

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
PANCHAYATI RAJ DEPARTMENT

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Dear

SUB:- Implementation of S.C./S.T. Housing Scheme -under R.L.E.G.P. Identification of beneficiaries.

A scheme for the construction of houses for the S.Cs., and S.Ts., and freed bonded labourers under R.L.E.G.P. has been recently introduced by Government of India. For the current year, they have earmarked Rs. 9.82 crores for our State.

Based on the guidelines issued by Government of India, a project has to be sent by our State to Government of India for their approval. The basic approach of the project is to dovetail the housing programme under R.L.E.G.P. with the existing housing programme for the poor, by selecting the most disadvantaged group amongst the S.Cs., S. Ts., and freed bonded labourers.

As the entire scheme is to be implemented before the end of the financial year, expeditious steps may be taken to identify beneficiaries, draw up the programme and implement it on war -footing so that we are able to utilise the funds full before 31 st March, 1986.

The details of the project in brief are as follows :-

- (i) **Target group** :- The following categories amongst S.Cs. and S. Ts., and freed bonded labourers irrespective of community are to be covered, -
 - (a) Victim of natural calamities such as fire, floods and cyclone etc.;
 - (b) Physically handicapped persons;
 - (c) Destitute widows irrespective of age and destitute men above the age of 60 years
 - (d) Rescued fallen women (such as Basawis, Jogins etc.);
 - (e) Freed bonded labourers of all communities;
 - (f) S.C./S. T. families in villages where atrocities have been committed against S.Cs. and S.Ts.
- (ii) **Unit Cost** :- The unit cost of each house will be Rs. 6000 and a maximum of Rs. 3000 will be provided for the provision of infrastructural facilities per unit;
- (iii) **Implementing Agency** :- Andhra Pradesh State Housing Corporation will implement this housing programme through the District Collectors. The machinery now engaged in the implementation of normal housing programme of Weaker Sections Housing Programme may be utilised for the implementation of this programme also,
- (iv) **No. of Houses** :- Roughly on an average each district will be about 500 houses during the current year. As the scheme is likely to be continued during the remaining years of 7th Plan identification may be undertaken for larger number of beneficiaries so that the implementation in the later years becomes easier;

- (v) **Financial Pattern** :- The entire amount of Rs.6000 per unit as also the amount for the provision infrastructure is given as a grant. Extra care is therefore to be taken to see that only very deserving beneficiaries are selected so that the beneficiaries under normal programme do not feel discriminated against;
- (vi) **Type design and Technology** :- The normal type design for the "Weaker Section. Housing may be adopted for this scheme also. It is however to be ensured that as far as possible locally available technology is utilised to reduce costs. It is also to be ensure that a minimum of 50% of the total cost including cost of housing ,and infrastructure is utilised as wage component to create employment for the rural landless labour;
- (vii) **Time frame for implementation** :- It should be ensured that the entire project is completed before the end of financial year.
- (viii) **Accounting and Reporting** :- Seperate accounts be maintained for the scheme. The report indicated at Annexure 'A' be sent every month to Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh State Housing Corporation Limited and a copy may be marked to Secretary, Panchayati Raj Department. for information. The report should reach before the 5th of each month;
- (ix) **Cluster approach and Habitat concept** :- The houses should be taken up in clusters of 25 or more. All the civic amenities including water supply, drainage etc., should be provided.

As Government attaches very high priority to provision of shelter to the poor in the State and a much higher priority to the target group to be covered under the present scheme, as they are the most disadvantaged amongst the class of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the freed bonded labourers. I request you to send your proposals before the 31 st October, 1985.

The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.

Yours sincerely,
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