

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Water Resources Department – Sanction of an amount of Rs.1411.56 Crores (Rupees One thousand Four Hundred Eleven Crores Fifty Six Lakhs only) for implementation of R&R in P.S.Veligonda Project, Prakasam District (for payments of cash benefits and implementation of R&R = 1301.56 Crores , and for Land Acquisition of Theegaleru and Eastern Main Canals = 110.00 Crores) - Orders – Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (R&R-A2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No 324

Dated 24.06.2020

Read the following :-

1) From the Special Commissioner, R&R, Vijayawada, Lr. Rc. No. 1388 /CRR /C/2017, dated:01.11.2019, 22.11.2019 and 04.06.2020.

2) From the District Collector, Prakasam, Lr.Rc.No.B/170/2019, dt.15.6.2020.

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O R D E R:

The Government have prioritised the completion of tunnel one of the Veligonda project to bring flood waters from Srisailem dam to Prakasam district and accordingly work is progressing. The Special Commissioner, R&R, have brought to the notice of the Government that as the Veligonda Reservoir is likely to receive water this season, Relief and Rehabilitation of villages coming under submergence needs to be relocated along with PDFs at the earliest. LA and construction of R and R colonies becomes important and therefore land has to be acquired for house sites and houses with accompanying infrastructure have to be built for eligible PDFs. Simultaneously, monetary benefits and other compensations and relief package as per new LA and R and R Act of 2013 would have to be disbursed. All this has to be done in a time bound manner before the water is stored in the reservoir.

2. The notification for the villages under submergence has been done as per the new act and therefore, the cost of compensation including house site, house and infrastructure would be as per the new Act of 2013. In view of the short time line, and at the request of the PDFs, the district administration had a series of consultations with the PDFs. Some of the PDFs have requested for One Time Settlement (OTS) which will take away the burden of LA and construction of houses with current rates and would be economical as time would be saved as well as PDFs would have freedom to settle down in any place of their choice except the villages notified under submergence without in any manner reducing the compensation due to them as per new Act.

3. In a series of Gram Sabha with the PDFs, the District Collector Prakasam have come to a conclusion that an all inclusive package for those who take a One Time Settlement (OTS) would be better to bring down the cost and time required for building R and R colonies with accompanying infrastructure while doing justice to PDFs as per the notification under LA and R&R Act 2013 . As such, after a series of consultations with the PDFs, the Collector Prakasam has indicated that a sum of Rs 12.5 lakhs would be acceptable to the PDFs who will take OTS and resettle outside the submergence area. There would still be some PDFs who would not take OTS but would like house site and housing and that would be given to them as per eligibility with other due monetary benefits.

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4. Accordingly, Collector Prakasham, and the Special Commissioner, R and R have requested the Government for sanction of a policy a) for disbursing Rs 12.5 lakhs for those who accept all inclusive package of Rs12.5 lakhs as OTS without claiming any other compensation including house sites or houses and b) allow normal compensation as per notification under LA and R and R Act 2013 for those who do not opt for OTS.

5. As per report of the Special Commissioner , R and R , 2938 PDFs (out of total of 7555 PDFs) have agreed to accept OTS. This would result in substantial saving in LA , Housing and infrastructure cost apart from saving time in relocating the PDFs. Both the Special Commissioner , R & R and Collector Prakasham have confirmed that it is being done with the voluntary consent of the PDFs without reducing any compensation which is due to them as per rule. They have also informed that once the policy is agreed for OTS many more may like to take OTS.

6. Accordingly, the proposal was submitted for sanction of OTS for 2938 and normal R and R benefits for remaining 4617 PDFs (7555-2938).

7. The Government after carefully considering the proposal, only for PDFs in submergence villages under Veligonda Project, have agreed and permit the Special Commissioner, R&R :

i) to pay OTS for willing PDFs @ Rs 12.50 lakhs each PDF on the condition that no further cash or kind compensation including house would be payable to them and they will evacuate the village and resettle anywhere except the villages under submergence. They will also indemnify the Government from any future claims and litigation so far as R and R compensation and benefits are concerned.

ii) normal R & R compensation as per rules for those who do not accept OTS.

8. As such In the reference 1st read above, the Special Commissioner (R&R), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada has requested the Government to sanction an amount of Rs.1411.56 Crores (Rupees One Thousand Four Hundred Eleven Crores and Fifty Six Lakhs only) for implementation of R&R in P.S.Veligonda Project, Prakasam District (i.e., for payments of cash benefits and implementation of R&R = 1301.56 Crores, and for Land Acquisition of Theegalaru and Eastern Main Canals = 110.00 Crores)

9. The Government, accordingly, accord sanction of Rs.1301.56 Crores that includes OTS and R & R benefits for those who do not accept OTS . Government also accord sanction of Rs. 110.00 Crores towards LA for Theegalaru and Eastern Main canals.

10. The Special Commissioner (R&R), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada / District Collector, Prakasam shall ensure that the disbursement of the above said amount is done at the time of actual relocation of the above said PDFs duly making sure that the PDFs getting compensation now under this package should vacate the village and do not settle down in any of the villages notified as submergence villages under P.S.Veligonda Project, Prakasam District.

11. The Special Commissioner (R&R), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada / District Collector, Prakasam is requested to follow the drawal procedure as D.V.Bill instead of payment made by means of Cheques in terms of the orders issued vide G.O.Ms.No.171, Finance (EBS.X) Department dt.12.08.2014 and G.O.Ms.No.75,Finance (TFR) Department, dated 3-4-2014 .

12. In the reference 2nd read above, the District Collector, Prakasam has submitted the respective Head of Accounts debitable to the above expenditure as detailed below:

- i) 4700 – 01 -138 -11 -27 -530 -532 -Rs. 80.00 crores
- ii) 4700 – 01 -138 -11 -49 -530 -537 -Rs. 30.00 crores
- iii) 4700 – 01 -138 -11 -49 -500 -502 -Rs. 205.27 crores
- iv) 4700 – 01 -138 -11 -49 -500 -502 -Rs. 581.03 crores
- v) 4700 – 01 -138 -11 -49 -530 -536 -Rs. 371.80 crores
- vi) 4700 – 01 -138 -11 -49 -530 -536 -Rs. 143.46 crores

Total: -

Rs.1411.56 crores

13. The Special Commissioner, R&R and the District Collector, Prakasam shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

14. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (FMU-WR.II) Dept., vide their U.O.No.FIN01-FMU0MRAS(WR2)/130/2020-FMU-WR-II, dated:24.06.2020.

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

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The Director of Works & Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada.

The District Treasury Officer, Prakasam.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Prakasam.

The General Administration (Cabinet) Department (w.r. to UO.No.64/2020, dated 12.06.2020.

The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources).

The P.S. to Spl. Chief Secretary to Government. (W.R.D.)

The Finance (FMU-W.R.II) Department.

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