GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Tribal Welfare - Streamlining of administration in Tribal Sub Plan areas to gear up implementation of development programmes - Introduction of Single Line Administration - Orders - Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SPECIAL-A) DEPARTMENT


ORDER:-

The Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs), Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Khammam, Warangal and Adilabad were established with the primary object of ensuring an integrated approach towards implementation of developmental programmes for tribals in the sub plan area. The Project Officers of ITDAs were vested with the administrative control over Agriculture, Horticulture, Livestock Farms, Ashram Schools etc. The Block Development Officers of Tribal Development blocks were also brought under the administrative control of Project Officers who were empowered to initiate confidential reports on the concerned Block Development Officers. The District Tribal Welfare Officers of the Districts where there are sub plan areas, were designated as Assistant Project Officers and are placed under the administrative control of Project Officers. The entire staff sanctioned for the implementation of Tribal Welfare Programme in sub plan area and the special staff sanctioned for implementing the protective regulations in the Scheduled Areas of the State were also brought under the administrative control of the Project Officer.

2. It has been observed that there are several Departments working in the sub plan area independent of the ITDA and the Project Officer, ITDA. As a result, the tribals are forced to approach several agencies for redressal of their grievances in developmental as well as regulatory matters. It has therefore been considered necessary by Government that all officers and staff working in the sub plan area irrespective of their departments should be brought under the administrative control of the PO, ITDA a single agency. This is intended to facilitate better co-ordination among all the functionaries operating in sub plan area and to meet the needs of tribals who can look to a single agency for all their problems.

3. Government accordingly after careful consideration of the matter, issue the following orders:

i) The Project Officers of the ITDA who are in the Senior Time Scale of IAS shall be redesignated as Project Officer, ITDA and Ex-Officio Joint Collector (TW) and Additional District Magistrate.

ii) The Project Offices of the ITDAs holding a rank of Special Grade Deputy Collector or lower in other than Senior Time Scale of IAS shall be designated as Project Officer, ITDA & Ex-officio Additional Joint Collector (Tribal Welfare) and Additional District Magistrate.

iii) Such of the powers as now exercised by the Collector/Joint Collectors / District Revenue Officers as per G.O.Ms.No.77, Revenue, dt 22-1-1968 and shown in the Appendix to this order shall be exercised by the Project Officers of ITDAs in the districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Khammam, Warangal and Adilabad in so far as the Tribal Sub Plan area is concerned and necessary notifications etc in this regard will be issued from the Revenue Department.

iv) The Project Officers of the ITDAs will be designated as Additional Agents so far as agency areas are concerned.

v) All developmental programmes in the sub plan area shall be approved by ITDAs.

vi) All Officers and staff in the sub plan area, connected with regulatory and developmental functions shall be under the administrative control of the Project Officer, ITDAs.
vii) In respect of officers whose jurisdiction lies both inside and outside sub plan area, the officers will be responsible to Project Officers, ITDAs as far as ITDA area is concerned.

viii) The Project Officers are authorized to call for any record, review and inspect the works being executed by any department in sub plan area.

ix) All postings and transfers of the highest non-gazetted and the gazetted personnel in regard to and within ITDA area should be made in consultation with the Project Officers and personnel will be screened as per G.O.Ms.No.11, Social Welfare (D) Department, dated 18-1-1977.

x) In all recruitments for sub plan area, the Project Officers, ITDA will be the Chairman / Member of the Selection Committee.

xi) The Project Officer, ITDA will add, remarks on the work of the officers in the Annual Confidential Rolls of the Officers concerned.

4. Government also direct that the orders issued in the Para 3 above are in addition to the powers already conferred on the Project Officers of ITDAs.

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

SHRAVAN KUMAR
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
APPENDIX

Powers of District Collectors, Joint Collectors and District Revenue Officers delegated to Project Officers, Integrated Tribal Development Agencies

(1) Public Servants
1. Confidential Reports of all Gazetted Officers in the Revenue Department including Mandal Revenue Officers Divisional Officers in sub plan area
2. Confidential Reports of all Gazetted Officers of other Departments within sub plan area including Police, Forest Departments etc
3. Enquiry into allegations against the Gazetted Officers in sub plan area

(2) Planning and Development
1. All works relating to planning and development within sub plan area
2. Control and supervision over officers doing development work within sub plan area as Project Executive Officers and Block Development Officers

(3) Agency
1. In the capacity of Addl. Agent to Govt., he will attend to the following duties.
   (a) Agency administration and development
   (b) He will be appellate authority over the orders passed by the Special Deputy Collector(TW) on LTR
   (c) The Collector will continue to retain the power of appellate authority and interfere with the orders if he so chooses
2. The AP Scheduled Areas Land Transfer Regulation, 1959 (AP Regulation No.1 of 1959)
3. The AP (Sch.Tribes) Money Lenders Regulation 1 of 1960
4. The AP (Sch. Tribes) Dept Relief Regulation 11 of 1960 and 1970
5. The AP Mahals (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Regulation 1960 and 1970

(4) Inspection
1. Inspection of works of all Departments situated in sub plan area

(5) Magisterial powers of Addl.Dist. Magistrate
1. Powers under Criminal Procedure Code in the sub plan area
2. Enquiry cases of torture by Police in the sub plan area

(6) Forests
1. Andhra Pradesh (Andhra Area) Preservation of Private Forest Act (Act XII of 1954) in sub plan area
2. The Andhra Pradesh Forest Manual in sub plan area
3. The Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967 (Act 1 of 1967) in sub plan area
Epidemics
1. The Andhra Pradesh Public Health Act (Act.III of 1939)

Miscellaneous
1. Cooperative Societies Act
2. Weights and Measures
3. Fisheries