

GUIDELINES ON SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE

1. Introduction:

- 1.1 Under Sections 46(2) and 46(3) of the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act, 2014, the GoI provide appropriate financial assistance to the seven backward districts (4 Rayalaseema and 3 North Coastal districts) in the state.
- 1.2 The four districts in Rayalaseema fall in the rain-shadow region of South India that includes the district of Ananthapuramu, which is one of the Desert Development districts in the country besides being the second lowest rainfall district in the country. Further the three north coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh are backward and are perpetually vulnerable to and get adversely affected by frequent cyclones and floods. These extreme climatic situations require special attention and investments.
- 1.3 The Districts shall use the amounts received under the Special Development package in a planned manner and get optimum benefit from the assistance being offered.

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 seven 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 persistent drought and repeated cyclones (in the north coastal districts). The works identified are to be computerized facilitating regular 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 an amount of Rs.10.00 Crore is made available at district level to meet the expenditure at their discretion 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 possibly be achieved in a definite time frame.
- 2.1.7 Indicative/tentative/model action plans 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 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. 50.00 crore to each of the seven districts for 2014-15 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 seven districts (Anantapuramu, Kurnool, YSR Kadapa and Chittoor, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam districts of Andhra Pradesh State @ Rs. 50.00 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.

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.
- 2.5.2** All the works taken up under the Special Development Package shall have to be computerized facilitating review at the highest level.

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Sub: Special Development Package – Release of funds of Rs.350.00 crore (Rupees Three Hundred and Fifty Crore Only) to four Rayalaseema districts and three North Coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh state @ Rs.50.00 crore per district – Indicative guidelines on Special Development Package (SDP) – Reg.

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In the reference cited, an amount of Rs.350.00 crore (Rupees Three Hundred and Fifty Crore Only) to four Rayalaseema districts and three North Coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh state @ Rs.50.00 crore per district is released.

The guidelines for utilization of the above funds under Special Development Package are herewith communicated for implementation of the scheme.

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Srikakulam Districts.
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