GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
YOUTH ADVANCEMENT TOURISM AND CULTURE (T&PMU) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.4045/T&PMU/A1/2026 Dated: 04.11.2026

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
YAT & C Department,
Room No.19, 4th Floor,
Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat,
Hyderabad.

To
The Director,
State Gallery of Art,
Road No. 1, Kavuri Hills, Madhapur,
Hyderabad - 500 033 (w.e)

Sir/Madam,

Sub: YAT & C (T&PMU) Department - SGA - Official Enquiry regarding the removal of a selected photobook from the India Photo festival due to the author's nationality, following public controversy - Request - Regarding.

Ref: Email received from Sri/Smt. Sharon Gabay, Photographer and Author, Jerusalem, Dated: 28.09.2026, received on dated: 29.08.2026.

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I am herewith forwarding a copy of the reference cited, wherein, Sri/Smt. Sharon Gabay, Photographer and Author, Jerusalem has requested the Government of Telangana to officially clarify whether it was aware that an anonymously selected artwork was disqualified solely due to the author's nationality, and if this aligns with state values.

2. In this regard, the Director, State Gallery of Arts, Hyderabad is requested to look into the matter and take necessary action as per rules in vogue, under intimation to the Government.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Copy to:
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