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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

**Animal Husbandry Department - Devolution of Powers to Panchayat Raj  
Institutions - Orders - Issued.**

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ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (AH.1) DEPTT.

G.O.(Ms) No.25

Dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2003

Read the following

1. From the Secy. To Govt. PR&RD Dept., D.O. Lr.30922/Mdl.1/97-1 dt.6.9.97
2. From the DAH.Hyd.,Lr.No.37630/K1/K2/97, dt. 27.4.1999
3. From the Prl.Secy.to Govt., PR&RD.,D.O.Lr.No.30922/Mdl.1/A2/97-16  
Dt,12.10.1998.
4. From the DAH.,Hyd.Lr.No.37630-K1/K2/97,dt.9.2.1999 & dt.10.2.1999.
5. From the Prl.Secy.,D.O.LR.No.30922/Mdl.1/A2/97, dt.17.5.1999.
6. Note from the Prl.Secy.,AHDD&F Dept., dt.9.9.2002.
7. From the DAH.,Hyd.,Lr.Roc.o.37630/K1/K2/1997, dt.4.9.2002.
8. From the Secy. To Govt.,PR&RD Dept.,D.O.Lr.No.7975/Mdl.1/A1/98,  
Dt.4.12.2002.
9. Govt.D.O.Lr.No.6038/AH.1(2)/2002, dt.17.1.2003.
10. From the Addl.Secy.to Govt., D.O.Lr.No.7975/Mdl.1/A2/98-2,dt.17.1.03.
11. From the PR & RD D ept., U.O. Note No.7975/Mdl.1/A2/98-1 dt.25.2.2003.

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**ORDER**

Government have been considering the Devolution of Powers to Panchayat Raj Institutions in respect of Animal Husbandry Department since sometimes keeping in view the proposals of Director of Animal Husbandry in this regard at the decisions taken by the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the subject it is ordered that the post of Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, working in the Veterinary Dispensary the Mandal Head Quarters of working in any other Veterinary Dispensary in the Mandal, who is at present designated as Mandal Animal Husbandry Officer (M.A.H.O) shall now work under the control of the Mandal Praja Parishad of the Panchayat Raj Department. The M.A.H.O. shall draw his pay and allowances from the Mandal Praja Parishad Office the budget of which will be transferred to Director of Animal Husbandry. He shall work under the administrative control of Mandal Praja Parishad, but Technical control remains with Animal Husbandry Department. The M.A.H.O. shall attend to normal & technical duties in Veterinary Dispensary subject to the technical control of District Officer of Animal Husbandry Department and Head of Department i.e. Director of Animal Husbandry. The Staff

including Para-Staff working in Veterinary Dispensary/Rural Livestock under Veterinary Institutions in the Mandal shall continue to be under the control of Animal Husbandry Department. The M.A.H.O. shall be drawing & disbursing Officer for the staff of Para staff working in Veterinary Dispensary/Rural Livestock Unit and Veterinary Dispensary.

2. The Joint Director (AH) of the District shall look after urban and rural areas also. He shall be responsible to Zilla Parishad in implementation of departmental programmes in Rural areas. The District Collector can exercise concurrent jurisdiction on Animal Husbandry Department Personnel in the District on technical and Developmental matters and in implementation of Statutory Programmes/Rules/Laws etc.

3. The developmental activities to be implemented in the district in rural areas on behalf of Government, Animal Husbandry Department, D.R.D.A., SC/ ST/ BC/ Women/ Physically Handicapped/ Minorities corporations etc., would be implemented through Mandal Praja Parishads of Panchayat Raj Department including beneficiaries selection, grounding etc.

4. The Director of Animal Husbandry shall release the funds proportionately to each Mandal Praja Parishad in the matter in time and shall see that the above orders are implemented forthwith and compliance reported.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**P.RAMAKANTH REDDY**  
**PRL.SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
The Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Hyderabad.  
All District Collectors.  
All Joint Directors (AH) through The Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Hyderabad  
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department.  
The Finance Dept.  
All Departments of Secretariat.  
All Sections in the Dept.  
SF/Scs.

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Disabled Welfare – Implementation of Disabled Welfare Schemes – Devolution of Powers and Functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions - Orders – Issued

**WOMEN DEV. CHILD WELFARE AND DISABLED WELFARE (DW) DEPT.**

G.O.Ms.No. 2

Dated:20-01-2004

Read the following:-

1. G.O. Ms. No. 393, S.W. (G) Dept., Dt: 16.10.1977
2. G.O. Ms. No. 31, WD, CW&DW Dept, dt. 29.4.1999
3. G.O. Ms. No. 53, WD, CW & DW Dept, dt: 15.7.1999
4. From Dy. Secy. To Govt., PR&RD Dept., D.O. Lr. No. 7975/Mdl.I/ A2/98, dt: 7.11.2003
5. From Dy. Secy. To Govt., PR&RD Dept., D.O. Lr. No. 7975/Mdl.I/ A2/98, dt: 13.11.03
6. From C.D.W., Hyderabad, Lr. No. S-I/5919/99, dt: 13.11.2003

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**ORDER:**

The Government have committed to devolution of powers to Panchayats at appropriate level. Keeping in view the letter and spirit of the 73<sup>rd</sup> amendment to the Constitution of India the Panchayats at various levels have important contribution to make towards implementation of Disabled Welfare Schemes. The Government after careful consideration hereby order that the powers in the following three areas be devolved to the Panchayat Raj Institutions.

- i) Sanction of disabled Pension
- ii) Sanction of Unemployment allowance to the Disabled
- iii) Delivering Physical support to the handicapped, such as crutches, calipers, wheel chairs, etc. The details in respect of each of above three areas are as mentioned below:

**(1) Sanction of disabled pension:-**

In terms of the G.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the District Collectors and Chairman, D.R.D.As., were empowered to identify the beneficiaries with the help of Assistant Directors, Disabled Welfare for sanction of disabled pensions. In supersession of the orders issued in the G.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Government hereby order that the budget for disabled pensions in respect of a district shall be released by the Commissioner, Disabled Welfare to respective Zilla Parishads. The Zilla Parishads shall sanction the pension to eligible candidates. Periodical evaluation of the implementation of disabled pension schemes by each Z.P. will be taken up by the Commissioner, Disabled Welfare departmentally and/or through research organizations. Continued release of budget for payment of pensions will be linked to satisfactory implementation of the scheme by the Z.P. and/or satisfactory remedial action taken by the Z.P. to implement recommendations of such research studies and evaluation reports as accepted by the Commissioner, Disabled Welfare, Hyderabad.

The orders issued in the G.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> read above are however unchanged in so far as Hyderabad district is concerned.

(2) Sanction of unemployment allowance to the disabled persons:-

In the G.O. 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the District Collectors were empowered to sanction unemployment allowance to the disabled. The Asst. Directors, Disabled Welfare were authorized to disburse the amount instead of Treasury Officers. The Mandal Development/Revenue Officers have to satisfy themselves that the applicant satisfies the criteria fully and then recommend cases to the concerned District Employment Officer for registration. In the case of twin cities, the Regional Employment Officer, Special Employment Exchange for Physically Handicapped shall make such recommendations. In supersession of the orders issued in the G.O. 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Government hereby order that the unemployment allowance budget for a district shall be released by the Commissioner, Disabled Welfare, Hyderabad to respective Zilla Parishads. The Zilla Parishads shall sanction the allowance to eligible candidates. Periodical evaluation of the implementation of the unemployment allowance scheme by each Z.P. will be taken up by the Commissioner, Disabled Welfare, Hyderabad departmentally and/or through research organizations. Continued release of budget for payment of pensions will be linked to satisfactory implementation of the scheme by the Z.P. and/or through research organizations. Continued release of budget for payment of pensions will be linked to satisfactory implementation of the scheme by the Z.P. and/or satisfactory remedial action taken by the Z.P. to implement recommendations of such research studies and evaluation reports as accepted by the Commissioner, Disabled Welfare, Hyderabad.

The orders issued in the G.O. 3<sup>rd</sup> read above are however, unchanged in so far as Hyderabad is concerned.

(3) Delivering Physical support to the handicapped such as crutches, calipers, wheel chairs etc:-

In the G.O., 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the District Collectors were empowered to deliver physical support to the handicapped. The appliances were delivered by the A.P. V.C.C. to beneficiaries identified by the District Collectors. In suppression of orders issued in G.O. first read above, Government hereby order that the powers for identification of disabled and delivery of physical support be delegated to the Zilla Parishad concerned. Each Zilla Parishad shall develop their procedure for identification of disabled persons for delivery of physical support. The A.P.V.C.C., Hyderabad shall deliver the appliances to the beneficiaries as identified by the Zilla Parishad.

The orders issued in G.O. 1<sup>st</sup> read above shall remain unchanged in so far as Hyderabad District is concerned.

2. The Commissioner, Disabled Welfare, Hyderabad and the Managing Director, A.P. V.C.C., Hyderabad are requested to take action in the matter accordingly.
3. This order issue in consultation with the Finance Department vide U.O. No. 5616/2003 dated: 12.12.2003

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DR. PRASANTA MAHAPATRA,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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**ABSTRACT**

Fisheries Department – Devolution of powers to Panchayat Raj Institutions – Revised - Orders – Issued

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**ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (FISH-II) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 10

Dated: 27.02.2004

Read the following

1. G.O. Ms.No. 22, A.H.D.D.&F (Fish.II) Department, Dated 22.3.2003
2. From the Deputy Secretary to Govt., PR&RD Department D.O. Lr.No. 7975/Mdl.I/1998, dated 5-11-2003.
3. From the Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Department D.O. Lr.No. 7975/Mdl.I/A2/98, dated 7-11-2003.

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**ORDER:**

The 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment envisages devolution of powers to local bodies. As envisaged in the said amendment, the Government of Andhra Pradesh enacted a comprehensive law on Panchayat Raj Institutions entitled Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994.

2. Government have earlier issued orders regarding devolution of powers to local bodies. Government have reviewed the position based on representation, feed back and the cabinet sub-committee recommendations
3. In super-session of the orders issued in the G.O. first read above, the following orders are issued delegating the powers to the Panchayat Raj Institutions/Municipal Bodies/ITDA areas as the case may be with immediate effect:-
  - a) The District Officer along with all subordinate staff responsible for performing developmental functions shall be under the administrative control of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad/Municipal Commissioner/Project Officer, ITDA as the case may be and reporting to them in respect of all developmental functions of the department.
  - b) The District Officer along with subordinate staff responsible for performing technical and regulatory functions will be accountable and reporting to the Head of the Department in respect of all technical and regulatory functions
  - c) For the ACR of the District Officer, the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad will be the reporting authority, District Collector the reviewing authority and the Head of the Department the accepting authority
  - d) The Zilla Parishad/Mandal Parishad/Municipal Body/ITDA will review all the developmental activities of the Fisheries Department at their respective levels. In respect of all technical matter, however, the departmental norms and specifications as prescribed by the Head of the Department shall be adhered to and the District Officer

shall be taking instructions only from Head of the Department in matters relating to technical matters and regulatory functions, if any.

- e) Funds relating to all the developmental programmes and schemes including centrally sponsored schemes shall stand transferred to the Zilla Parishad/Municipal Bodies/ITDAs. The drawing and disbursing officers for Zilla Parishad/Municipal Bodies/ITDAs will also draw the pay & allowances of the employees of the Fisheries Department.
4. All the Laboratories, Seed Production/Demonstration Farms and State Institute of Fisheries Technology, Kakinada, Fisheries Training Institute, Machilipatnam, IFTC, Warangal, Kurnool and Badampudi shall continue to be under the control of Head of the Department as they are Regional / State Level Institutions.
5. In respect for Fish Tanks in Gram Panchayats the following orders are issued for immediate implementation
1. Leasing of Fisheries rights in Gram Panchayat tanks shall vest with Gram Panchayat only
  2. Regarding other minor irrigation tanks under the control of irrigation department, Zilla Parishad /ITDA shall have the powers of fixing the annual lease amounts.

It is ordered to apportion the rental so realized on lease/auction of fishing rights in the tanks/reservoirs vested with the irrigation department in the following ratio.

Gram Panchayat	30%
Water Users Association	50%
Department of Fisheries (for development of fisheries and the programmes connected with it	20%

6. The Commissioner of Fisheries shall take necessary action accordingly

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

P. RAMAKANTH REDDY,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ESTABLISHMENT – SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT – Transferring of subjects - “(i) Tailoring Training Centres and Garments Production Centres and Promotion of crafts and trades (ii) Libraries in Scheduled Castes localities and (iii) Execution, Supervision and maintenance of community halls” to Panchayat Raj Local Bodies with effect from 01.04.1999 under provisions of 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> of Constitutional Amendment - Orders – Issued

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**SOCIAL WELFARE (OP.A1) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 25

Dated:31<sup>st</sup> March, 1999

Read the following:-

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**ORDER:**

Under provisions of 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> of Constitutional Amendment, the following subjects are hereby transferred to Panchayat Raj Local Bodies (Panchayat Raj Department ) with effect from 01.04.1999.

- i) Tailoring Training Centres and Garments Production Centres and Promotion of crafts and trades;
- ii) Libraries in Scheduled Castes localities
- iii) Execution, supervision and maintenance of community halls while selection of places, sanctions and funds managements will continue to be with Government in Social Welfare Department

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S. RAY,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ABSTRACT**

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE – 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendments – Devolution of Powers and functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions - Orders – Issued

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**YOUTH ADVANCEMENT TOURISM & CULTURE (C.A.II) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 26

Dated the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1999  
Read the following:-

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ORDER:

As per Article 243-G and 243-W of the Constitution, the Legislature of a State may endow the Panchayats and Municipalities with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as Institutions of Self Government and such law may contain provisions for the devolution of powers and responsibilities upon local bodies at the appropriate level in regard to :

- a) The preparation of plans for economic development and social justice
  - b) The implementation of schemes for economic development and social justice as may be entrusted to them including those in relation to the matters listed in the eleventh schedule and twelfth schedule
2. Accordingly, in tune with Constitutional provisions, the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 was enacted which has come into force with effect from 30.5.94
3. The aim of the Constitution is to decentralize the administration upto the grass-roots level as it is believed that democracy is best helped by more democracy and not by less democracy and also that India which is presently as broadest representative democracy is to be transformed into a vibrant participatory democracy. The elected representatives of the local bodies are associated in some programmes of certain departments but the spirit of the constitution is that the programme should be implemented by the local bodies instead of local bodies merely getting associated with them.
4. Government after careful consideration of all the above aspects ad taking into consideration the recommendations of the Committee of Secretaries direct that the subject cultural promotion be transferred. However Gram Panchayats/Mandal Parishads/Zilla Parishads will carry out cultural activities with their own resources. If there is worthwhile capital / Infrastructural proposals, necessary proposals may have to be sent to District Cultural Council or State Government for support. The three layers of local bodies can formulate proposals and submit to State Government. In turn State Government will obtain funds from the Government of India if required.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)



S.N. MOHANTY,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Director of Culture, Hyderabad  
The Panchayat Raj and Rural Development  
(Mdl.I) Department  
The All the Collectors  
The Municipal Administration ad Urban Development Department  
The Finance and Planning (FW) Department  
The Commissioner, Information and Public Relations Department  
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Women Development, Child Welfare & Disabled Welfare Department – Disabilities Act, 1995 – Survey of Disabled Persons – 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment – Devolution of Powers & Functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions - Orders – Issued

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**WOMEN DEVELOPMENT, CHILD WELFARE & DISABLED WELFARE (DW) DEPT**

G.O.Ms.No. 26

Dated:17-4-1999

Read the following:-

From the Prl. Secretary to Government, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Dept.  
D.O. Lr. No. 7975/MDL/1/98, dt: 4.2.1999.

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ORDER:

As per Article 243-G and 243-W of the Constitution, the Legislature of a State may endow the Panchayats and Municipalities with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as Institutions to Self Government and such law may contain provisions for the devolution of powers and responsibilities upon local bodies at the appropriate level in regard to;

- a) The preparation of plans for economic development and social justice
  - b) The implementation of schemes for economic development and social justice as may be entrusted to them including those in relation to the matters listed in the Eleventh Schedule and Twelfth Schedule
2. Accordingly, in tune with constitutional provisions, the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 was enacted which has come into force with effect from 30.3.1994.
3. The Department of Women Development, Child Welfare & Disabled Welfare Department is implementing “the Persons with Disabilities (Equal opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995”.

“The persons with Disabilities (Equal opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation ) Act, 1995 come into force from 1996. The main aim of the Act is to provide equal opportunities to the Disabled Persons, Providing of reservation in Education, Employment and to ensure their rehabilitation and participation in every sphere of life. The act can be fully implemented with community participation that can be best achieved if Panchayat bodies are involved in its implementation.

4. A detailed survey of the population to identify the exact number of disabled persons is essential for the Government in order to make specific plans for their rehabilitation. It is required to enumerate disabled persons in different categories in the villages, mandals and districts and to identify their specific needs.

5. Government after careful consideration have decided to entrust the following activities to the Panchayat Raj Bodies in the State:-

1. The monitoring of the implementation of the provisions of the Disabilities Act, 1995 and

2. To conduct survey of the Disabled persons in the State

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

CHANDANA KHAN  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Forest Department – Devolution of powers, functions functionaries and funds to the Local Bodies – 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional amendment – Decentralisation for developmental purpose - Orders – Issued

**ENVIRONMENT FORESTS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No.50

Dated: 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2004  
Read the following:-

1. Recommendations of the Cabinet Sub Committee on Devolution of powers to local bodies
2. G.O. Ms. No. 51, EFS&T Dept., dated 30.3.1999
3. State Forest Policy
4. G.O. Rt. No. 62 EFS&T Dept dated 5.3.2001
5. G.O.Ms. No.16, EFS&T Dept., dated 25.2.2003
6. G.O.Ms. No. 308, EFS&T Dept, dated 4.11.2003
7. G.O.Ms. No. 13, EFS&T (For. III) Deptt., Dt. 12.2.2002

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**ORDER:**

Towards better implementation of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment for strengthening local bodies, the Cabinet Sub Committee on Devolution of Powers to local bodies have made recommendations. Accordingly, the subject of Social and farm forestry, is to be looked after by the Panchayat Raj Institutions

2. In the G.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, orders were issued devolving functions for preparation and implementation of Action Plans and to raise plantations on Panchayat waste lands, village community lands, on the road side canal bunds, besides distribution of nursery seedlings to the public and farmers of the economic empowerment of local bodies.

3. With a view to protecting the existing forestry resources, and to improve the productivity, for better employment opportunities, the government have spelt out a State Forest Policy by strengthening and extending the social forestry activity to non traditional, and non-forest areas. Accordingly, nurseries and plantations were undertaken along roads, canal bunds, on all waste lands, community land, tank foreshores besides promoting group farm forestry, Agro-forestry etc., with suitable species based onsite specific conditions

4. In the GO 4<sup>th</sup> read above, further orders were issued permitting the sale of standing growth and to harvest the mature plantations raised in the past and transferred to the control of Gram Panchayats for harvesting, replanting, further protection, development and management for their economic empowerment and to replant the areas as they cannot be diverted for other purposes as per Forest Conservation Act, 1980, and recent Supreme Court directions

5. In the G.O. 5<sup>th</sup> read above, orders were issued devoluting certain powers, functions and funds to the Panchayat Raj Institutions at Zilla Parishad level to ensure proper execution of works through the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Planning & Extension/Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry and to mobilize the funds of Social Forestry Schemes for raising seedlings for distribution and for plantations in community lands for sustainable development

6. The Government have constantly been reviewing nursery raising, and tree planting programmes to promote afforestation activity in order to bring 33% geographical area under tree cover in conformity with National Forest Policy. In order to ensure strict monitoring on the survival of seedlings planted, orders were issued in the G.O. 6<sup>th</sup> read above to involve the Gram Panchayats in the process of seedling distribution, planting and survival monitoring for which a permanent “Uniform Plantation Register” shall be maintained at Gram Panchayat level. They should ensure proper distribution of the seedlings and their accountability by supplying the same to the local needy people/farmers/institutions etc.

7. Over a period of time, for the last 2 decades the Forest Department has been undertaking developmental functions outside the reserve forest areas also by raising extensive plantations. The State Government have also been successfully practicing participatory peoples forestry management through the institutions of Vana Samrakshana Samithies (VSS) which is one of the best rated “self help groups” in protecting, developing and managing forest resources and products very effectively. Thus the local people’s participation is ensured and community empowerment is continuously stepped up. Accordingly, the Gram Panchayats were assigned with functions of effective advisory role in proper implementation of the community forest management vide G.O. 7<sup>th</sup> referred to above

8. In order to fulfill the spirit of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment, and, in accordance with the recommendations of the Cabinet Sub-Committee, the Government, after careful examination, have decided to further decentralize the activities and transfer all functions related to “social and farm forestry” to the Z.P. Accordingly, Government hereby issue further orders devoluting the following duties and responsibilities and powers to the local bodies i.e. Gram Panchayats, Mandal Parishads and Zilla Parishads to ensure local responsibility for better protection, maintenance, further creation, development and management of the assets (plantations) newly created and already existing social forestry resources like nurseries and all plantations raised on community lands, village common lands, tank foreshores, road side avenues, railway lines, canal bund plantations and fodder and fuel plantations etc, for their economic empowerment.

8.1 The Dy. Conservator of Forest, P&E/Divisional Forest Officers Social Forestry functioning from the O/o. Dy. CF, P&E, are placed under the control of CEO, Z.P.s at District level and accordingly, the executive staff i.e. Forest Range Officers, Forest Section Officers, presently working in the Social Forestry Wing of A.P. Forest Department in the district will continue to work under the control of the Dy. CF (P&E) whose services are placed at the disposal of Z.P.s with immediate effect. The Dy. CF, P&E shall continue to attend to the matters referred to him by the Regional Conservator of forests /Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

8.2 Initially, for drawing the pay and allowances of the above staff, the existing procedure will continue. The social forestry wing (Dy. CF, P&E and his staff) who are on deputation to Z.Ps will execute the works for the funds released through Z.Ps in accordance with guidelines and provisions of the Scheme under the technical guidance of the Regional CF having jurisdiction. The Dy. CD, P&E shall also follow the circular instructions or guidelines issued by the Prl. CCF, in execution of works in order to have continuity of thought and action. Detailed functions and funds devoluted to Z.P. and the services of functionaries at District level are shown in Annexure – I

9. The Mandal Parishads are devoluted with the functions and responsibility to guide the Gram Panchayats in preparation of “Annual Social Forestry action plans; obtain them, and after

due scrutiny, submit the “Mandal Consolidated social forestry annual action plans” of nurseries and plantations to the Zilla Parishads for approval

- 9.1 They will also undertake the responsibility of obtaining indents from farmers and other in their jurisdiction for supply of seedling and ensure proper management, Nursery Planning, raising and distribution of seedlings as per the norms fixed from time to time and their accounting, besides identification of suitable locations for successful planting.
- 9.2 They will also act as a bridge between the Gram Panchayats functionaries and the Zilla Parishad level functionaries in order to see that the powers and functions with regards to “social and farm forestry” so devoluted are properly performed without contravening any relevant Central or State Acts/Rules. Detailed functions, duties, responsibilities, funds & services of functionaries devoluted are shown in Annexure – II

10. At Gram Panchayat level, the Forest Section Officers and the Panchayat Forest Extension Workers, (to be engaged by the Gram Panchayats) shall identify suitable locations for raising nurseries and plantations. All such locations shall be listed and successful plantations raised in due course of time to bring greenery in all vacant lands. The Gram Panchayat/Gramasabha shall also undertake grass root level social forestry planning exercises by involving all people, peoples representatives, NGOs, local elders, self help groups like DWCRA, VSS, Water User Associations and Water Shed Committees etc., The nursery planning should be done strictly based on the demand surveys already conducted/or otherwise the same should be conducted by them. The surveys conducted by other agencies like National Green Corps (NGC), Forest Dept., should also be taken into account.

- 10.1 Gram Panchayat wise nursery and plantation action plans be prepared and submitted to the Zilla Parishads through Mandal parishads for their approvals
- 10.2 They are also empowered to exercise the powers if any vested under WALTA and other related Acts, to deal with offenders indulging in unauthorized cutting of trees or pilferage of tree growth from Government owned or community owned lands
- 10.3 They should ensure proper and effective enforcement of all the laws/Acts/Rules related to trees and other natural resources
- 10.4 In discharging such functions, nothing adverse or contravening the existing rules, laws local/central/state pertaining to forests/trees and waste lands and other Natural resources shall be committed. The detailed functions, services of functionaries and funds devoluted to Gram Panchayats are shown in Annexure – III

11. At State level, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests will be the Chief Nodal Officer assisted by the Chief Conservator of Forests concerned, in collection of information from the Regional Conservators of Planning & Extension, Social Forestry and submit the same to the Government. He shall extend guidance and advice on all technical matters and give suitable suggestions on the policies and plans related to “social and farm forestry” and its effective implementation

12. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests shall have control over the Regional Conservators of Forests, P&E, (Social Forestry) who will be located at the Regional headquarters. The Regional conservators of Forests will coordinate with the Zilla Parishads through their Dy. CFs (P&E) whose services are placed at the disposal of Zilla Parishads

- 12.1 The Regional Conservators of Forests will accord technical sanctions to the action plans prepared by the Dy. CFs, P&E and after technical approval forward

the same to the Zilla Parishads through the Dy. CFs, P&E for according administrative approval for their implementation

- 12.2 The technical scrutiny of the estimates and sanctions will be strictly in accordance with the existing system in vogue as per the relevant provisions of financial and forest codes. The Dy. CFs P&E and his staff will continue to carry out technical scrutiny and accord approval of estimates within their competency as applicable under the existing G.O.s, codal provisions and accord technical sanctions to the nursery and plantation action plans. The estimates beyond the limit of the Dy. CF (P&E) will be taken up by the Regional CF, P&E (Social Forestry) for their technical scrutiny and approval, as is the existing practice. After obtaining technical approvals, the Z.P.s will accord administrative approval, and, execute the same through the functionaries Mandal Parishad and Gram Panchayat level.
- 12.3 The Dy. CF (P&E)/DFO (SF) will be responsible for accounting of the funds released to him by ZPs and also for supervision, execution/implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the works for the schemes approved by the ZPs

13. The Forest Range Officers, P&E Divisions will continue to be in the same headquarters. The Zilla Parishad can, however, change their headquarters & jurisdiction in consultation with the Regional Social Forestry conservators and with the final approval of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. If necessary, these functionaries will have jurisdiction over 10 to 15 mandals in each district on an average

14. The next level of forest functionaries at G.P level i.e. Forest Section Officers with coordinate the activity at Gram Panchayat level

15. The Panchayats shall have absolute ownership rights over the MFP/NTFP, that is obtained from trees grown or existing on Government owned local body owned community lands, within the jurisdiction of Panchayats, excluding the Reserve Forest areas. They shall also help/assist in NTFP marketing to create better marketing avenues to the local tribal communities, VSS people, and other self help groups entrusted with the protection, development and management of the forestry resources

16. With regards to service matters, the ACRs of Dy. CF, P&E whose services are placed with the ZP may be initiated by the CEO, ZP concerned which will be routed through the District Collectors to the Regional CFs for their counter signing as counter signing authority. For other forest functionaries, the Dy. CF will be the authority to write their ACRs

17. With reference to any irregularity committed by the Dy.CFs, P&E, the CEO, ZP may report to the Regional CF, P&E having jurisdiction who in turn will initiate necessary action. However, the final decision for imposing penalties/punishments, if any, will be under taken by the Appointing Authority as per CCA Rules. In respect of other functionaries under the control of the Dy. CF, P&E, upto the level of FSO, the Dy. CF and the CF, P&E will be the disciplinary authorities and they will follow the existing CCA Rules.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

T. CHATTERJEE,

*ANNEXURE – I*

**DEVOLUTION OF FUNCTIONS, FUNCTIONARIES AND FUNDS AT  
DISTRICT LEVEL – ZP LEVEL**

I. FUNCTIONS:-

1. Mobilisation of financial resources for Nursery & Planting Activity:

a) Financial Functions:

Mobilisation of financial resources for “social and farm forestry” activities such as nursery raising, tree plantations on community lands, other Government land, porambokes, all vacant institutional premises like Schools, Colleges and other Government/Private offices, and , along roads, railway lines, canal bunds, etc., including supply of seedlings to the needy people, farmers and institutions

b) Financial Sources:

1. Funds released through the ZP
2. By sale of quality fruit NTFP grafts & ornamental seedlings to the needy farmers/industries/institutions and others
3. By sale of produce from mature plantations raised on community land plantations like tank fore shore and other lands in which plantations were raised in the past and as per the permission accorded and guidelines vide G.O. Rt. No. 62, Dated: 5.3.2001. The funds so mobilized shall be released & utilized for only Nursery & Plantation works as prescribed
4. Internal generation by creating a “Revolving Fund”
5. User charges if any

c) Funds:



The funds meant for social forestry schemes with the Zilla Parishad shall be placed at the disposal of the CEO, ZP who in turn will further release the same to the Dy. CF (P&E) to implement the approved action plans.

d) Planning functions:

The ZP level functionaries ie. CEO, ZP assisted by the concerned Dy. CF (P&E)/DFA(SF) shall obtain consolidated Annual Gram Panchayat wise nursery action plans through the Mandal Parishads, or otherwise, scrutinize them and accord necessary administrative approvals well in advance as per the seasonality/calendar of operations, after obtaining technical approval by Dy. CF/CF, P&E. The plans will then be placed along with funds to the functionaries at ZP level for its implementation by following usual procedures

2. Empowerment and capacity building to the local bodies:

The Z.P. should conduct for the functionaries training programmes on the related subjects as mentioned below by using the technical expertise of departmental functionaries and Nation Green Corps

2. A. NURSERIES:

1. Nursery raising techniques (Bag seedlings)
2. Improved Nursery techniques (Root trainer nurseries, mist chambers etc)
3. Nursery planning exercises
4. Maintenance of Records & data for Monitoring & Evaluation
5. Establishment of Central Nurseries
6. Establishment of clonal multiplication areas to produce high quality grafts clones etc.
7. Involvement of Woman SHG/VSS groups and schools for Nursery raising, distribution of seedlings by sale etc, for self employment

2. B. PLANTATIONS:

1. Techniques of raising various types of plantations
2. Enumeration, sampling and online monitoring
3. Harvesting techniques and usufruct sharing mechanism
4. Financial management and ploughing back mechanism for regeneration/replanting the areas after harvesting and for further development, creation, protection and management of resources (plantations) created for sustainable development

5. Environmental awareness building and environmental resources monitoring

3. Identification of suitable planting locations for planting:

Getting suitable planting locations identified for planting/afforestation as mentioned below and take steps for tree planting in all Government and other institutions at District & Mandal level:

- (a) Community lands for commercial plantations purpose
- (b) All other vacant lands (un reserves, village porambokes, village common lands) for fuel, fodder and timber plantations
- (c) All the road margins (highways, major dist/panchayat roads) for raising, recreation forestry for tourism and aesthetic purpose
- (d) Identification of suitable farmers and locations for practicing farm forestry, group farm forestry, and agro forestry and agro horticulture etc.,
- (e) Identificatio of suitable sites for practicing Eco-tourism in a regulated manner, preferably through identified VSS/DWCRA/CMEY Self Help groups
- (f) Roadside margins for Avenue Plantations
- (g) Canal bank areas with suitable species
- (h) Railway lines with suitable liner species
- (i) Institutional premises such as schools, colleges, residential schools, hostels, Ashram schools, hospitals, and all other Govt/Semi/Non-Govt office premises for beautification/plantations
- (j) Industrial areas/premises plantations to combat pollution to create Green Belts
- (k) Creation of Karthikavanams for aesthetic purpose and tree promotion through Vrikshapooja dn Vanabhajanams

4. Accountability:

The ZP level functionary shall ensure successful & qualitative nursery & plantation raising, proper accounting of the seedlings, proper maintenance of distribution registers, proper distribution and supply the data to the GPs through MPDOs as per the G.O.Ms. No. 308, dated: 4.11.2003

5. To ensure proper execution/implementation, supervision, monitoring and evaluation of nursery and plantation activities and obtain proper and accurate data on seedlings survival and ensure in putting the data on-line as per the G.O.Ms. No. 308, Dated: 4.11.2003 with the help of NGC

6. Proper auditing and accounting of the funds released to local bodies for absolute transparency and accountability. The Dy. CF, P&E shall also be responsible for this for the funds released to him by the Z.P.s

7. To review the progress of the Social and farm forestry activities i.e. nursery raising and plantation programmes periodically to ensure its proper and effective implementation and execution in a successful and qualitative manner for sustainable development

8. To ensure to create durable community assets ie. Plantations to the local bodies for sustainable investment of funds, by way of harvesting of the produce and ploughing back the funds for regeneration and recreation of assets for sustainable development

#### 9. II. FUNCTIONARIES:

The Dy. CF, P&E shall be accountable for Z.P. The Forest Department functionary at district level ie., CF (P&E) & Dy. CF, P&E/DFO (SF) shall work in close coordination with CEO, ZP for all practical purposes and assist the CEO in discharging the functions mentioned in this order

After Action Plans are obtained and approved, the CEO, ZPs will release the necessary funds to the Dy. CF, P&E/DFO, SF for execution of the nursery and plantations works through the functionaries placed at the disposal of the local bodies. The Dy. CF/DFO will account for the funds received and utilized

## *ANNEXURE –II*

### DEVOLUTION OF FUNCTIONS, FUNCTIONARIES AND FUNDS AT DISTRICT LEVEL – MANDAL LEVEL

**I. FUNCTIONS: The Mandal Parishads shall look after the management of nurseries and plantation activity including that of fruit yielding trees**

1. Preparation of Mandal wise Action Plans on NURSERY and Plantation raising. Collection of data on suitable locations for afforestation
2. Proper supervision and better implementation of nurseries and plantations including horticulture
3. To ensure better implementation of the nursery and plantation action plans approved
4. Conducting Training Programmes to grass root level functionaries to build up capacity of the local bodies
5. To identify all the suitable locations for planting and prepare inventory and shelf of Mandal Social Forestry Action Plans at Mandal Level
6. To conduct demand survey for raising quality nurseries for better utilization
7. Compile and supply accurate data on seedlings survival monitoring as per G.O. Ms. No. 308, dated: 4.11.2003
8. To better utilize the services of forest functionary i.e. Forest Range Officers in planning, execution/implementation and supervision of all Social Forestry and Farm Forestry activities
9. To identify and encourage adequate small/marginal farmers including SC/ST/BC, and woman Self Help Groups, to practise farm forestry, group farm forestry and agro forestry through proper extension methods to promote the activity as per Forest policy
10. To review and guide the GPs in planning of nursery and planting activity for promotion of greenery

#### **II. FUNCTIONARIES:**

##### **1. Forest Range Officers:**

Under the control of Planning & Extension (Social Forestry) Division, on an average there are 3-4 FROs for entire district. All the mandals shall be conveniently divided among each FRO @ 10-15 mandals for effective supervision

- ❖ The FRO will assist the mandals in all the functions mentioned above
- ❖ There shall be a minimum of 12-16 FSOs available on an average in each district
- ❖ Each FSO will be allotted 3-5 mandals on an average, who will be over all in-charge of the functions at the mandal level as well as GP level
- ❖ Necessary infrastructure, communication and conveyance facility shall be provided by ZP to these functionaries for effective implementation of the ongoing schemes

#### **III. FUNDS:**

Funds for the purpose of Social Forestry are devoluted/released as per the action plans approved to the functionaries for implementation by Z.P.

## *ANNEXURE – III*

## **DEVOLUTION OF FUNCTIONS, FUNCTIONARIES AND FUNDS AT GRAMPANCHAYAT LEVEL**

### **I. FUNCTIONS:**

(1) Conduct inventory on suitable locations for planting/afforestation on all vacant Government lands, excluding Reserve Forest areas. They shall have ownership right over the trees existing in Government lands within the limits of G.P. as mentioned below.

- All community lands
- All major, minor & PR, Irrigation/small tank foreshores
- All un reserve vacant lands
- All Tank foreshore, lands (Minor irrigation & Panchayat tanks)
- All Hill porambokes
- All Roads (District, Rural and State/National Highways) margins
- All Canal Banks for Afforestation
- All Railway lines areas for linear strip plantations
- All Institutions such as Govt. Non-govt., Local bodies, Market yards. Educational Institutions like schools, colleges, residential schools, (Ashram Patasalas), Hostels, Hospitals and other institutions
- All Industrial establishment areas
- Any other vacant land that is fit for planting

The information to MP & ZP through their functionaries along with plans for afforestation should be furnished by G.Ps

(2) Preparation of suitable Nursery action plans based on the demand survey conducted

(3) Preparation of suitable planting Annual Action Plans and prospective plans for afforestation on all vacant lands identified to reach 33% green cover and to furnish the same to ZP through Mandal Parishads.

(4) Take up planting activity as per approved action plans through Functionaries

(5) To promote and raise decentralized people's nurseries through

- (a) School Children / School committees
- (b) Women groups/DWCRA/VSS Woman SHGs
- (c) Other Self-help groups
- (d) Through the functionaries placed at the disposal of MPs and GPs

(6) Ensure proper nursery raising as per approved action plans and distribution to needy people/farmers and institutions based on demand survey.

(7) Maintain proper uniform "Nursery Distribution Registers" with full details of persons/farmers/institutions receiving the seedlings with their addresses and land survey No. as per G.O. Ms. No. 308, Dated: 4.11.2003

- (8) Maintain a permanent “Plantation Registers” with full details in each G.P.
- (9) Maintain “Bio diversity Registers” with full details in each G.P.
- (10) To carry out planting activity on all the vacant sites identified and as approved by ZPs by Forest functionaries
- (11) To ensure proper protection, development, conservation of all plantations raised in community lands, un reserves and tank foreshore and institutions by playing proper role as per relevant acts like WALTA/G.P. Act. Etc.
- (12) To raise fuel, fodder and small timber plantations on all vacant Government lands to cater to the needs of local communities
- (13) To raise fodder plots in each Gram Panchayat on vacant lands with suitable fodder species like Avicinia, Seemachinta, Subabul, Neem, Albezla, etc., and regulate the supplies to shepherds and goat rearers by collecting suitable fees for “Revolving Fund”
- (14) To raise Recreation forestry in suitable vacant lands for aesthetic purpose of society to create facility to people to have love for nature through ‘Karthikavana bhojanams’.
- (15) To promote by identifying and developing the Eco-tourism spots locality for the local use, by encouraging self help groups like VSS, who may charge for the service/facility
- (16) To ensure proper seedling distribution and to carry out proper monitoring & evaluation of all plantations raised and supply the “data” to all enumerating agencies like NGC & others for inputting the survival percentage data online
- (17) Sarpanch to chair the VSS Advisory committee and help the SHg in micro planning, exercises and related N.T.F.P., value addition and marketing as per G.O.Ms. No. 13, Dt: 12.2.2002
- (18) To prepare proper and methodical “harvesting plans” of all mature plantations in conformity with the sericultural principles and replant them following due procedures as prescribed in the G.O.Ms. No. 62, Dt. 5.3.2001. The planting areas should not be diverted for other purpose, other than plantations.

#### FUNCTIONARIES:

1. Forest Section Officers services are placed at the disposal of GPs
2. On an average, each FSO will be allotted 3-5 mandals with a centrally fixed headquarters
3. The concerned FSO designated, who is under control of the FRO concerned, shall be in charge of all the GPs in those allotted mandals
4. It is advised that at least one Forest Extension Worker for 4-5 GPs who is qualified well trained and experienced in nursery and plantation matters can be engaged on contractual basis to look after nursery and plantation activity under

the control of GPs for effective implementation and supervision. The erstwhile (VFWs) Village Forest Workers can be engaged for this purpose, if found suitable

### III. FUNDS:

1. Devolution from the district/ZP level as per their due share as approved
2. Devolution from MP level, if any
3. Revolving funds created with the sale proceeds of nursery seedlings sold and other services charged etc.
4. Due share earmarked under CSS (streams)/State schemes/sponsors
5. Cess collected if any from regulated grazing on community lands etc
6. 50% sale proceeds of community land plantations harvested as per the approved harvesting plans by following due procedures
7. Promote local Eco-tourism and fees collected
8. Fines collected from the offenders or violators of laws governing the trees/forests as per relevant acts if any admissible
9. Any other resource as prescribed and approved by Govt., from time to time like "User Charges" etc.

T. CHATTERJEE  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

EFS & T DEPT – 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendments - Devolution of powers and functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions –Orders – Issued

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**ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 51

Dated: 30.03.1999

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ORDER:

As per Article 243-G and 243-W of the Constitution, the Legislature of a State may endow the Panchayats and Municipalities with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as Institutions of Self Government and such law may contain provisions for the devolution of powers and responsibilities upon local bodies at the appropriate level in regard to.

- a) the preparation of plans for economic development and social justice
  - b) the implementation of schemes for economic development and social justice as may be entrusted to them including those in relation to the matters listed in the eleventh schedule and twelfth schedule
2. Accordingly, in tune with Constitutional provisions, the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 was enacted which has come into force with effect from 30.5.1994.
3. The aim of the constitution is to decentralize the administration up to the grass-roots level as it is believed that democracy is best helped by more democracy and not by less democracy and also that India which is presently a broadest representative democracy is to be transformed into a vibrant participatory democracy. The elected representatives of the local bodies are associated in some aspect or other in respect of some programmes of certain departments but the spirit of the Constitution is that the programme should be implemented by the local bodies instead of local bodies merely getting associated with them.
4. To make the local Bodies Institutions a Self Government the Government has deliberated on the various issues that would strengthen the Panchayat Raj Bodies in their functioning and in augmenting their resources at the grass-root level, therefore it is felt necessary to transfer of subjects to Panchayat Raj Local Bodies
5. Government after careful consideration of all the above aspects and taking into consideration the recommendations of the Committee of Secretaries direct that the following subjects of this Department be transferred to the control of Zilla Parishads/Mandal Parishads Gram Panchayats w.e.f.1.4.1999.
- i) Social and farm forestry, covering forestry activities in waste lands, Panchayat lands, village community lands and plantations on the sides of roads, canals banks and railway lines, by raising of nurseries and plantation for their own utilization and also for distribution to the public including institutions etc.



Protection and management of these nurseries and plants hereafter will be done by Panchayat Raj Bodies.

- ii) All fuel and fodder plantations raised outside the notified forests, including foreshore plantations. Future management of these plantations will be with the local bodies
6. The budget, hereafter, for above activities will be released by each District Collector under EAS/JRY programme to the Zilla Parishad instead of Divisional Forest Officer. This will be credited to a separate new account of Zilla Parishad which will be a joint account to be operated by CEO, ZP and Divisional Forest Officer concerned. This activity will be reviewed by the relevant Committee of Zilla Parishad instead of the District Forestry Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the PR Bodies to ensure effective plantation and utilisation of the money in the true spirit of the Constitution and the Act mentioned above.
7. Pending a final decision on the alternative staff for such activity, the ZP may take the help of Forest Department in raising the nurseries in accordance with the guidelines to be issued shortly
8. As regards fuel wood and fodder developed through forestry activities outside the notified forests, it is decided that all such assets shall be handed over to the ZPs/MPs/GPs for further maintenance and management, as and when they are ready for taking over.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V.P. JAUHARI,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Employment & Training – Devolution of Powers to Panchayat Raj Institutions - Orders – Issued  
**LABOUR EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND FACTORIES (EMP) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 57

Dated:11-12-2002

Read the following:-

1. D.O. Letter No. 7975/Mdl.I/A2/02 dated 02.09.2002 of the Secretary to Govt. P.R. & R.D. Dept., A.P. Secretariat
2. D.O. Letter No. 7975/Mdl.I/A2/02 dated 04.09.2002 of the Secretary to Govt. P.R. & R.D. Dept. A.P. Secretariat
3. From the Director of Employment and Training Letter No. /MISC/2002, dated 19.08.2002
4. D.O. Letter No. 648/Emp. A2/2002-3 dated 25.9.2002 of Principal Secretary to Govt. L.E.T & F. Dept.
5. D.O. Lr. No. 7975/Mdl.I/A2/02 dated 09.10.2002 of Secretary to Govt. P.R. & R.D. Dept. A.P. Secretariat

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**ORDER:**

Government have been considering the devolution of powers to Panchayat Raj Institutions in respect of Technical training. There are 82 I.T.Is under the Directorate of Employment and Training on All India Pattern. The Examinations are conducted by the Director General of Employment and Training, Government of India through the Directorate of Employment and Training, Hyderabad. In I.T.Is all the posts except Class-IV of Last Grade Services, Librarian, Pharmacist Grade-II, Dresser and Junior Assistant/Typist, are zonal posts. Class-IV posts are unit posts and Librarian, Pharmacist Grade-II, dresser, Junior Assistant and Typist are District posts. The funds are released to each I.T.I by the Head of the Department i.e., Director of Employment and Training, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Government after careful consideration directs that the staff covered under the District posts may alone be brought under Zilla Parishad. The other posts shall continue to be under the control of Regional Officers and Director of Employment and Training. The Planning, monitoring and release of funds may be done only by the Director of Employment and Training as at present. Public representative may however inspect these I.T.I.s and suggest ways and means to improve their working.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

A.RAGOTHAM RAO,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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CIVIL SUPPLIES – Devolution of powers and functions in respect of Public Distribution system to Panchayat Raj Institutions under Article 243-G of the Constitution - Orders – Issued

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**FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES & CONSUMER AFFAIRS (CS.I) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 77

Dated: 06.08.1998

Read the following

Do. Lr. No. 30922/Mdl.I/A2/98, dt: 2.7.98 of the Prl. Secretary, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Dept., A.P., Hyderabad.

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ORDER:

Article 243-G of the Constitution as amended in the 73<sup>rd</sup> amendment envisages, among others, devolution of powers on Panchayat Raj Institutions for the implementation of schemes for the economic development and social justice, including those matters listed in the Eleventh Schedule to the Constitution. “Public Distribution System” is one of the matters included in the Eleventh Schedule.

Keeping this in view, the matter relating to devolution of powers in respect of Public Distribution System has been examined by the Government. It is observed that it has been the intention of the State Government to entrust the Panchayat Raj Institutions with the function of Vigilance Body in respect of Public Distribution System. In G.O.Ms. No. 439, Food & Agriculture (CS.IV) Dept., dt: 24.10.81, the Gram Panchayats were entrusted the function of Vigilance Body within the Panchayat area. Subsequently, at the time of reconstitution of Food Advisory Committees in G.O. Ms. No. 470, Food & Civil Supplies (CS.IV) Dept., dt: 10.11.95, membership was provided to Chairperson, Zilla Parishads; Presidents, Mandal Parishads, Members of ZPTC; Chairpersons of Municipalities, Sarpanch and Members of Mandal Praja Parishad Territorial constituency and Councillors/Corporators of Municipalities and Municipal Corporations in the various Food Advisory Committees at appropriate levels. It was also ordered that the notifications issued to fill up the vacancies for Fair Price Shops, copies of allotment orders of essential commodities shall be sent to elected representatives of Panchayat Raj Bodies besides making it obligatory to exhibit these notifications as well as allotment orders in the notice boards of the Gram Panchayat Offices. Orders were issued in Govt. Memo. No. 62540/CS.II/90-1, dt: 5.11.90, that Civil Supplies matters may also be reviewed in the meetings of the Mandal Praja Parishads. Thus, at every level the functioning of Public Distribution System has been brought within the ambit of vigil and review of the Panchayat Raj bodies. However, in view of the amendments brought to the Constitution, devolving “Public Distribution System” (PDS) to Panchayat Raj Institutions, Government consider it necessary to codify the various instructions covering these aspects. Accordingly, the following comprehensive instructions are issued for strict compliance:

I. Zilla Parishad:

- (i) Review the functioning of the Public Distribution System at the Zilla Parishad General body meetings
- (ii) The Zilla Parishad Chairperson being a Member of the Mandal Food Advisory Committee shall participate in the discussions, bring to the

notice of the Chairman of the Mandal Food Advisory Committee, any deficiencies and also suggest measures for further improvement of Public Distribution System

## II. Mandal Praja Parishad:

- (i) Review the functioning of the Civil Supplies matters in the Mandal Praja Parishad meetings
- (ii) The President, Mandal Praja Parishad being Member of the Mandal Food Advisory Committee shall participate in the discussions and bring to the notice of the Chairman of the Committee any deficiencies and also suggest measures for further improvement
- (iii) Members of the Mandal Praja Parishad Territorial Constituency being Members of Fair Price Shop level Food Advisory Committee can participate in the discussions and point out any deficiencies and also make suggestions for further improvement

## III. Gram Panchayats:

- (i) The Sarpanch being the Chairman of the Fair Price Shop Food Advisory Committee shall convene the meetings of the said Committee every month for each shop on the first of the month. In case there are more than 3 Fair Price Shops in the Gram Panchayats, he shall convene the meeting Shops in the Gram Panchayat, he shall convene the meeting of half or nearly half of the Fair Price Shops on the first of the month and for the remaining Fair Price Shops on the second of the month. He shall send the minutes of the meeting to the Mandal Revenue Officer.
- (ii) Gram Panchayat shall review the functioning of Fair Price Shops in the Panchayat review meetings and call Fair Price Shop dealers as a special invitees for these review meetings
- (iii) The following shall be exhibited in the notice boards of the Gram Panchayat:
  - a) The notifications of vacancies of Fair Price Shops
  - b) Copies of orders allotting essential commodities to the Fair Price Shops;
  - c) List of cards attached to the Fair Price Shops in the Gram Panchayat;
  - d) Details of prices and quantum per card of essential commodities

## IV. General:

- (i) Gram Panchayat shall act as a Vigilance Body for the Public Distribution System within the Panchayat area
- (ii) Copies of orders allotting essential commodities to various Mandals shall be sent by the Collectors to the Chairman, Zilla Parishad; and Presidents, Mandal Praja Parishads
- (iii) Two copies of orders allotting commodities to Fair Price Shops shall be sent by the Mandal Revenue Officer concerned to the Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats
- (iv) Mandal Revenue Officers shall send lists of cards attached to each shop to the Sarpanches
- (v) Mandal Revenue Officers shall send details of prices and quantum per card of essential commodities of the Sarpanches
- (vi) Gram Panchayat shall identify from the list of cards attached to each shop bogus cards and inform the same to the Mandal Revenue Officers
- (vii) Gram Panchayat shall arrange painting of the prices of Public Distribution System commodities on the walls of Gram Panchayat Offices
- (viii) Gram Panchayat shall arrange for publicity of the quantities and prices of the commodities allotted and available for distribution at the Fair Price Shops

Panchayat Raj Department are requested to issue appropriate instructions to the functionaries of Panchayat Raj bodies and officials of the Panchayat Raj Department and see that the instructions issued are effectively implemented.

All the Collectors are requested to see that the above instructions are followed scrupulously provide all assistance necessary so that the Panchayat Raj Institutions and functionaries could discharge their duties effectively in respect of Public Distribution System.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

H.S. BRAHMA,  
EX. OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ANDHRA PRADESH – Devolution of Powers and Functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions involving of local bodies – 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendments - Devolution of Powers and functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions - Orders – Issued

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**ENERGY (RIS) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 80

Dated: 4.9.1998

Read the following:-

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ORDER:

As per Article 243-G and 243-W of the Constitution the Legislature of a State may endow the Panchayats and Municipalities with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as Institutions of Self Government and such law may contain provisions for the devolution of powers and responsibilities upon local bodies at the appropriate level in regard to :

- (a) The preparation of plans for economic development and social justice
  - (b) The implementation of schemes for economic development and social justice as may be entrusted to them including those in relation to the matters listed in the eleventh schedule and twelfth schedule
2. Accordingly, in tune with Constitutional provisions, the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 was enacted which has come into force with effect from 30.5.1994
  3. The aim of the Constitution is to decentralize the administration up to the grass-roots level as it is believed that democracy is best helped by more democracy and not by less democracy and also that India which is presently a representative democracy is to be transformed into a vibrant participatory democracy. The elected representatives of the local bodies are associated in some aspect or other in respect of some programmes of certain departments but the spirit of the constitution is that the programme should be implemented by the local bodies instead of local bodies merely getting associated with them.
  4. To make the Local Bodies Institutions, a Self Government; it is felt necessary to devolve funds, Functions and transfer of functionaries from the Government to the Local Bodies
  5. Government after careful consideration of all the above aspects and taking into consideration the recommendations of the Committee of Secretaries direct that the following subjects of Planning, Review of Progress and monitoring of Biogas, and Improved Chulhas and National Project on Biogas Development and National Project on Improved Chulhas shall be entrusted to Zilla Parishads
  6. Government also decided that wherever the jurisdiction is not in consonance of the existing Mandal System, that jurisdiction should be re-organised to suit the existing Mandal System.
  7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance & Planning Department vide their U.O. No. 34343/58/RM&FC/98, dated: 2.9.1998

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V.S.SAMPATH,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

ANDHRA PRADESH KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES BOARD – Selection of beneficiaries and disbursement of funds under various Industries/Schemes launched by Khadi and Village Industries Board – Devolution of powers and functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions - Certain Orders – Issued

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**INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (TAX) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 97

Dated the 31-3-1999

Read the following:-

1. From the Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board D.O. Letter No. SIS/APKVIB/Identification/91-92/97, dated 30.5.1997
2. Note from the Prl. Secretary to Government, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, dated 20.3.1999

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**O R D E R:**

The Andhra Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board which is a body corporate created under the Andhra Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board Act, 1958 (Act IV of 1959). The main objectives of the Board in general are to plan, organize, implement the programmes for the development of khadi industry in the State providing marketing facilities, extending technical assistance and also financial assistance for setting up of various industries in the State. The Board provides finances as a prime object, to the industries in the villages with an aim that the artisans do not migrate from villages to urban areas and to elevate them from the poverty line. As per the pattern of Khadi and Village Industries commission, the Board is extending financial assistance to different types of schemes and industries.

2. The State Government have issued orders from time to time based on the experience gained in the past in regard to adoption of procedure for the identification of beneficiaries under Khadi and Village Industries Sector

3. As per the constitutional provision, the State Government by undertaking legislation have been empowered to endow the Panchayats and Municipalities with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as Institutions of Self government. Accordingly the State Government have enacted the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 which has come into force with effect from 30.5.1994

4. Keeping in view the scheme of the said Act and the policy of the State Government to decentralize the administration upto the grass roots level, the State Government have decided to strengthen the Panchayat Raj Bodies in their functioning and with the above objective State Government have identified certain areas including the Khadi and Village Industries under the Andhra Pradesh Khadi and Village industries Board Sector. It have been felt necessary to involve the appropriate authorities of local bodies in the selection of artisans/beneficiaries, under the Andhra Pradesh khadi and Village Industries Board.



5. Accordingly, the Government pending amendment to the various orders issued in the past in the matter in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board, hereby issue the following orders, which shall come into force with effect from 1-4-1999.

- (a) Beneficiaries under Khadi and Village Industries scheme shall be selected by the Grama Sabha
- (b) Releases of subsidies margin money shall be made after certification by the concerned Gram Sarpanch about proper implementation of the scheme
- (c) The Chairman, Zilla Parishad of the concerned District shall be the Chairman of the District Level Committee on review of the implementation of the various programmes of Andhra Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board

6. The Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board and appropriate authority in the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department shall take necessary action accordingly in the matter. They shall also give wide-publicity to the orders issued

7. The Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board is directed to furnish proposals for amending the orders issued in the past keeping in view the orders now issued. The Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board shall examine the issuance of consolidated orders in regard to the identification of artisans/beneficiaries and providing finances, superceding the earlier orders and submit proposals.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHEELA BHIDE,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

**Copy of**

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ANDHRA PRADESH (NEDCAP) – Devolution of powers and functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions including of local bodies – Further orders – Issued

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**ENERGY (RES) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 112

Dated: 17.09.2002  
Read the following

1. G.O.Ms. No. 80, Energy (RES) Department Dt: 4.9.1998
2. G.O.Ms. No. 81, Energy (RES) Department Dt: 9.4.1999

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**ORDER:**

In the G.O. 1<sup>st</sup> read above Government have entrusted the subject of Non-Conventional Energy relating to the functions of planning review of progress and monitoring of biogas, improved Chulhas, National Project on Biogas development and National Project on improved chulhas to the local bodies namely Zilla Parishads an other Tiers of local administration.

2. In the G.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Government have decided that in addition to the planning, review of progress and monitoring of Non-Conventional Energy Programmes. The Biogas and improved Chulhas, the local bodies shall also be entrusted with the power and functions of identification of beneficiaries and implementation of the programme and decided that the beneficiaries in biogas and smokeless chulhas programme shall be identified through the Gram Sabhas and the programme shall be implemented through the local bodies and shall be subject to planning review and monitoring by the respective local bodies. The officers of Non-conventional Energy Development Corporation of AP shall work taking the guidance of local bodies namely

Zilla Parishads, Mandal Parishads and Gram Panchayats and implement the Non-Conventional Energy Programmes in the true spirit of democratic decentralization.

3. Now, the Government have reviewed the above orders and in modification of the orders issued in the G.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, hereby direct that the subject relating to activities pertaining to planning, monitoring and review. In respect of Non-conventional Energy Programmes shall be entrusted to local bodies i.e., Zilla Parishad, the implementation to the NEDCAP.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Copy of

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Social Welfare Department – Transferring of subjects Tailoring Training Centre and Garment production centers to the control of Panchayati Raj Department - Guidelines - Orders – Issued

**SOCIAL WELFARE (BUD.) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 115

Dated: 9-12-1999

Read the following:-

7. Govt. G.O. Ms. No. 25, SW (OP.A1) Dept. dt. 31.3.99
8. From Commissioner of Social Welfare Lr. No.2.IV.3/6290/99, dt: 23.8.1999

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 1<sup>st</sup> read above orders have been issued transferring certain subjects from the control of Social Welfare Department to the Control of Panchayati Raj & Rural Development Department with effect from 1.4.1999.

2. In the circumstances stated by the Commissioner of Social Welfare in his letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Government after careful Welfare in his letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Government after careful examination of his proposals hereby issue guide-lines for transfer of Tailoring Training Centres and Garment Production Centres, promotion of Crafts and Trades and Libraries in SC localities to the control of Panchayat Raj Department which are as follows:

1. The budget both Plan and Non-Plan for the year 1999-2000 will be transferred by the Deputy Director, Social Welfare to the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad
2. Salaries of the staff in Tailoring Training Centres/Garments Manufacturing Training cum production centers shall paid by the CEO, Zilla Parishad. This includes payment of Water and Electricity Charges, Rents, Rates and Taxes, stipends 240 Materials and Supplies etc.
3. A committee shall be constituted for each District with the following to select the candidates of training

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| i) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad               | Chairman        |
| ii) Deputy Director, Social Welfare                      | Member          |
| iii) Mandal Praja Parishad, Concerned                    | Member          |
| iv) Sarpanch, concerned                                  | Member          |
| v) Instructor/Assistant Cutter/<br>Manager of the center | Member-convenor |

3. The staff will continue to be under the cadre management of the Deputy Director, Social Welfare and the Head of the Department i.e. the Commissioner of Social Welfare. They can also supervise the functioning of these institutions, However the staff will be on deputation to the Zilla Parishad concerned. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad can also supervise the functioning of these institutions.

This order issues in consultation with the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department vide their V.O. 35071/Mdl.I/A2/99-1, dated 17.11.1999.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S. RAY,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT – 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendments – Devolution of powers and functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions - Orders – Issued

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**EDUCATION (PROG.II) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 120

Dated the 31-3-1999

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**ORDER:**

As per Article 243-G and 243-W of the constitution, the Legislature of a State may endow the Panchayats and Municipalities with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as institutions of Self Government and such law may contain provisions for the devolution of powers and responsibilities upon local bodies at the appropriate level in regard to:

- a) The preparation of Plans for economic development and social justice
- b) The implementation of schemes for economic development of social justice as may be entrusted to them including those in relation to the matter listed in the eleventh schedule and twelfth schedule

2. Accordingly, in tune with the constitutional provisions, the A.P. Panchayat Raj Act 1994 was enacted which has come into force with effect from 30.5.1994.

3. The elected representatives of the local bodies are associated in some aspects or other, in respect of certain programmes of departments but the spirit of the constitutions is that the programme should be implemented by the local bodies instead of local bodies merely getting associated with them

4. Government after careful consideration of all the above aspects and taking into consideration the recommendations of the committee of the Secretaries direct that the following schemes of this Department be transferred to the control of Gram Panchayats for the purpose of planning, implementation and monitoring of the schemes.

1. Adult Education and Non-Formal Education
2. Libraries

5. Separate orders, containing objectives, modalities of funds transfer, modalities of implementation, monitoring etc., of the above stated programmes, will be issued.

6. As for Vocational Education Programmes in the Schools, the school committees under the A.P. School Education (Community Participation) Act 1998 are already empowered to Plan, manage and monitor school development such that excellence in the overall performance of the school and the children shall be ensured.

7. Further the Panchayat Education Committees headed by the Sarpanch is required to take all steps as are necessary for the effective functioning of schools in the Gram Panchayat. Therefore no further orders for transfer of this scheme is required.

8. These orders shall come into effect from 01.04.1999

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M. CHAYA RATAN,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Copy of

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE – 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendments – Devolution of Powers and functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions – Amendment - Orders – Issued

**YOUTH ADVANCEMENT TOURISM & CULTURE (C.A.II) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 161

Dated the 01.12.2003

Read the following:-

G.O.Ms.No.26, YAT&C (CA.II) Department, dated: 30.03.1999

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**ORDER:**

The following Amendment is issued to para (4) of G.O. read

***AMENDMENT***

<b>For</b>	<b>Read as</b>
Government after careful consideration of all the above aspects and taking into consideration the recommendations of the Committee of Secretaries direct _____ the subject Cultural Promotion be transferred, However Gram Panchayat/Mandal Parishads/Zilla Parishads will carry out cultural activities with their own resources. If there is worthwhile capital infrastructural proposals, necessary proposals may have to be sent to District Cultural Council or State Government for support. The three layers of local bodies can formulate proposals and submit to State Government. In turn state govt. will obtain funds from the Government of India if required	Government after careful consideration of all the above aspects and taking into consideration of the recommendations of the Committee of Secretaries direct that the subject “Cultural Promotion” shall be transferred to Zilla Parishads, _____ the _____ grant of Rs. 25,000/- hitherto being released to District Cultural Councils

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

CHANDANA KHAN,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Director of Culture, Hyderabad  
The Panchayat Raj and Rural Development  
(Mdl.I) Department



The All the Collectors

The Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department

The Finance and Planning (FW) Department

The Commissioner, Information and Public Relations Department

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

TR&B Department – 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment and the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (Act 13 of 1994) – Devolution of Powers and functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions – Orders – Issued

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**TRANSPORT ROADS & BUILDINGS (R.VII) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 174

Dated: 21.10.1998  
Read the following

1. Note sent by the Prl. Secy., PR&RD Dept. vide L.No. 30922/Mdl/A2/97 Dt. 22.4.98
2. From Prl. Secy., PR&RD Dept., D.O. Lr. No. 30922/MI/A2/97 Dt 27.6.98
3. From Prl. Secy., PR&RD Dept., D.O. Lr. No. 30922/MI/A2/97 Dt 2.7.98
4. From Prl. Secy., PR&RD Dept., D.O. Lr. No. 30922/MI/A2/97 Dt 4.7.98
5. From Prl. Secy., PR&RD Dept., D.O. Lr. No. 30922/MI/A2/97 Dt 16.7.98
6. From ENC(R&B) Lr. No. 20998/TA.3/T&P.1/98 Dt. 20.8.98

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**ORDER:**

Article 243-G of the Constitution enables the Legislature of a State to endow the Panchayats with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as institutions of self-government and such law may contain provisions for the devolution of powers and responsibilities upon Panchayats at the appropriate level, subject to such conditions as may be specified therein. Accordingly, the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 was enacted and it has come into force with effect from 30.5.94. Under this Act;

- (i) The Zilla Parishads are responsible for construction and maintenance of District Roads and Culverts, Causeways and Bridges excluding State Highways and Village Roads;
- (ii) The Mandal Parishads are responsible for construction and maintenance of Public Roads, Drains, Culverts and other means of communication which are not under the control of any other local authority or the Government and maintenance of Boats, Ferries & Waterways and
- (iii) The Gram Panchayats are responsible for construction and maintenance of Village Roads, Drains and Culverts and maintenance of Boats, Ferries and Waterways.

2. In the light of the above provisions, the Staff, Budget and items of work to be transferred to Panchayat Raj Institutions has been examined. While the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 entrusts the construction and maintenance of District Roads excluding State Highways to the Zilla Parishads, the Roads & Buildings Department is responsible for nearly 35,000 KMs of Major and other District Roads. There is a demand to take over 16,000 KMs from the Panchayat Raj Dept., to the Roads & Buildings Department so that they can be improved and upgraded. The State Department so that they can be improved and upgraded. The State has a total road length of 1.7 lakh KMs of which 47,000 KMs are managed by the Roads & Buildings Department, and the balance 1.13 lakh KMs are managed by the Panchayat Raj Department. There is need to increase the road network to nearly 4 lakh KMs and to improve the quality and condition of the roads both

under Roads & Buildings and Panchayat Raj Departments. In these circumstances, pending declaration of all the roads under the management and control of Roads & Buildings Department, as National Highways or State Highways, it is felt that transferring the major District Roads and other District Roads under the control of the Roads & Buildings Department, to the Panchayat Raj Department will be a retrograde step. On the other hand, the Panchayat Raj Department should be encouraged to increase the road length under their control from 1.13 lakh KMs to 3.5 KMs by taking up the formation of new roads to improve the connectivity among the various habitations in the State.

3. In view of the foregoing, the Government hereby order that no roads, bridges and buildings pertaining to Roads & Buildings Department are to be transferred from the Roads & Buildings Department to the Zilla Parishads, the Mandal Parishads or Gram Panchayats.

4. The Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act authorizes the Mandal Parishad and the Gram Panchayat to maintain Boats, Ferries and Waterways. The Roads & Buildings Department, at present, is auctioning 18 ferry points in the State (list of the 18 ferries is annexed). The ferries are run by private persons who offer the highest amount to the Government by way of auction. The revenue from these 18 ferries for the year 1998-99 is about Rs. 170 lakhs. For these ferries, the R&B Dept., has no separate staff or budget. The Executive Engineer, having jurisdiction over the ferry point, conducts the auction. In view of the provisions of the A.P. Panchayat Raj Department Act, 1994, the Government hereby direct that the right to auction these 18 ferry points should be transferred to the Mandal Parishad/Gram Panchayat. The Government in Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Dept., will issue orders separately specifying whether Mandal Parishad should conduct the auction or the Gram Panchayat Should conduct the auction and how the auction income should be shared between the 2 local bodies. The Government also direct that the Mandal Parishad/Gram Panchayat may identify new ferry points in their jurisdiction and auction the same for the convenience of the traveling public. In view of the past accidents resulting in loss of life due to over loading of boats or use of boats not in condition, the Mandal Parishad/Gram Panchayat should take necessary safeguards to prevent the occurrence of accidents due to these 2 causes and other possible causes. They should strictly comply with the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh (Andhra Area) Canals and Public Ferries Act, 1890. The lease hold rights in respect of existing 18 ferry points expire on 31.3.1999. The next auction for these ferries should be held in the months of December, 1998/January, 1999. The Mandal Parishads and Gram Panchayats should take necessary action to conduct the auctions in time so as to avoid loss of income and to avoid inconvenience to the traveling public.

5. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance & Planning Department vide their U.O. No. 1632/PFs/98 Dt. 29-7-98.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. ANANDA RAO,  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

**Copy to**

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Roads & Buildings Department – 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment and the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (Act 13 of 1994) – Devolution of powers and functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions - Orders – Issued

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**TRANSPORT ROADS & BUILDINGS (R.V) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 235

Dated: 9.12.2003

Read the following

4. G.O. Ms.No. 174, TR&B Department, dated 21.10.1998
5. From the Prl. Secretary to Govt., PR&RD Department D.O. Lr.No. 7975/MDL..I/A2/98, dated 7-11-2003.

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**ORDER:**

Orders have been issued in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, Government in TR&B Department authorized the right to auction 18 ferry points located in the districts be transferred to the Mandal Parishads/Gram Panchayats. Accordingly, the subject was also transferred to Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department.

2. The Cabinet Sub-Committee on devolution of powers to local bodies have recommended in accordance with the 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional amendment on the following points:

- (a) To place the reports pertaining to the maintenance of all assets maintained by Roads & Buildings Department in the districts before Zilla Parishads at its review meetings
- (b) The Roads & Buildings Department of that district shall be accountable to the Zilla Parishad on the maintenance of the roads. Development and maintenance of assets (Roads) will be taken up depending upon the availability of funds
- (c) All the roads within a village shall be under the Gram Panchayat

6. The above recommendations are hereby accepted in toto. The Engineer-in-Chief (R&B) Administration is requested to issue instructions accordingly to the subordinate officers working in the districts. The Superintending Engineer (R&B) of the particular Zilla Parishad shall attend the review meeting and apprise the roads position in the DRDA meeting.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

JANAKI R. KONDAPI,  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

LAND – Communal lands – Transfer of the subject “Maintenance of Community Assets” to Panchayat Raj bodies – Orders – Issued

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**REVENUE (ASH-I) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 266

Dated the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1999

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**ORDER:**

Governments have deliberated on the various issues for strengthening the Panchayat Raj Local Bodies in their functioning and in augmenting their resources at grass-root level.

2. In terms of Section 50 of the A. P. Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, certain porambokes viz. grazing grounds, threshing floors, burning and burial grounds, cattle stands, cart-stands and topes which are the disposal of the Government and are not required by them (or any specific purpose) shall vest in the Gram Panchayat subject to such restrictions and control as may be prescribed.

3. Government, after careful consideration, hereby, direct that the above communal poramboke lands which are already vested with Gram Panchayats, shall be maintained by the Gram Panchayats.

4. The Collectors shall however, take necessary action for protection of the above communal poramboke lands by way of encroachment etc.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**G. SUDHIR  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
All Collectors.  
The Spl. C.S. & Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Hyderabad  
Copy to:  
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P.S. to Minister (Revenue)  
P.S. to Minister (Panchayat Raj)  
P.S. to Secretary (Revenue)

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Marketing Department – 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to the constitution of India – Devolution of powers to Panchayat Raj Bodies – Keeping the District official of Marketing Department under the control of Chief Executive Officers Zilla Praja Parishads in the State - Orders – Issued

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**AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (MKTG.III) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 394

Dated: 15.12.2003

Read the following:-

From the Commissioner & Director of Marketing, A.P.  
Hyderabad, Letter No. SR (2)1824/2003, dt:01.12.2003

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**ORDER:**

The Marketing Department enforces the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh (Agricultural Produce and Livestock) Markets Act, 1966 and the Rules and By Law made thereunder in the State of the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Market Committees are constituted for the notified areas declared by the Government to implement the various provisions of the Act, Rules and By-Laws. At the District level, the Assistant Directors of Marketing are functioning as a district officers of the Department under the control of the Commissioner and Director of Marketing at the State level. The nature of the duties of the Assistant Directors of Marketing in the district include both statutory, regulatory and implementation of development programmes of the Agricultural Market Committees in the development of Agricultural markets in the State.

The Government have examined the proposal of the Commissioner & Director of Marketing with provisions of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of India and also the Andhra Pradesh (Agricultural Produce and Livestock) Markets Act, 1966 and the devolution of power to the Panchayat Raj Bodies and the management of rural markets and mandies, and hereby ordered that the services of all the Assistant Directors of Marketing at the district level are placed under the control of the respective Chief Executive Officers, Zilla Praja Parishads in the State in performing the duties of all the developmental programmes of Agricultural Market Committees of the concerned district. However, the Assistant Directors continue to perform all the regulatory and statutory duties under the provision of the Market Act, Rules and Bye-laws of the market committees under the direction and control of the Commissioner & Director of Marketing.

The Commissioner & Director of Marketing is requested to take further action.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

N. RAMESH KUMAR,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**ABSTRACT**

Khadi, Village and Cottage Industries and Small Scale Industries, including Food Processing Industries – 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendments – Devolution of Powers and Functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions – Orders – Issued

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**INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (TEX) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No.362

Dated: 20.12.2003

Read:-

**ORDER:-**

As per Article 243-G and 243-W of the Constitution, the Legislature of a State may endow the Panchayats and Municipalities with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as Institutions of Self-Government and such law may contain provisions for the devolutions of powers and responsibilities upon local bodies at the appropriate level in regard to:-

- a) the preparation of plan for economic development and social justice
- b) the implementation of schemes for economic development and social justice

as may entrusted to them including those in relation to the matters listed in the 11<sup>th</sup> Schedule and 12<sup>th</sup> Schedule

2. Accordingly, in tune with Constitutional provisions, the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 was enacted which came into force with effect from 30.5.1994

3. In order to achieve the objectives of decentralization, Government after careful consideration of all the above aspects, direct that the following powers of this Department, be devolved to the Panchayat Raj Institutions:-

1. A separate Small Scale Industries Cell will be created in the District Industries Centre(DIC) which will be headed by one of the Deputy Directors/Assistant Directors available in the District Industries Centre to exclusively look after Small Scale Industries tiny and village industry sectors as well as Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana and Food Processing Units. The Deputy Director (SSI) /Assistant Director (SSI) will report to the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad and will function under the supervision of the Zilla Parishad. The Small Scale Industries Cell will have adequate support staff.
2. General Manager, District Industries Centre will continue to supervise statutory/regulatory functions of the District Industries Centre as well as Single Window clearances and will report to the District Collector

3. Functional Managers/Development Officers of Andhra Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board working in each District will report to the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad and will function under his supervision of the Zilla Parishad
4. Assistant Director, Handlooms and Textiles working in each District will also report to the Chief Executive Officer. Zilla Parishad and function under his supervision except to the extent of regulatory/enforcement functions pertaining to Handloom Reservation Act
5. Commissioner of Industries/Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks and Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board will take immediate action accordingly

(BY ORDER AND THE SAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.P. ACHARYA  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT



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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Rules – Rules relating to the Powers and Functions of Gazetted Extension Officer (Panchayat Raj and Rural Development). Grade-I and Extension Officer (Panchayat Raj and Rural Development) under Section 44 (a) of Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 – Orders – Issued

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**PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEPARTMENT (MDL.II) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 362

Dated 3.12.2001

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.70, PR&RD (Rules) Dept. dt.29.2.2000
2. G.O.Ms. No.281, PR&RD (MDI.II) Dept. dt.2.9.2000
3. G.O.Ms. No.303, PR&RD (MDI.II) Dept. dt.4.10.2001
4. G.O.Ms. No.345, PR&RD (MDI.II) Dept. dt.21.11.2001
5. G.O.Ms. No.354, PR&RD (MDI.II) Dept. dt.26.11.2001
6. G.O.Ms. No.355, PR&RD (MDI.II) Dept. dt.26.11.2001

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**ORDER:**

Consequent on the issue of orders in the G.O.s 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> read above the appended notification will be published in the Extra-ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazetted dated 7.12.2001.

2. The Commissioner of Printing Stationary and Stores Purchase (Printing Wing) Department. Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is requested to publish the notification and furnish 1000 copies of the same for use at Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

I. Y. R. KRISHNA RAO  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Endt.No.H2/6998/2001.  
Dated: 19.12.2001

Zilla Parishad Office,  
West Godavari, Eluru.

Copy communicated to all Mandal Parishad Development Officers and Extension Officers (Panchayat Raj and Rural Development) in the District.

Sd/- Ch. Kumara Swamy,  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Zilla Parishad, W.G. Eluru.

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER, PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL EMPLOYMENT**

**P.R. BHAVAN, URDU HALL LANE, HIMAYAT NAGAR, HYDERABAD-29.**

From  
Debabrata Kantha, I.A.S.,  
Commissioner.

To  
All the District Collectors  
in the state.

**Letter No. 21382/CPR&RE/B3/2003, dated: 20.8.2003**

Sir,

The Extension Officers (PR&RD) working at Mandal Level are responsible for looking after activities of both the Panchayat Raj as well as Rural Development Departments. During my field visits to various districts it has been observed that the Extension Officer (PR&RD) are not evincing adequate interest in the activities of the Panchayat Raj Department although they belong to the department. Their cadre controlling authority is the Commissioner, PR&RE. Lack of adequate attention to the activities of the Panchayat Raj Department by many of the Extension Officer (PR&RD) is getting reflected of the Gram Panchayats, lack of adequate coordination with the Panchayat Secretaries and effective supervision over them. Besides, civic amenities and various development activities at the Panchayat level are also not being reviewed by the Extension Officer (PR&RD). Collection of information from Panchayats and compilation of the said information are some of the core functions of the Extension Officer (PR&RD).

In view of the above mentioned facts all the District Collectors are requested to suitable instruct the Extension Officer (PR&RD) in their districts to look after the activities of the Panchayat Raj Department in general and the functioning of Gram Panchayats in particular with all seriousness. They should review on a weekly basis the demand, collection and balance (DCB) figures Gram Panchayat wise for both tax and non-tax revenues, the percentage of developmental expenditure in the total revenue of the Gram Panchayats, Village sanitation, including construction of individual sanitary latrines (ISLS), street lights, the actual execution of the employment generation, programs like SGRY and ensure proper utilization of \_\_\_\_\_ funds like the money released under 11<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, SFC, Profession Tax, per capita grant etc.,

Audit of the Panchayat Funds and their proper accounting are also important activities which have to be looked after by the Extension Officer (PR&RD). The District Collectors are therefore requested to direct their District Panchayat Officers and Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Parishad to review all the above mentioned subjects every month with the Extension Officer (PR&RD) in the divisional level and keep the District Collector informed. They should be made responsible for entry of data relating to the above mentioned subjects on line. The District Collectors, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, District Panchayat Officer, Divisional Panchayat Officers all the Mandal Parishad Development Officers and Extension Officers (PR&RD) in their district for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/- Debabratha Kantha,  
Commissioner, PR&RE.,

Endt. No. H2/5509/2003  
Dt: 5.9.2003

Zilla Parishad Office,  
West Godavari, Eluru.

Copy communicated to all the Mandal Parishad Development Officers, Divisional Panchayat Officers and Extension Officers (PR&RD) in the District. They are requested to follow the instructing scrupulously and report compliance.

Sd/- Ch. Kumara Swamy,  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Zilla Parishad, W.G. Eluru.

Superintendent. H.

To  
All Mandal Parishad Development Officers in the District.  
All Extension Officers (PR&RD) through Mandal Parishad Development Officer  
All the Divisional Panchayat Officers.  
DPO, W.G. Dt

## **PR&RD (MDL.II) DEPARTMENT**

### **NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 44 read with section 268 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994. (Act 13 of 1994) the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following rules, relating of the powers and functions of Gazetted Extension Officers (Panchayat Raj and Rural Development) Grade.I and Extension Officers (Panchayat Raj and Rural Development)

### **RULES**

Short Title: These rules may be called the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj (Powers and functions of Gazetted Extension Officers (Panchayat Raj and Rural Development) Grade.I and Extension Officers (Panchayat Raj and Rural Development) Rules, 2001.

1. The Powers and Functions of Gazetted Extension Officers (Panchayat Raj and Rural Development) Grade.I and Extension Officers (Panchayat Raj and Rural Development) are as follows:-

### **P O W E R S:**

#### ***The Administrative Powers are specified below:-***

1. He should review the tour Dairy of Village Development Officers working in the Mandal

2. He should tour 20 days in a month and submit his tour diary to the Mandal Parishad Development Officer every month
3. He will act as incharge Mandal Parishad Development Officer in the absence of Mandal Parishad Development Officer under the orders of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad
4. He shall initiate performance reports of Village Development Officers working under the control of Mandal Parishad Development Officer
5. He shall exercise supervision and control and provide guidance to the Gram Panchayats, and their Executive authorities in his jurisdiction
6. He shall inspect all non-notified Gram Panchayats in every half year, and see that defects pointed out by the Inspecting Officers are rectified by the Executive authorities, immediately within two months. He shall visit all the Gram Panchayats once in every quarter once for inspection and once for rectification of defects, irrespective of other visits
7. He shall hold enquiries and submit reports to higher authorities on complaints of Mal-administration in non-notified Gram Panchayats in his jurisdiction
8. He shall review regularly the implementation of Gram Panchayat Work and progress of important schemes like Jawahar Gramina Samruddi Yojana. Eleventh Finance Commission grants, Maintain necessary statistics about the working of Gram Panchayats including Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, Tenth Finance Commission (T.F.C) and other Government grants
9. He shall be responsible for the implementation of all other directions and instructions issued by the higher authorities on the administration of Gram Panchayats
10. He shall submit reports to the Mandal Parishad Development Officer on the disqualification of members or Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats in his jurisdiction
11. He shall verify and prepare the list of casual vacancies of members and Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats in his jurisdiction and submit to Mandal Parishad Development Officer
12. He shall conduct the cursory inspection of notified Gram Panchayats in every month and submit reports, as per rules
13. He is the authority competent to sanction casual leave to the Executive Officers of Gram Panchayats

**(B) THE FINANCIAL POWERS ARE AS SPECIFIED BELOW:**

1. He is empowered to forward the proposals submitted by the Village Development Officers to the Mandal Parishad Development Officers after thorough scrutiny of them
2. He shall certify each proposal furnished by the Village Development Officers before recommending or rejecting them to the Mandal Parishad Development Officer
3. He shall be the Joint Signatory along with the Mandal Parishad Development Officers for the funds operated in grounding of Developmental Schemes
4. He shall extend cooperation to the Bankers in recovery of loans and also participate in joint Mandal Level Bankers meeting
5. He shall be responsible to intimate Mandal Parishad Development Officer immediately on the occurrence of mis-utilization of funds in different schemes implemented through Mandals
6. He shall guidance the Executive authorities of Gram Panchayats in the matter of preparation of annual budgets, administration reports, periodical returns, progress reports replies to Audit reports and execution of works
7. He shall assist the Gram Panchayats, wherever necessary in the matter of collection of taxes, fees and other amounts, due to the Gram Panchayats
8. He shall attend the auctions and sales conducted by the Gram Panchayats and authenticate the bid amounts, as per rules

9. He shall guide the Gram Panchayats in augmenting the resources of the Gram Panchayats to strengthen the financial position of Gram Panchayats
10. He should counter sign the traveling allowance bills of Sarpanches and Executive Officers of Gram Panchayats and their staff

C. HE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO ARRANGE PROGRAMMES AND UNDERATAKING TRAININGS

1. He should attend all training programmes arranges at District level along with the Mandal Parishad Development Officer
2. He shall make efforts in publicity of scheme implemented in all villages of that Mandal and also organize infrastructure training and technology inputs for beneficiaries under Government Poverty Alleviation Programmes
3. He shall communicate latest information and technical knowledge of the implementation of Government schemes to all Sarpanches and Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituency Members
4. He shall feedback the views of Sarpanches on implementation of Government Schemes
5. He should arrange training to Sarpanches at Mandal Headquarters Bi-monthly with the Co-operation of Mandal Parishad Development Officer duly inviting District Officials of District Rural Development Authority (DRDA), Scheduled Caste (SC), Backward Caste (BC), Scheduled Tribes(SC) and Housing etc., who are well versed with the subject for the implementation of Government schemes effectively
6. He shall depute Village Development Officers for training arranges at District and Divisional Level
7. He shall prepare plans conduct surveys for all Government Programmes
8. He shall motivate rural women for formulating Self Help Groups (SHGs)
9. He shall plan marketing of Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) products

D. COORDINATION

1. He should maintain cordial relations with Mandal and District Level sectorial officers for successful grounding of different schemes
2. He should also be in constant touch with the Bankers situated in the Mandal area
3. He should act as a Liaison Officer between Sarpanches and Mandal Parishad Development Officer

E. GENERAL

He is responsible for effective communication and implementation of different public welfare Government schemes implemented through Mandal. He should be also a coordinator between officials and non officials related to the Mandal activities.

I.Y.R. KRISHNA RAO  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Implementation of Rural Development Programmes in the districts – Re constitution of District Level Governing Bodies of District Rural Development Agencies - Orders – Issued

**PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD.III) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 398

Dated: 11.12.2003  
Read the following

7. G.O. Ms.No. 740, PR&RD & Relief (RD.III) Dept., Dt. 30.11.1995
8. G.O. Ms.No. 319, PR&RD (RD.II) Dept., Dt. 22.07.1998
9. G.O. Ms.No. 347, PR&RD (RD.IV) Dept., Dt. 18.09.2002

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**O R D E R:**

District Level Governing Body of District Rural Development Agencies has been constituted vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited above to ensure proper implementation of rural development programmes. The Governing Bodies of District Rural Development Agencies have subsequently being entrusted with the responsibility of reviewing the implementation of watershed related activities vide G.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> cited above.

2. In accordance with 73<sup>rd</sup> amendment, the State Government have decided to decentralize the administration up to the grass root level. Keeping in view the above objective, the Cabinet Sub Committee on devolution of power to local bodies have recommended for reconstitution of District Level Governing body of District Rural Development Agencies. It has recommended that Chairman Zilla Parishad Should be designated as Chairman of District Level Governing Body and District Collector as Executive Chairman. The Sub-committee has also recommended that the Executive Chairman will be responsible for sanction of rural development schemes as per the guidelines of Government of India and the State Government.

3. After careful consideration of the recommendations and in suppression of the G.O.s mentioned above, Government hereby re constitute the District Level Governing Bodies with the following.

Chairperson of Zilla Parishad	Chairman
Collector	Executive Chairman
All MPS and MLAs of the district	Member
Lead Bank Officer	Member
NABARD representative at district level	Member
General Manager, DIC	Member
Representative of Khadi Village Industries Commission, GOI	Member
District Medical & Health Officer	Member
District Employment Officer	Member
Project Director, I.T.D.A	Member

Executive Director, District S.C. Coop Society	Member
Executive Director, District B.C. Coop Society	Member
Joint Director of Agricultural	Member
Project Director, District Water Management Agency	Member
Divisional Forest Officer (P&E)	Member
Asst, Director of Horticulture	Member
Joint Director of Animal Husbandry	Member
Deputy. Director Ground Water	Member
One Women Worker/Organizer of a Voluntary Organisation with actual experience of organizing with actual experience of organizing rural poor (To be nominated by the Chairman)	Member
Two representatives of the Weaker Sections one of whom may be drawn from SCs and STs. (To be nominated by the Chairman)	Member
One fifth of the Mandal Parishad Presidents Presidents in rotation of one year	Member
Project Director, DRDA & Velugu	Member-Convenor

4. Functions of the District Level Governing Body are as follows

- I. To coordinate and oversee the preparation of prospective plans and annual plan of the blocks leading to preparation of district plan in respect of implementation of SGSY scheme
- II. To review the watershed development programmes and other programmes being implemented by District Water Management Agency
- III. To monitor and evaluate the implementation of above programmes by Government and Non Governmental Organisations to ensure its effectiveness
- IV. To secure inter sectoral and inter departmental coordination and cooperation
- V. To give publicity to the achievements made under the above programmes and disseminate knowledge and build up awareness about the programme
- VI. Executive Chairman will be responsible for sanction of schemes as per the guidelines of Government of India and the State Government

5. The District Level Governing Body should meet at least once in every quarter to effectively to review the rural development programmes

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M. SAMUEL  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

**Copy of**

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Agriculture Department – 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendments - Devolution of powers to Panchayat Raj Institutions – Further Orders – Issued

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**AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (FP.II(2)) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 399

Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2002  
Read the following:-

G.O.Ms. No. 127, A&C(FP.II) Department, dated 1.5.1999.

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**ORDER:**

In the G.O. read above orders were issued directing to entrust certain functions and responsibilities pertaining to Agriculture Department to Panchayat Raj Bodies (MPP and ZPP) with immediate effect, in terms of the 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendments so as to enable them to function as institutions of Self Government.

2. Government have examined the matter with regard to further devolution of powers in Agriculture Department to Panchayat Raj Institutions and issue the following orders:-

- i) The devolution of powers, functions, functionaries and funds will be done at the district and mandal levels only
- ii) The funds of all schemes of Agriculture Department will be placed with the Zilla Parishad who may further allot the same to mandals keeping in view the Action Plan for implementation of various schemes in different mandals. Wherever the schemes are mandal specific, funds will be placed at the disposal of Mandal Parishads directly by the department
- iii) The Regulatory functions regarding all agricultural inputs, as per the statute, shall be done by the concerned Departmental functionaries. The Zilla Parishad/Mandal Parishad will supervise and review the proper implementation of the schemes and ensure due compliance of statutory regulations. The Department officials will get their schemes and programmes sanctioned by Zilla Parishad /Mandal Parishad as is relevant and execute them after getting the funds released from Zilla Parishad/Mandal Parishad as per relevance.
- iv) Collectors will exercise concurrent powers of supervision/monitoring of all the regulatory functions of the Department



- v) Village Panchayats shall exercise the responsibility of identification of beneficiaries under various programmes/schemes, reporting of incidence of pests and diseases, proper functioning of Farmer's Clubs, assessment of crop areas, yields and costs cultivation etc.
- 3. The above orders shall be implemented with immediate effect.
- 4. The Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad shall issue necessary instructions in this regard immediately.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISRA,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

**Copy of**

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Establishment of District Employment Generation and Poverty Eradication Mission – Nomination of Chairman, Zilla Parishad as Co-Chairperson in the District Employment Generation and Poverty Eradication Mission - Orders – Issued

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**PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD.III) DEPARTMENT**

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G.O.Ms.No. 412

Dated: 12.11.2002  
Read the following

1. G.O. Ms.No. 304, PR&RD (RD.III) Dept., Dt. 7.8.2002
2. G.O. Ms.No. 333, PR&RD (RD.III) Dept., Dt. 7.9.2002
3. G.O. Ms.No. 355, PR&RD (RD.III) Dept., Dt. 28.9.2002

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**O R D E R:**

In the G.O. first read above, orders were issued constituting District Employment Generation and Poverty Eradication Mission for each District in the State and that the Mission will function under the Chairmanship of a Minister to be nominated by the Government with the District Collector as the Chief Executive Officer.

2. In the G.Os. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, orders were issued nominating the Ministers as Chairman of the District Employment Generation and Poverty Eradication Mission for all the districts

3. Government have decided to co-opt the Chairman, Zilla Parishad as Co-Chairman of the District Employment Generation and Poverty Eradication Mission. Accordingly, Government hereby nominate the Chairman, Zilla Parishad as Co-Chairman of the District Employment Generation and Poverty Eradication Mission.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S. RAY,  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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## **GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

### **ABSTRACT**

Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department – 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment – Devolution of powers and functions to Gram Panchayats – Transfer of RWS assets - Orders – Issued

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### **PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEPARTMENT (RWS.I) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 421

Dated 21.11.2002

Read the following:-

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#### ORDER:

Article 243 (g) of Constitutions requires the State Legislature to endow the Panchayats with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable the to function as institutions of Self Government Section (45) of Andhra Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 requires the Gram Panchayat to provide for the sinking and repairing of wells to provide protected water for drinking purposes.

2. Hitherto, the Panchayat Raj Engineering Department is acting as the nodal agency for providing drinking water facilities in rural areas of the State. The drinking water facilities are being provided by various means, ie, spot sources (bore-wells) Piped Water Supply (PWS) schemes and Comprehensive Piped Water Supply (CPWS) schemes for a group of villages. At present, there are 2,63,128 numbers of hand pumps existing in the State. In respect of hand-pumps, the present practices are as follows:

- a) The Panchayat Raj Engineering Department is constructing hand-pumps by engaging Departmental/Private rigs;
- b) The Government provides a maintenance budget of Rs. 600/- per hand-pumps, per year;
- c) The PRED is undertaking maintenance of HPs by engaging departmental personnel. Wherever the departmental personnel are inadequate, contract mechanics are being entertained
- d) Quality of drinking water is tested twice a year in respect of every hand-pump at half-yearly intervals
- e) The Department indents for the requirement of spare parts and procures them from the standard manufacturing firms duly undertaking quality control checks. These materials are kept at Department stores in Mandal head quarters and will be utilized as per the requirement

3. To bring in a feeling of ownership among the public and Panchayats in respect of water supply assets, Government have decided to devolve the ownership of handpumps to Gram Panchayats in the State for better results. Hence, the following orders are issued.

- a) All the hand-pumps within the limits of Panchayats shall be handed over to Gram Panchayats with full details (history sheets) wherever all the panchayats in the whole mandal come forward to take over maintenance of the HPs under intimation to the Mandal Parishad concerned

- b) The budget provided @ Rs.600 per bore-well per year will be released to the Gram Panchayats for maintenance purposes. The Gram Panchayats should utilize the amount only for the purpose of maintaining the hand pumps
- c) The Gram Panchayats may engage mechanics and maintain the hand pumps with their assistance
- d) The balance provision available in the Budget Estimates 2002-03 under maintenance of hand-pumps shall be transferred to Gram Panchayats
- e) The existing departmental pump mechanics who are being engaged on maintenance of hand-pumps shall be attached to the concerned Mandals. The pumps mechanics will continue to assist Gram Panchayats for maintenance of hand-pumps until further orders.
- f) In addition to the departmental pump mechanics there are also skilled hand-pump mechanics in the field. The Section Officer, RWS will prepare a list of such skilled mechanics in their respective Mandals and intimate their addresses to all the Gram Panchayats in the Mandal
- g) Wherever there is a shortage of hand-pump mechanics, the Section Officers concerned will impart necessary training to desirous candidates immediately, ie, by the end of December, 2002
- h) The Executive Engineers, Rural Water Supply concerned shall see that Rural Water and Sanitary Missions are opened in every Mandal Headquarter. As a stop-gap arrangement, the Sanitary material/hand pump spares etc, shall be supplied through these Rural Water and Sanitary Missions. The Rural Water and Sanitary Missions will be manned by the Section Officers (RWS) under the control of the Executive Engineers (RWS) concerned until alternate arrangements is made. The Executive Engineers (RWS) shall see that there is no dearth of hand pump spares for the purpose of maintenance of hand pumps till the next summer is over

4. Powers and Functions of Gram Panchayats after the delegation

a) Construction of new bore-wells

The location of hand-pump shall be decided by the Gram Panchayat. There shall be economy in drilling of bore-wells and in subsequent utilization of resultant water supply. Government funding will be limited to the minimum levels of supply stipulated. At present Government funding is limited by the ratio of one hand-pump for every 250 population. While drilling new bore-wells, they shall abide by the stipulations of AP Water, Land and Tree Act, 2002

- b) The Gram Panchayat should maintain all the hand-pumps in the village. They should follow the guidelines issued by the RWS Department in this regard
- c) The Gram Panchayat should get the drinking water tested from each of its sources atleast twice a year at half-yearly intervals. The type and procedure of testing will be prescribed by RWS Department from time to time. Currently, the field testing by using Hydrogen Sulphide vails inoperation
- d) The Gram Panchayat should attempt to further devolve the powers and functions to the Village Water & Sanitation Committees and Habitation Level Water & Sanitation Committees (WATSAN Committees)
- e) The Gram Panchayats should endeavour to collect user charges sufficient to meet the maintenance costs
- f) The Gram Panchayats shall ensure that all hand-pumps are kept in good working condition so as to meet the drinking water needs of the people. The down-time for any particular bore-well should not exceed 48 hours.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. NAGI REDDY,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Copy of

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

HEALTH MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT – 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendments – Devolution of powers and functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions - Orders – Issued

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**HEALTH MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (F1) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 445

Dated the 23-11-2000

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ORDER:

As per Article 243-G and 243-W of the Constitution the Legislature of a State may endow the Panchayats and Municipalities with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as Institutions of Self Government and such law may contain provisions for the devolution of powers and responsibilities upon local bodies at the appropriate level in regard to:

- a) The preparation of plans for economic development and social justice
- b) The implementation of schemes for economic development and social justice as may be entrusted to them including those in relation to the matters listed in the eleventh schedule and twelfth schedule

2. Accordingly, in tune with constitutional provisions the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 was enacted which has come into force with effect from 30-5-1994.

3. The aim of the constitution is to decentralize the administration upto the grass-roots level as it is believed that democracy is best helped by more democracy and not by less democracy and also that India which is presently a broadest representative democracy is to be transformed into a vibrant participatory democracy. The elected representatives of the local bodies are associated in some aspects or other in respect of some programmes of certain departments but the spirit of the constitution is that the programme should be implemented by the local bodies instead of local bodies merely getting associated with them.

4. To make the Local Body Institutions, a self Government, the Government have deliberated on the various issues that would strengthen the Panchayat Raj Bodies in their functioning and in augmenting their resources at the grass-root level. Thereafter, it is felt necessary to transfer certain subjects to Panchayat Raj Local Bodies.

5. Government after careful consideration of all the above aspects direct to entrust the following functions and responsibilities to Panchayat Raj Bodies (MPP and ZPP) with immediate effect, pertaining to Health Medical & Family Welfare Department.

- (i) To review the implementation of the National Health Programmes such as NMEP, NTBCP, NPCB, NLEP, Family Welfare Programme, Programmes for MCH activities Programmes initiated by the State Government and Government of India.
- (ii) To review the implementation of resolutions of Advisory Committees

- (iii) To review the Janmabhoomi Programmes i.e. conduct of Health Camps extension training centre.,
- (iv) To review general maintenance and up keep of the surroundings of the Medical Institutions including sanction, hygiene extension training centre.,
- (v) To educate the people of those areas about the health activities of the Medical Department through the media available with Panchayat Raj Institutions;
- (vi) To review of steps taken to prevent outbreak of epidemics
- (vii) Review maintenance and construction of Medical and Health Institutions

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

C. ARJUNA RAO,  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Copy of

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**ABSTRACT**

73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendments – Devolution of powers and functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions – Orders – Issued

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**PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEPARTMENT (RD.III) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 508

Dated 22.10.1999

Read the following:-

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ORDER:

Under article 243-G and 243-W of the Constitution of India the Legislature of a State is empowered to make laws enabling the Panchayats and Municipalities with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as Institutions of Self Government and such law may contain provisions for the devolution of powers and responsibilities upon local bodies at the appropriate level in regard to

- (a) The preparation of plans for economic development and Social justice
- (b) The performance of functions and the implementation of schemes for economic development and social justice as may be entrusted to them including those in relation to the matters listed in the eleventh schedule and twelfth schedule in respect of Panchayats and Municipalities

2. Accordingly, in tune with the Constitutional Provisions, the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (A.P. Act, 13 of 1994) was enacted which has come into force with effect from the 30<sup>th</sup> May, 1994

3. The aim of the Constitution is to decentralize the administration upto the grass-roots level as it is believed that making participation of local self government bodies in developmental programmes and also India which is presently a broadest representative democracy is to be transformed into a vibrant participatory democracy. The elected representatives of the local bodies are associated in some aspect or other in respect of the programmes of certain departments but the spirit of the Constitution is that the programme should be implemented by the local bodies empowering with such powers and authority as are necessary to enable them to function effectively as units of Self Government instead of local bodies merely getting associated with them.

4. To make the local body institutions a Self Government, the Government have deliberated on the various issues that would strengthen the Panchayat Raj Bodies in their functioning and in augmenting their resources at the grass-root level; it is felt necessary to transfer some subjects to Panchayat Raj Local Bodies.

5. Government after detailed examination has decided to transfer the subject “Land Improvement” specified at Sl.No.2 in Schedule – I of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 to the Gram Panchayats.

6. Government after careful consideration direct that the subject of “Land Improvement” in Schedule-I of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 shall stand vested with the Gram Panchayats in the State in respect of the following:-

- (i) To identify such lands which are not put to productive use in the Gram Panchayat and to \_\_\_\_\_ the owners of such un productive lands by recommending their cases for financial assistance for land improvement
- (ii) In the event of availability of unproductive lands but under the ownership of Joint Farming Society falling within a Gram Panchayat or Panchayats, the Gram Panchayat or Panchayats shall ensure that such lands are put to productive use by such society
- (iii) The Government lands including wastelands and degraded lands, lands that cannot be made useful immediately either due to Salinity or alkalinity or due to any other reason; the Gram Panchayats should participate in the task of development of such lands as per guidelines issued by the Government from time to time.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

C. ARJUNA RAO  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Commissioner, PR&RD, AP, Hyderabad  
The Commissioner, RD, AP, Hyderabad  
All District Collectors  
All Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishads  
All Project Directors, DRDAs