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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Bonded Labour -Rehabilitation of freed bonded Labourers -Re-constitution of State Level
Screening Committee in Andhra Pradesh -Orders -Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (H2) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 77

Dated the 9th June, 1997
Read the following :-

1. G.O. Ms. No.1 09, SW., Dt: 24-10-83.
2. From the Supreme Court of India, Record of proceedings dt. 19-11-1996.

ORDER :-

In the G.O. first read above orders were issued for constitution of a State Level Screening Committee with the following Members :-

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| 1. Secretary to Government .
Social Welfare Department | ... | Chairman |
| 2. Director of Agriculture. | ... | Member |
| 3. Commissioner of Rural Development | ... | Member |
| 4. Director of Animal Husbandry | ... | Member |
| 5. Director of Social Welfare | ... | Member |

2. As per the record of proceeding of the Supreme Court of India in the reference second read above, the following committee is re-constituted to initiate and review measures to prevent bondage and enforce and implement the provisions of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, in spuercession of the G.O. cited above, with the following members :-

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| 1. The chief Secretary to State Government | ... | Chairperson |
| 2. Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department | ... | Convenor |
| 3. Secretary, Labour, Employment Training &
Factories Department. | ... | Member |
| 4. Secretary, Women Development &
Child Welfare Department | ... | Member |
| 5. Secretary, Rural Development Department | ... | Member |
| 6. Secretary, Home Department | ... | Member |
| 7. Secretary, School Education Department | ... | Member |
| 8. Secretary, Medical and Health Department | ... | Member |
| 9. Secretary, Law Department | ... | Member |
| 10. Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department | ... | Member |
| 11. Secretary, Agriculture and Cooperative Dept. | ... | Member |
| 12. Secretary, Animal Husbandry Department | ... | Member |
| 13. Commissioner of Social Welfare Department | ... | Member |
| 14. Managng Director, Andhra Prade.sh
Scheduled Caste Co-operative Finance
Corporation Limited, Hyderabad | ... | Member |
| 15. Director General, Labour Welfare,
Government of India or an Officer
nominated by him | ... | Member |

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| 16. Representatives of Voluntary Organisations | ... | Invitees |
| 17. Field Experts. | ... | Invitees |
| 18. District Collectors concerned. | ... | Invitees |

3. The Committee will meet once in every six months and shall have a quorum of seven members. It shall review the functioning of District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees and the functions of various departments with regard to the identification, release and rehabilitation of bonded labourers in the State.
4. It shall also take the following measures :-
- (i) Take all steps to prevent and prompt entrapment into bondage, through enforcement of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976;
 - (ii) Critically assess the socio-economic condition creating bondage and devise means of curbing them.
 - (iii) Study sensitive occupations known to employ bonded labour and employ specific measures.
 - (iv) Ensure the setting up of rural credit facilities such as Grameena Banks, Co-operatives etc... from which short-term interest loans can be availed without security.
 - (v) Review the functioning of the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 and the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 to prevent its abuse for employing bonded labour.
 - (vi) Set-up enforcement of the Minimum Wages Act.

(By Order and in the Name of the Governor of Andhra Pradesh)

S. RAY, IAS
Principal Secretary to Government.

To
The Officers concerned,
All the District Collectors.
The Commissioner of Social Welfare, AP., Hyderabad.
All Departments in the Secretariat.
All sections in Social Welfare Department.
All Deputy Directors (Social Welfare) Department.
All Executive Directors (Scheduled Caste Co-operatives)
in the Districts
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