## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Constitution 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment Act-Devolution of powers and functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions in respect of subject relating to Rural Water Supply Department—Orders—Issued.

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# PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RWS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 569

Dated: 22-12-2007

## ORDER-

Constitution 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment provides for strengthening and revitalizing the Panchayat Raj Institutions so that they can sub-serve the needs of the teeming millions that live in the rural areas. To achieve these objectives 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendments Act has provided for the devolution of powers and responsibilities to Panchayat Raj Institutions to enable them to function as Institutions of Self-Government with respect to:

- a) the preparation of plans for economic development and social management 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.
- 2. Towards this end, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has enacted Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (Act 13 of 1994) reflecting the spirit of the Constitutional mandate. The Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Government of India held Seven Round Table conferences to arrive at a blue print for effective devolution of powers to Panchayat Raj Institutions. To start with the Government of Andhra Pradesh have identified 10 core subjects to be devolved to the Panchayat Raj Institutions by demarcating operational responsibility basing on the subsidiarity principle.
- 3. The Government have constituted a Task force Committee headed by the Special Chief Secretary to Government to review the functioning of existing systems of the line departments and prepare proposals with regard to the powers and function to be devolved to the Panchayat Raj Institutions based on activity mapping. The Government considered the recommendations of Task Force Committee.

### Functions to be devolved

- 4. The Government after careful consideration of recommendations of the Task Force hereby devolves the following functions to Panchayat Raj Institutions in respect of Rural Water Supply Department:
  - Maintenance of Rural Water Supply Schemes with assistance of Rural Water Supply Engineering Department.
  - Participation in planning for new drinking water schemes
  - Promotion of Household connections.
  - Creating awareness through Training Programmes, Seminars and IEC activities on Health Hygiene and Safe Drinking Water /
  - Review the water testing reports and Monitor the Quality of Drinking Water.
  - Planning, Implementation and monitoring of Total Sanitation Programme.

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### Release of Funds:

6. Budget Release Orders will be issued from Finance Department in the name of concerned Head of Department. The funds for activities devolved to Panchayat Raj Institutions, shall be adjusted to the P.D. Accounts of concerned Panchayat Raj Institutions i.e., Zilla Parishad / Mandal Parishad / Grama Panchayat. The funds meant for Operation and Maintenance of Rurai Water Supply Schemes shall be released after countersignature of the concerned. Assistant Engineer / Assistant Executive Engineer.

## Accounting and Auditing:

- 7. The Panchayat Rai Institutions shall be responsible for proper utilization, accountability, auditing and reconciliation of the funds transferred to them. Panchayat Rai Institutions shall issue utilisation certificate to this Department. For this purpose, Government accounting system as detailed in G.O. Ms. No.172, P.R & R.D (Accts-I) Department, dated:16.5.2005 will be followed by the Panchayat Raj Institutions in respect of funds released for the devolved activities.
- 8. Andhra Pradesh Academy of Rural Development will undertake capacity building for Panchayat Raj Institutions for accounting, auditing, reconciliation and other related aspects.
- 9. Head of the Department concerned shall prepare the relevant training materials regarding the schemes under implementation regarding the devolved functions and will undertake capacity building for PANCHAYAT Raj Institutions in these areas in coordination with Andhra Pradesh Academy of Rural. Development.
- 10. Functionaries concerned shall report to the respective Panchayat Raj Institutions in respect of the above devolved functions.

## General Instructions:

- 11. The Panchayat Raj Institutions are empowered to review, inspect and monitor the institutions and activities of the Social Welfare department. Whenever they inspect an institution and suggest improvements, the authorities of the department concerned in that institution shall be responsible to send an Action Taken Report to those Panchayat Raj Institutions.
- 12. The Panchayat Raj Institutions shall strive for system improvements and foster better relations between the stakeholders and service departments and take steps to achieve convergence of schemes/activities for filling the gaps in delivery of services efficiently.
- 13. All existing instructions / rules / orders of the department shall be translated into Telugu and circulate to all elected representatives.

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14. Head of the Departments is requested to take necessary action (BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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AJAY MISRA, SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad
The Engineer-in-Chief (RWS), Hyderabad
All the District Collectors in the State
All the Chief Executive Officers of Panchayat Raj in the State
All the Superintending Engineers (RWS) in the State
The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Printing. Stationery and Stationery and Others Purchase, Hyderaked (With a request to publish the same in the A.P. Gazette, and send 200 copies to this Department)

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The P.R. & R.D. (Mandal-I) Department
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The P.S. to Minister for Rural Water Supply
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P.R. & R.D. Department.
The P.S. to Secretary to Government, (RWS)
P.R. & R.D. Department.
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(Annexure to G.O. Ms. No. 569, P.R. & R.D. (RWS-I) Department
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ACTIVITY	DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS AND FUNDS			
	Zilla Parishad	Mandal Parishad	Gram Panchayat	
Development of Water supply system (Annual allocation Rs.132 crores)	Participation in planning of CPWS scheme.      Maintenance of CPWS Sachemes / Multi Village Schemes (MVS).     (Annual allocation Rs.55 Crores)	Participation in planning of water supply schemes covering more than one Gram Panchayat.     Review and Monitor the maintenance of Hand pumps, PWS Schemes and distribution of grant as per planning.	1. Identify schemes and locations, through the involvement of Gram Sabha and Gram Panchayat.  2. Operation and Maintenance of single village schemes (Annual allocation Rs.63 Crores)	
	3. Review the water testing reports and Monitor the Quality of Drinking Water.  4 Arrange Training Programmes, Seminars and IEC activities on Health, Hygiene and Safe Drinking Water.  5. Review the activities of District Water and	(Annual allocation Rs.14.00 Crores)  3. Providing and entrustment of Transportation and hiring of wells for Drinking Water.  4. Review the water testing reports and Monitor the Quality of Drinking Water.	3. Regular chlorination of open wells and treat water and cleaning of OHSR.  4. Ensure proper distribution of water to all locations of households in its Villages.  5. Monitoring and Surveillance of Quality of water.  6. Take up the works relating to laving	
	Sanitation Mission.		of pipelines for drinking water suppling the villages.  7. Promote Household connections.  8. Formation of Water and Sanitation Committee and levy and collect the User charges.	

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ACTIVITY	DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS AND FUNDS			
	Zilla Parishad	Mandal Parishad	Gram Panchayat	
Rural Sanitation (Annual allocation Rs.178 crores)	1. Planning, entrustment, monitoring and coordination of Rural Sanitation Programmes.  2. Approve the action plans on Total Sanitation submitted by The Mandal Parishads.  (Annual allocation Rs.178 Grores)  3. Providing Technical support for implementation of Total Sanitation.	1. Cirganising awareness campaigns on Total Sanitation in the villages.  2. Consolidate the action plans of the Gram Panchayats and integrate with Mandal Parishad plans and submit to the Zilla Parishad.  3. Coordination and supervision of implementation of Total Sanitation programme  4. Providing Technical support for implementation of Total Sanitation to Gram Panchayats.	1. Prepare an action plan for Total Sanitation of the Gram Panchayat and submit to Mandal Parsihad  2. Implement the Total Sanitation in the Gram Panchayat.  3. Undertake Sweeping of Streets, construction and Cleaning of drains disposal of solid-waste, Construction of ISLs, Waste Water disposals, Construction and maintenance of forms for Drinking Water sources and soakage pits, Providing-dumping yards, Creation of awareness on Health and Hygiene among villagers.	