Tribal Welfare Department - Sanction of loans by Banks etc., for purchase of house plots and construction of houses to the Tribal employees of ITDAs working in various State Government departments - Salary undertaking facility - Orders - Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (TW.SER.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.18 Dated: 26-04-2006

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.90, Fin. (TFR.I) Dept. dt. 31-1-2002
2. From the Tribal employees of Various Depts, working in Agency area of Visakhapatnam Dist. repn. dt. Nil
3. From the Branch Manager, Union Bank of India Paderu, Vizag Dist. dt. 1-9-2006

ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, certain Tribal employees of various Govt. Departments working in 11 Mandals of Agency area of Visakhapatnam Dist. have represented that they intend to construct a house in an approved layout situated in Survey Nos. 1-2, 103A, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 205, 3-2, 4-1, 40-1, 122-15, 123-1 in Chintalamedi Village of Paderu Mandal for which they have applied for housing loans for Union Bank of India, Paderu for meeting both the cost of the house plot to be purchased and construction of the house. They have requested for issue orders directing the DDOs working in the Agency area to provide salary undertaking facility as required by the bank and arrange for its strict implementation until the entire loan is cleared.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Branch Manager, Union Bank of India Paderu, Vizag Dist. has stated that the Bank's interest lay in the recovery of the Principal loan amount along with interest, their problem will be solved if there is repayment facility from the Tribal employees. There is already a procedure in existence for providing salary undertaking facility, but in certain cases, it is not being strictly followed by the salary Drawing and Disbursing Officer for lack of strict guidelines or instructions from the Govt. In this connection, the Branch Manager, Union Bank of India has requested for issue of orders for making mandatory for the DDOs to give undertaking as required by their Bank and to recover monthly installments from the salary of the said employees and remit the same directly to their Bank including even in the case of transfer of the employees elsewhere.

3. Govt. have examined the request of the tribal employees. Although it is not a statutory obligation on the govt./DDOs to make deductions from the salaries of the govt. servants towards bank loans, taking into consideration the
poor housing facilities prevailing in the tribal areas, the interest of the tribals who can be served better if the employees stay in the tribal areas, the proposal for providing salary certificate undertaking, salary deduction based on bank request and agreement etc. and issuing LPC accordingly when required etc., is accepted in principle. The scheme shall be extended subject to the following:

i. The employees who are local tribals alone can avail the bank (Nationalized & Scheduled commercial banks & HDFC, LIC as may be recognized by Finance Department from time to time) loans for purchase of sites / construction of houses in the scheduled areas as per the provisions of the LTR. Therefore, the scheme for providing undertaking for recovery of loans from the salaries of the govt. servants shall be restricted to employees who are local tribals as far as availment of loans for purchase of plots and construction of houses in scheduled areas is concerned. Private banks are not covered under this facility.

ii. Local tribals is defined as the candidates belonging to the scheduled tribes notified as such under Article 342 of the Constitution of India and the candidates themselves or their parents / ancestors have been continuously residing in the scheduled areas of the districts till date since January, 1950 or earliest settlement whichever is earlier.

iii. Other employees i.e. other than local STs working in the tribal areas can also be extended the benefit of the scheme provided the construction is taken up outside the limits of scheduled areas, with the specific approval of the Project Officer, ITDA.

iv. The employee concerned shall not violate any rules / bye-laws or procedure as prescribed by department / agency concerned.

v. Government or Department concerned cannot be held responsible nor shall be made a party to any litigation or suit arising from this / facility.

vi. The Govt. employees accordingly may avail loans from LIC, banks, HDFC etc. depending on the offer found to be most beneficial to them.

vii. The Project Officers of ITDAs are requested to issue necessary instructions to all DDO for giving undertaking to banks / institutions and for accordingly making deductions of the loan installments from the salaries of the employees concerned subject to conditions at (i), (ii), (iii) & (iv) above being satisfied.

viii. The procedure as mentioned in the Annexure enclosed or as prescribed or may be prescribed by Finance Department shall be followed,
This order is issued with concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O. No. 43207/230/ A & C/05, dt. 17-01-2006.

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

M. CHAYA RATAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, TRIBAL WELFARE

To
All the Project Officers of ITDAs (including Yanadi (Nellore), Srisailam)
All the Drawing & Disbursing Officers of ITDAs through Project Officers of ITDAs
All the District Treasury Officers concerned.
The Commissioner, Tribal Welfare, AP, Hyderabad
The Accountant General, AP, Hyderabad
Finance (TFR.II) Dept, AP Secretariat, Hyderabad
Finance (A & C) Dept., AP Secretariat, Hyderabad
Copy to:
PS to Minister, Social Welfare & Tribal Welfare
PS to Prl. Secretary, Tribal Welfare
SF/SC

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SECTION OFFICER
I. INSTRUCTIONS IN BRIEF:

i) The Drawing & Disbursing Officers shall with approval of head office issue undertaking as required by the Institution Bank concerned for the employees who intend to avail housing loans for purchase of house plots and for construction of houses in ITDAs subject to the conditions mentioned in the G.O herein at para 3(i) to 3(vii).

ii) In the case of employees who are drawing the salaries through Banks, the DDO’s by obtaining authorization from the concerned employee shall deduct the installments from the salaries of the employees by using Annexure-V as directed in the G.O.Ms.No.90, Finance (TFR) Department, dt 31.1.2002 and shall issue crossed Account Payee cheques to the Bank within the first week of the month.

iii) In the case of employees who are drawing salaries in cash from the DDOs, DDO’s by obtaining authorization from the concerned employees shall directly deduct the installments along with the DD charges from the salaries of the employees and remit the same directly to the Bank by issuing crossed account payee cheques to bank within the first week of the month.

iv) In the event of transfer of the employees, the DDO’s shall record the Housing loan details of banks / institutions in the Last Pay Certificate of the employees and the DDOs shall undertake to convey the instructions to the transferee office under intimation to the bank immediately.

v) In case of transfer of the employees to the places outside the agency areas the DDO’s shall undertake to convey these instructions to the transferee office to be followed and complied strictly, until the whole of the debt inclusive of interest to the Bank is liquidated and written consent of the Bank is obtained.

vi) The DDOs shall continue to deduct the installments from the salaries of the employees and remit the same directly to the Bank, until the whole of the debt inclusive of interest to the Bank is liquidated and written consent of the Bank is obtained.

vii) The DDOs shall undertake to recover the Bank dues/outstanding if any, from the terminal benefits payable to the employees in case of any eventualities / cessation in service of the employee.

viii) If any employee after availing the loan is transferred to the place outside agency area, these instructions are applicable for transferee office also until the entire loan amount inclusive of interest is liquidated / repaid and written consent of bank is obtained.

NOTE : Responsibility lies with the Officers in charge of Office / DDOs to see that the instructions at Para 3 (i), 3(ii) , 3(iii) & 3(iv) of the GO are adhered to before or extending the benefit of this scheme if necessary by obtaining clearance of Project Officer, ITDA concerned or Commissioner, Tribal Welfare.

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