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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
SOCIAL WELFARE (H) DEPARTMENT

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SUB: Civil Supplies -Supply of ration cards to the labourers working in the stone quarries in the state -Instruction -Issued.

The question of ameliorating the working and living conditions of the labourers working in the stone quarries in the State in general and in the stone quarries near Kailaspur in Krishna District and stone quarries around twin cities in Ranga Reddy District in particular has been engaging the attention of the Government for the past some time in the wake of a batch of writ petitions pending in the Supreme Court regarding alleged bonded labour in these quarries. One of the measures suggested in this regard is that fair price "shops at the rate of one for 600 labourers be opened in the quarry areas by the Civil Supplies Department for supply of essential commodities such as rice, oil, dal etc., to the labourers at the controlled rates.

2. The above suggestion has been examined, Since the Collectors have already got all the families with an income of Rs. 6,000/- per annum and below enumerated in their districts and issued green ration cards, most of the labourers working in the stone quarry areas referred to above, must have also been supplied with green ration cards to draw their ration at controlled rates. It is therefore considered that, wherever, the labourers working in the stone quarries are not given green chards such families should be enumerated afresh and supplied with the ration cards, so as to enable them to draw their ration and essential commodities at eh controlled rates from the Fair Price Shops of Civil Supplies Department.

3. The District Collectors are therefore requested to ensure that prompt and immediate action is taken in this regard and green ration cards are supplies to all the labourers working in the stone quarries in their respective districts under intimation to Government.

4. The receipt of this memo should be acknowledged.

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