

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
SOCIAL WELFARE(H) DEPARTMENT

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Sub: Bonded Labour--Judgement of the Court on the matters of bonded labour--Information to be furnished to Government--Instructions--Issued.

District Collectors are informed that under Sub-Section (1) of Section 21 of the Bonded Labour System(Abolition) Act, 1976 (Central Act No. 19 of 1976) Government have conferred on the Revenue Divisional officers in the State the powers of a Judicial Magistrate of First Class and on the Tahsildars in independent charge of Taluks, Tahsils and all Deputy Tahsildars in independent charge of Sub-Taluks in the State the powers of Judicial Magistrate of the Second Class for the trial of offences under the said Act. By virtue of the Magistrial powers conferred on them, the Executive Magistrates are competent to take up trial of the offences under the Act. The District Collectors are therefore, requested to ensure that the above position is invariably brought to the notice of the Courts, wherever the powers of the Executive Magistrates are challenged in the Courts.

2. District Collectors are also requested keep the Government apprised of all the judgement of the Courts relating to the bonded labour cases in their respective districts.

3. The receipt of this Memorandum should be acknowledged.

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