

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Endowments Department – Dhoopa Deepa Naivedyam Scheme –  
Introducing the policy to enable several ancient and needy temples in the  
State enlisted under the scheme in a big way – Orders – Issued.

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**REVENUE(ENNDOWMENTS-1)DEPARTMENT**

**G.O. Ms.No.506.**

**Dated 14 -6-2010**

**Read the following:-**

1. G.O. Ms. No. 179, Revenue (Endts II) Dept., dt; 15-2-2006.
2. G.O.Ms. No. 1490, Revenue (Endts I) Dept dt; 11-10-2006.
3. G.O.Ms. No. 665, Revenue (Endts I) Dept., dt; 19-5-2007.

**ORDER:**

The Commissioner of Endowments Department Hyderabad in the letter read above, has reported that there are thousands of notified temples in the State which are not in a position even to bear the expenditure for the Dhoopa Deepa Naivedyam and salaries of Archakas due to their poor financial position. The condition of such poor and needy temples has become a cause of concern among the public.

2. In the G.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, orders were issued approving the list of 2016 temples under Dhoopa Deepa Naivedyam Scheme.

3. Further in the G.O. 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, orders were issued framing certain guidelines and procedure duly permitting the Commissioner of Endowments Department to issue notification to select the eligible temples under Dhoopa Deepa Naivedyam Scheme and finalize them for award of the grant.

4. Government have reviewed the status under this scheme. Financial assistance is provided from CGF to meet the remuneration of the Archakas and Dhoopa Deepa Naivedyam in respect of 3,165 temples in the State. There is a lot of demand for providing financial assistance under this scheme to many more temples in the State. But it is becoming difficult to extend the scheme in view of financial constraints under CGF. A lot of representationS are pouring in from the public representatives to cover some more temples in their areas under the scheme. In this connection, it is felt desirable to encourage NRI devotees, Philanthropists, Business People, Industrialists and persons who have faith in God to come forward to adopt the ancient and needy temples in villages / rural areas / Semi-Urban areas of their choice in the state under Dhoopa Deepa Naivedyam Scheme, provided they donate required funds to Government. If an opportunity is provided to such people, Government may be in a position to provide financial assistance from the funds donated by such people for adoption of a good number of temples under Dhoopa Deepa Naivedyam Scheme.

5. Accordingly, Government have introduced the following policy to enable several ancient and needy temples in the State enlisted under Dhoopa Deepa Naivedyam Scheme in a big way.

- i) If any donor comes forward to deposit an amount of Rupees . one lakhs only (Rs.1,00,000/-) with the Assistant Commissioner of Endowments of the District concerned, such donor can be considered to choose one temple in the village/rural area/semi-urban area of his/her choice wherein Dhoopa Deepa Naivedyam scheme will be implemented through an Archaka appointed by the Endowments Department for a period of three years.
- ii) In such adopted temples, Archakas appointed by the Endowments Department will perform pooja in the name of the donor every day.
- iii) If the donor is satisfied/ pleased, he/she may provide one more lakh of rupees for the purpose of renewal after expiry of three years.
- iv) No right nor any authority can be exercised by the donor nor any interference is expected of in the day-to-day maintenance of the temple. However, Temple Honours as per the local custom or practice will be extended during the visit of the donor to the temple.

6. The Commissioner of Endowments Department shall take further of necessary action accordingly in the matter.

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

**K.V. RAMANA CHARY  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
The Commissioner of Endowments Department Hyderabad.  
OSD to M (Endts.)

**//FORWARDED BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER**