TELANGANA SAFEGUARDS

With the formation of the Andhra Pradesh State on 1-11-1956 the long cherished aspiration of the Telugu speaking people for having a State of their own was achieved, thanks to the combined efforts of the Leaders of the Andhra and Telangana Regions. Both were concerned primarily with securing the fuller cultural and economic development of the Telugu people. The leaders of both the regions found it necessary to provide safeguards for ensuring due protection of the interests of Telangana and its development: Provisions in this regard were accordingly made in what has come to be known as the ‘Gentlemen’s Agreement.’

Though it has been the settled policy of the Andhra Pradesh Government to faithfully implement the terms of the ‘Gentlemen’s Agreement’ lapses have arisen in the implementation of the policy. In order to ensure the proper implementation of the safeguards the following decisions have been taken at a meeting of the leaders of all the Political Parties of the Legislature convened for the purpose by the Chief Minister.

**Employment:**

All the non-domicile persons, who have been appointed either directly by promotion or by transfer to posts reserved under the Andhra Pradesh Public Employment (Requirement as to Residence) Rules, 1959 for domiciles of Telangana Region will be immediately relieved from service. The posts so rendered vacant will be filled by qualified candidates possessing domicile qualifications and in cases where such candidates are not available the posts shall be left unfilled till qualified domicile candidates become available. Action on the above lines will be taken immediately.

All non-domicile employees so relieved shall be provided employment in the Andhra region without break in service and by creating supernumerary posts, if necessary.

Two senior Officers will be appointed charged with the responsibility for implementing these decisions immediately and effectively.

There have been some complaints that employment has been obtained on the basis of false domicile certificates. The Government will arrange to enquire into any such complaints.

**Statutory Bodies:**

The Andhra Pradesh Public Employment (Requirement as to Residence) Act and Rules applied to posts under Government and Local Bodies only. The High Court has recently held that this Act does not apply to the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board. The Government, however, felt that as these bodies are State-wide organisations reservation of posts for TELANGANA candidates should also be made in them as in the case of posts under Government. The State Government will immediately file an appeal against the judgment of the High Court regarding the applicability of the A.P.P.E. (R.R.) Rules to the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board. Simultaneously the State Government will move the Government of India to
make provision in the Bill extending the Andhra Pradesh Public Employment (Requirement as to Residence) Act, for a further period of five years so as to include within its purview statutory or other Corporations financed by the Government.

**Integrated Seniority Lists:**

In all the cases where the Government of India have approved common gradation lists of Andhra and Telangana officers, or issued any directive for preparation or revision of such lists, the lists so approved, or prepared shall alone be followed for regulation of conditions of their service. In cases, however, where no such lists have been approved by the Government of India or no directive has been issued by them regarding their preparation or revision the provisional lists being followed by the State Government shall continue to be followed, pending approval of the Government of India. Where the Government of India have given any directive regarding the equation of posts or preparation of common gradation lists, such directive shall be followed by the State Government without any further correspondence.

**Telangana Surplus Funds:**

The Telangana surpluses will be determined on the following basis:-

(a) The existing method of allocation of expenditure and receipts to either region will continue.

(b) The Telangana surpluses for each year will be computed by adding to the net Revenue surplus of Telangana region of that year the difference between one-third of the total capital expenditure of the State in that year and the actual capital expenditure in the Telangana region in that year.

(c) So far as Statutory or other Boards, Corporations, etc., functioning on a State-wide basis financed by State Government are concerned, they will, for the purpose of computing Telangana surpluses, be treated as if they were State-wide Government Departments, and as if their receipts and expenditure were booked in Government accounts. In the case of Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board, however, the expenditure on power generation and high tension transmission lines only will be apportioned between the two regions in the manner indicated above. Expenditure on distribution lines and rural electrification, will be booked to each region as per actuals.

(d) The Industrial Trust Fund, which is being operated exclusively for Telangana region will continue to be so utilized.

To work out on the basis of the above principles the exact Telangana surpluses which have accrued since the formation of the Andhra Pradesh State and to avoid any controversy in this regard the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India will be requested to depute a senior officer of the rank of an Accountant-General. He will be requested to give his finding before 28th February, 1969.
The Telangana surpluses so determined will be fully utilized for development of Telangana region during the next Five Years. Any Telangana surpluses accruing in future will be worked out at the end of each financial year and due provision will be made for its utilization in the Telangana region in the succeeding year. A half- yearly review of expenditure in the Telangana region will be undertaken by Government and a copy of their review will be furnished to the Regional Committee and the Members of the Legislature.

We also take note that there are backward areas in the Andhra region and they also deserve immediate attention. For the removal of imbalances it shall be the Endeavour of the Government to give top priority to the rapid economic development of those areas also so that employment opportunities could improve to mitigate the hardship faced by the unemployed.

**Education:**
Steps will be taken to afford better educational opportunities to students irrespective of region, in the Capital City of Hyderabad with effect from the ensuing academic year.

We trust that by taking energetic action on the above lines the grievances voiced in the Telangana region will be fully redressed. The cultural enrichment and economic development of the Telugu people should continue to be our primary concern. It must be borne in mind that maintenance of unity and tranquility in the State is essential to create a proper climate for attracting larger investment in the State leading to economic progress and creation of more employment opportunities for the younger generation. Nothing should, therefore, be done which would in any way lead to fissiparous tendencies in our society. Therefore we vehemently and unequivocally condemn the slogan that is raised in certain quarters for the creation of separate Telangana State. We, of different political pursuasion, firmly resolve to bend all our energies towards achieving quicker development and fuller integration of our State. Andhra Pradesh holds a pre-eminent position in the map of India, and in order to be able to contribute our own share to the national integration of the country, it is of paramount importance that within our own State we achieved full unity.

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