

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**A B S T R A C T**

Tribal Welfare Department - Village Tribal Development Associations (VTDA) in Tribal Sub-Plan areas of Andhra Pradesh - Constituted - Procedure for nomination of a Member for electing as Vice President of VTDA - Amendment - Orders - Issued.

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**SOCIAL WELFARE (TW.BUD.) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No.22

Dated:19-04-2007.  
**READ** the following:-

G.O.Ms.No.20, S.W. (TW.Bud.1) Dept., Dated:31-03-1999.

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**ORDER:**

In the G.O. read above, orders were issued to organize Village Tribal Development Associations (VTDAs) duly replacing the Village Development Committees (VDCs) in all Tribal habitations having more than 70 house holds and located in Tribal Sub-Plan areas and which are not major Gram Panchayats. The main purpose of this order was to ensure participation of the Tribal community in all development activities in addition to the works/functions already being performed by VDCs and to inculcate a sense of ownership of community assets, ensure proper and equitable development to the Tribal Sub-Plan villages in the State.

2. In this connection, it has come to the notice of the Government that over a period of time, the VTDAs have lost their significance and became dis-functional due to the following reasons:

- (a) Closure of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) supported A.P.Participatory Tribal Development Project (APPTDP) in 2003.
- (b) Non conducting of elections to VTDA Office bearers once in every two years
- (c) The World Bank supported APPTDP has promoted a new community based organization "Village Organizations (VO)" in Tribal areas and in most of the places the VOs activity has relegated the VTDAs to the back ground.
- (d) Multiplicity of organizations such as VOs, VSS, VDC and VTDA at the habitation level and consequential divergence of programmes.

3. Further, the Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act envisages establishment of "Gram Sabha" at habitation level. In concept the VTDAs are closest to the Gram Sabha at habitation level.

4. Considering the above facts Government have decided to revive the VTDAs with certain modifications.

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5. Government after careful consideration of the matter hereby issue the following amendment to clause 6 of G.O.Ms.No.20, Social Welfare (TW.Bud.1) Department, dated:31.3.1999.

**AMENDMENT**

6. The following amendment shall be issued for the words occurred in clause 6 of G.O.Ms.No.20, Social Welfare (TW.Bud.1) Department, dated:31.3.1999.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>READ AS</b>
6. The General Body shall elect a Vice President from among the Members of the VTDA.	The Ward Member of the habitation if he/she happens to be a ST candidate shall be nominated as the Vice President of the VTDA. In case, if the Ward Member is not a S.T. person, then a S.T. Member amongst the VTDA shall be elected as the Vice President

7. All the Project Officers of ITDAs are requested to get the VTDA's reconstituted accordingly so as to partner them in all developmental activities taking place in Tribal Sub Plan Areas.

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

**V.NAGI REDDY,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
The Director of Tribal Welfare, Hyderabad.  
The Chief Engineer (TW), Hyderabad.  
All Project Officers of ITDAs in the State.  
All Agency Collectors concerned.  
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department.  
The Health Medical and Family Welfare Department.  
The Education Department.  
The Agriculture & Cooperation Department.  
The Energy Department.  
The Women Development, Child Welfare & DW Dept.  
The E.F.S. & T. (Forest) Department.  
The Irrigation & C.A.D. Department.  
The T.R. & B. Department.  
The Finance (Expr.SW) Department.  
All Sections in Tribal Welfare Wing.

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