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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
SOCIAL WELFARE (H) DEPARTMENT

Memo. No. 1099/H2/84-1

Dated : 29-9-84

Sub : Bonded Labour—Issue of identity cards with photographs to the freed bonded labourers on release—Certain instructions—Issued.

Ref : From the Dy. Secy. to Govt. of India, Ministry of Labour and Rehabilitation (Deptt. of Labour) ref. No. S-11011/28/83-BL dt. 22-6-84.

- (2) From the Deputy Secretary the Government of India, Ministry of Labour and Rehabilitation (Deptt. of Labour) Ref No. S-11011/28/83-BL dated 1-8-84.

Under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, the concerned competent authority is required to issue release certificates in favour of released bonded labourers immediately after their release from bondage. In this connection, Government of India have stated that a proposal for issue of Identity Cards to the bonded labourers, which is same as issue of a release certificate in an improved fashion i.e. with a photograph of the released bonded labour was considered by them and it was felt that this practice should be followed by all the State Government uniformly. They have also clarified that the cost of the photographs and identity cards should be borne by the State Government from their own funds and it should not be charged from the beneficiary. The Government of India have desired that necessary instructions may be issued to all the concerned in this regard.

2. All the District Collectors/Magistrates are therefore requested to take necessary action accordingly to issue identity cards with photographs to the bonded labourers on their release. The amount may be met from the over all provision available in the current year's Budget (1984-85).

3. The receipt of the Memo. may please be acknowledged.

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Principal Secretary to Government.