

GUIDELINES ON INNOVATIVE FUND AT DISTRICT LEVEL FOR ACHIEVING DOUBLE DIGIT GROWTH

1. Introduction:

- 1.1.1 The government of Andhra Pradesh has started with a renewed attention to make AP one of the three best states in the country by 2022. Several growth strategies are being put in place to see that AP attains an enviable position in the country.
- 1.1.2 Andhra Pradesh is embarking on a renewed growth process in tune with the ambitious developmental plans of the union government. The State is keen to take into account the inclusive and growth propelling strategies of the Central Government as the overarching frame and work towards building a resurgent and Sunrise Andhra Pradesh.

1.2 Mission Based Approach

- 1.2.1 The government committed to the outlined objectives has initiated a number of measures to ensure that the residuary state of AP starts its growth trajectory positively. As a first step, the government took out white papers on eight important topics to make public aware of the current status and key concerns.
- 1.2.2 Based upon the clear understanding about the concerns and challenges in each sector the government has devised a specific target oriented Mission Based strategy for effective governance. Taking the process further, the state government has constituted seven missions to fast track the growth process to institute effective reforms that will bring about speedy changes in the various sectors.
- 1.2.3 The Government of Andhra Pradesh committed to achieving inclusive and sustainable development is in the process of drafting the "Sunrise Andhra Pradesh Vision 2029" that will chart out the processes and strategies to make the state one of the top three states in India by 2022. Adoption of a mission-based approach to create relevant social and economic infrastructure needed to support and drive such a

fundamental transformation is the first step in this direction. Participation and empowerment of stakeholders, partners and local leadership has been underlined as critical for realizing this vision.

- 1.2.4 The activities that are to be carried out cover seven key areas of operations like Basic Infrastructure; Livelihood Opportunities; Health and Nutrition for All; Child Protection; Technology in Agriculture and Water-use and Efficiency Last-mile Connectivity which have been for a focused approach split into 20 non-negotiable development commitments that the government is working to provide for.

1.3 District Development Planning

- 1.3.1 A functional and structural process of the District Development Planning has been laid down to facilitate intensive stakeholder participation in identification of concerns, chalking out of strategies, and effective implementation of drafted plans.

1.4 State Double Digit Growth Agenda

- 1.4.1 Despite several hurdles, including deficit finance, Hud-hud cyclone, drought, non-granting of special category status to the State, Honourable Chief Minister has set a target of reaching double digit Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth from this financial year and to sustain it for 15 more years. 40 growth engines have been identified in three broad sectors.
- 1.4.2 The Double Digit Growth would focus on the fast track growth; an ambitious and vigorous initiative planned by the government of Andhra Pradesh using policy initiative, capital, and infrastructure available where in a multi-pronged approach would be put in place to cover developmental goals at the district level.
- 1.4.3 Having recognised the need for ensuring adequate funds are available with the District administration for taking forward the development agenda, it is decided to provide an amount of Rs. 10 crores as 'innovative fund' to each of the District Collectors for taking up productivity enhancement innovative activities to achieve the double digit growth.

2. Operational guidelines

2.1 Action Plan preparation:

- 2.1.1 The District Collector shall constitute a District Level Monitoring Committee with District Collector as Chairman, Chief Planning Officer as the member-convener and District HoDs of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Irrigation, Industries, Panchayat Raj, Rural Development Health, Education and Welfare departments as members to finalize the works to be taken up under Special Development Package.
- 2.1.2 The District Collectors of the SIX districts shall immediately organize a meeting with all the district departmental heads and advise them to prepare their respective action plans and entrust the District Panchayat Officer/Chief Planning Officer to prepare district consolidated action plan.
- 2.1.3 The District Collectors shall prepare detailed action plans for achieving comprehensive development of the district so as to overcome the natural calamities such as persistent drought and repeated cyclones etc. The works identified are to be computerized facilitating reviews.
- 2.1.4 The district action plans must cover the key areas of the various activities envisaged under the seven missions and should help contribute substantially for the endeavour of achieving double digit growth for the state and ensure that the amount of Rs.10.00 Crore now made available is utilized for filling up of critical infrastructural gaps to facilitate achieving the double digit growth. Whatever item on which this amount is going to be used, the District Collectors should specify how it is going to contribute to the Double Digit growth and the corresponding additional growth rate that can be achieved in terms of spending of this amount.
- 2.1.5 The essential focus should be on agriculture, horticulture, micro irrigation, minor irrigation, animal husbandry, dairy development, fisheries, sericulture, drought proofing activities, cyclone mitigation measures, skill improvement, women development and child welfare, market support, self help groups and important areas that leverage the growth process.

2.1.6 The district action plans need to indicate a holistic and convergent approach and the possible results that can be achieved.

2.1.7 Indicative/tentative/model action plan activities are annexed.

2.2 Implementation mechanism:

2.2.1 The district departmental heads concerned shall be the respective in-charge officers and the District Collector shall be overall responsible for proper implementation of the works identified.

2.2.2 While executing the works, the respective departmental guidelines and procedures shall have to be followed.

2.3 Funds release:

2.3.1 Government have released Rs. 10.00 crore to each of the seven districts for 2015-16 for undertaking works as per the action plan prepared by the districts, which is credited to the PD Account directly under the Head of Account "8448-Deposits to Local Funds-MH-120-Other Funds-SH (22)-Deposits of the Decentralized Planning".

2.3.2 District Collectors concerned have been authorized to draw and disburse amount to the concerned executive agencies for the works taken up.

2.3.3 The amount now released to the six districts (East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Gunturu, Nellore and Prakasam districts) of Andhra Pradesh State @ Rs. 10.00 crore per district has to be utilized for taking up the works as per the action plan finalized by the districts.

2.4 Audit and Accounts:

2.4.1 Separate account shall be maintained by the District Collectors concerned and the funds are utilized as per the action plans and the details of expenditure shall be furnished to the Planning Department from time to time and finally submit the Utilization Certificate as per the procedure prescribed. The accounts shall be audited as per laid down procedure.

2.5 Monitoring and Supervision:

2.5.1 The District Level Committee under the Chairmanship of the District Collector shall meet at least once in every month and review the progress of works. They should also get random survey of works.

2.5.2 All the works taken up under the scheme have to be computerized.

2.6 As and when projects to support individuals /groups are prepared they should be forwarded to Planning Dept. through CPO's. The targeting of these funds to achieve inclusive growth is a precondition. A website will be prepared on the lines of IAP and data and progress uploaded on that.

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