

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
SOCIAL WELFARE (H) DEPARTMENT.

[Memo. No. 1292/H2/85-1, dated 30th August, 1985.

Sub:—Social Welfare Department—Bonded Labour—Rehabilitation of bonded labourers—Provision of lands and taking up of community irrigation wells under RLEGP etc., for freed bonded labourers—Instructions—Issued.

Ref:—(1) D. O. Lr. No. 2864/H2/83-1, dated 4th January, 1984.
(2) D. O. Lr. No. 1082/H2/84-2, dated 8th November, 1984.
(3) Govt. Memo. No. 2059/H2/84-1, dated 2nd December, 1984
(4) G.O.Ms.No. 214 S.W. (H) Dept. dated 24th December 1984
(5) G.O.Ms.No. 42 S.W(H) Dept. dated 14th March, 1985.

A number of instructions have already been issued from time to time regarding the various steps which are to be taken to rehabilitate the released bonded labourers. Apart from the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the value of Rs. 4,000 it has also been clarified that all other on going schemes such as I.R.D.P., S.C. Action Plan, schemes of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe/Backward Classes Corporations, Special Central Assistance etc., may be used for fully rehabilitating them.

2. Instructions have also been issued in Government Memo. No. 174/H2/85-1 dated 12th February, 1985 that housing schemes for the released bonded labourers may be taken up under the Weaker Sections Housing Programme, meeting the beneficiary contribution from the Centrally Sponsored Scheme amounts.

3. It has been observed that in a number of cases the bonded labourers have some extents of land and very often these are also in compact blocks. Even otherwise, steps have to be taken to assign available Government lands to released bonded labourers on priority basis. Private lands can also be purchased wherever necessary from the rehabilitation amounts or Special Assistance for Scheduled Castes for allotting them to bonded labourers.

4. In addition to the above, the District Collectors are also requested to take up community irrigation wells under RLEGP or drought relief in all cases invariably where the released bonded labourers have land or have been provided with land.

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

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