

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
SOCIAL WELFARE (H) DEPARTMENT

Memo. No. 2059/H2/84-1

Dated : 22-12-1984.

Sub :- Bonded Labour - Identification - release and rehabilitation
of bonded labourers - Effective steps to be taken by district
administration - Certain instructions - Issued.

Ref :- From Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Labour and
Rehabilitation, D.O.No. M-13011 /42/84-BL, dt. 19-10-84.

Government of India have been reiterating that the programme of rehabilitation of bonded labourers should be viewed in an integrated manner, involving voluntary agencies and social activities dedicated to the cause of bonded labourers and pooling resources from different sources for securing a permanent and effective rehabilitation of freed bonded labourers. For better implementation of the programme of rehabilitation of bonded labourers they have suggested that necessary instructions should be issued to the District Magistrates and other field agencies to the effect that they should

- (i) give due cognizance to the newspaper reports highlighting the existence and problems of bonded labourers and should get the complaints inquired into promptly and take appropriate action on the basis of the findings of the enquiry ;
- (ii) give due weightage to the complaints made by the voluntary agencies and social action groups regarding existence and problems of bonded labourers and provide relief to the aggrieved labourers in accordance with the provisions of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 ;
- (iii) enlist the active co-operation and involvement of the voluntary agencies and social action groups in this programme and provide them necessary protection, encouragement and support ; and
- (iv) view the public interest litigations in the correct perspective and implement the directions of the courts in time, in right earnest and in letter and the spirit.

2. Government have considered the matter and have accordingly decided that the suggestions made by Government of India should be accepted and action should be taken accordingly.

3. All the District Collectors are accordingly requested to follow the instructions as indicated in (i) to (iv) in paragraph 1 above.

4. The receipt of this Memo. may be acknowledged.

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Principal Secretary to Government.