GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Secretariat - Creation of new Department - "Rain Shadow Areas Development Department" - Orders -Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (AR&T.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.133 Dated: 4-6-2004

ORDER:-

Government are of the view that focussed concerted steps are needed to be taken on various fronts to secure overall development of agriculturists in the rain deficient areas of the State and feel that an exclusive department is needed to formulate, implement and monitor the programmes needed to achieve these objectives. A new Department called "Rain Shadow Areas Development Department" has been mooted for this purpose.

2. The main objectives of the new department will be to augment the available irrigation waters and to make optimal utilization of the same by adopting scientific agricultural practices including microirrigation, drip and sprinkler irrigation systems, with better technology, extension, improved crop practices, support by way of credit inputs, postharvest technologies and marketing facilities, etc.

3. Accordingly, Government hereby create a new Department called "Rain Shadow Areas Development Department" by sanctioning an ex-cadre post of Principal Secretary I Secretary to Government with necessary supporting officials and staff.

4. The new Department is hereby entrusted with the following subjects:

1) Cloud-seeding
2) Use of bio-diesel
3) Lift Irrigation
4) Micro Irrigation
5) Watershed Development
6) Desalinization of sea water, and
7) Any other programmes connected with the development of such areas

5. The department newly created herein, shall have the following staffing pattern:

1) Principal Secretary I Secretary to Government 1 (One)
2) Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary 1 (One)
3) Assistant Secretaries to Government 2 (Two)
4) PS to Secretary to Government 1(One)
5) Senior Stenographers 2 (Two)
6) Section Officers 5 (Five)
7) Assistant Section Officers 10 (Ten)

6. The posts indicated at para 5 above shall be filled up by redeployment I suppressing the equivalent number of existing sanctioned posts in other departments by the respective cadre controlling departments, i.e. G. A. (Spl.A) Department in respect of serial number (1), G. A. (SC.F) Department in respect of posts at serial numbers (2) and (3) and G. A. (SU) Department in respect of posts at serial numbers (4) to (7).
7. Separate orders will be issued by the Finance (BG) Department providing necessary funds for the current financial year 2004-2005 to meet the expenditure towards the salaries of the staff and to meet other financial requirements of the new Department duly indicating the Head of Account, etc.

8. The "Rain Shadow Areas Development Department" shall be an independent Department and it shall work under overall control and superintendence of Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC) I Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Co-operation Department.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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