GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH <u>ABSTRACT</u>

Agriculture & Cooperation Department - Construction of MAO Buildings at Mandal Headquarters – Permission – Accorded - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (AGRI.II) DEPARTMENT

<u>G.O.RT.No. 662</u>

Dated:15-09-2015. Read the following:-

- 1. G.O.Rt.No.511, A&C (FP.II) Department, Dt.27-05-2005.
- 2. From the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Andhra
- Pradesh, Hyderabad, Letter No.Engg(2) 10/2014, Dt.4.5.2015.
- 3. Govt.Memo.No.3935/Agri.II/A1/2015, Dt.26.6.2015.
- 4. From the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, Letter No.Engg(2) 10/2014, Dt.20.7.2015.

<u>O R D E R:</u>

In the G.O. 1st read above orders were issued according permission for construction of Mandal Agricultural Office-cum-Godown-cum-Information Centres at Mandal Headquarters at an estimated cost of Rs.5.00 lakhs with the following guidelines:

- a) The District Collector to provide 5.0 cents (250.0 sq. Yards) of land preferably at Mandal Headquarters and also provide funds to a tune of Rs.2.50 lakhs being the 50% of the estimated cost from Food for Work or from other programmes of the District.
- b) The Department was permitted to meet the remaining amount of Rs.2.50 lakh being the 50% of the estimated cost from the savings available in Fertilizer and Oilseeds Wing of the Department.

2. Now, the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad in his letters 2nd and 4th read above has submitted proposals for enhancement of estimated cost of the construction of MAO buildings from Rs.5.00 lakhs per building to Rs.10.00 lakhs per building stating that the Revenue authorities confined to alienation of the required land and also funds as the Food for Work and other programs were closed and hence no possibility of providing district share.

3. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad has also submitted that the Departmental funds got reduced in the process of releasing the cash component where the buildings were completed, the Department had to release Rs.2.50 lakhs to avoid contractual litigations as the District Collectors expressed inability to release the funds.

4. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has also submitted that the estimate of Rs.5.00 lakhs was based on SSR 2004-05. The R&B Department is revising the SSR rates every year taking into consideration the hike in the cost of building materials, labour cost and other parameters. As the estimate was a decade old, estimates being received now are Rs.10.00 lakhs and above. The strata of soil, lead of the building materials, physical facilities available etc., also will have a bearing on the cost of estimate.

5. Further, the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad has stated that Government have been releasing funds under Normal State Plan for the construction of building for Agriculture Department and necessary proposals were furnished including this provision in the budget estimates 2014-15. This will avoid dependency for funds on the District authorities and the limited resources of the Department. The Department is contemplating to carryon this ongoing programme effectively by taking up construction of MAO buildings in the Mandals where still such infrastructure facilities are not available, by judiciously utilizing the Normal State Plan funds under SH(74) Buildings for Agriculture Department, 530-Major Works, 531-Other expenditure.

6. Therefore, the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad has requested to accord orders enhancing the estimated cost of the construction of MAO buildings from s.5.00 lakhs per building to Rs.10.00 lakhs per building so that the same is applied throughout the state with a plus / minus 5% variation so as to enable them to take timely action to start the works immediately. He has also requested to permit plinth area ranging from 70.00 Sq. Mts to 75.00 Sq. Mts.

7. In the circumstances reported by the Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, AP, Hyderabad in the letters 2nd & 4th read above, Government after careful examination hereby accord permission for construction of MAO Buildings from Rs.5.00 lakhs to Rs.10.00 lakhs per building with a plus / minus 5% variation. Permission also accorded to plinth area ranging from 70.00 Sq. Mts to 75.00 Sq. Mts.

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

T. VIJAY KUMAR, SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (AGRI).

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The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad. All the District Collectors in the State <u>Copy to</u> The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Hyderabad. The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad. Finance (EBS-II-A-C-AHFCS-E) Department. P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to Government (Agri). SF/SC

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER.