise of power**, benefiting policymakers and their peers while **misusing public resources** under the guise of **aiding "deserving sections."**
 - A **colourable exercise of power** refers to actions taken by a **legislative body** that seem to be within their authority but **actually violate constitutional limits** or principles.
- The SC reminded the government that the **State holds resources in trust for citizens**, and its actions should aim for the **public good** rather than benefiting select groups.

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