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Lr.No: 879/APSCMFC/AO/Burial Grounds/2014, Dt:16.05.2014

From,
E. Naveen Nicholas,
Managing Director

To,
The District Minorities Welfare Officer,
_____ District.

Sir,

Sub: APSCMFC - Requirement of land for Burial ground for Christian Churches in each Mandal Certain details communicated and Mandal wise information sought – Reg.

- Ref: 1. G.O.Ms. NO.1235, Revenue (Assignment-1) Department Date 25.10.2008
2. G.O.Ms. NO.715, Revenue (Assignment-1) Department Date 16.07.2009
3. Government of Andhra Pradesh Minorities Welfare (ICM-II) Department Memo. No: 4577/ICM-II/A2/2012-2, Dt:05.03.2013.

It is informed that in the reference 1st and 2nd cited orders have been issued by the Government, instructing the District Collectors to assess the requirement of Burial ground for a decade for Christians in Village / Town duly forming teams of officials to conduct a realistic assessment and preparation of action plan on saturation mode for allotment of Burial ground to all Christian churches.

The following has been elaborated in the 1st GO cited

“While selecting the sites for Burial Grounds, as per assessment, preference has to be given to Government lands. If Government land are not available or found not suitable, acquisition of private lands be resorted to, duly invoking the provisions of the land Acquisition Act. Wherever the Government lands are available for expansion and also formation of new burial grounds, the District Collector shall immediately take action to allot them to the concerned. The District Collector may also effort to involve the religious and community Organizations for protection and maintenance of the burial grounds. The lands earmarked for Burial Ground shall be entered in the Prohibitory Order Book (POB) as per the existing order in force”.

It was also mentioned in the GO to form advisory committees to assist the revenue authorities and District Collectors have been requested to furnish

the Budgetary requirement for acquisition of lands for Christian Burial Grounds.

It is informed that numerous Christian churches are approaching the office of APSCMFC and requesting to allot land for burial ground.

In view of the above the DMWO's are requested to circulate the file to the District Collector along with the relevant GO's & write to all the Tahsildars through District Collectors and identify the requirement of burial ground in each Mandal and take steps for allocation of land to Christian burial grounds as per para 2 (iii) of Government orders in reference 1st cited.

It is also requested to send the details pertaining to requirement of Christian burial grounds in your district in following format for all Mandals by 30-06-2014.

S.No	Name of Mandal	Extent of Christian Burial ground required in the entire Mandal	Extent of Government land already allotted to Christian Burial ground as per GO.Ms no1235.	Extent of Government land available in the Mandal which can be allotted to Christian Burial ground.	Extent of private land identified for Christian Burial ground in the absence of Government land only	Remarks if any
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
Total						

It is further informed that in the reference 3rd cited, Government has ordered for constituting Burial Ground Management Committee in all Mandals / Municipality with the following members.

- Chairman :: The Municipal Commissioner / MPDO.
One
Of
- Convener :: Parish priest/ pastor/ Presbyter.
- Members :: 1. (1) member from the Independent Churches
2. (1) member from the District Committee of PM's New 15 Point Programme / District Burial Ground Advisory Committee.
3. Municipal / Mandal Engineer, Revenue officer belonging the Community.

It has also been informed by the Government in the reference 3rd cited that if in any Mandal / Municipality to Burial Ground Management Committee or not constitutional , the DMWO's has been instruct to constitute the above committee in each of for Mandals and get there registered under society Act.

In view of the above the DMWO's are registered to seed the following details Mandal wise pertaining to constitution of Burial grounds Management committee in the below format.

S No	Name of Mandal	Burial grounds Management committee has been formed as per reference 3rd cited Yes / No	If no by wh to committee would be constituted by DMWO	Burial grounds Management committee registered Yes / No	Date by which to Mandal / Municipal Burial grounds Management committee world be registered as per society Act by DMWO	Remarks if any
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

It is registered to sand to above information by 30.06.2014 for appraising the Government.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,



Enclosures :- As above

Managing Director

Copy to:

All the District Collectors in the State.

Copy submitted to Commissioner, Minority Welfare for favour of information.

Copy submitted to the Spl. Secretary to Government, Minority Welfare Dept. for favour of information.

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From,
E.Naveen Nicholas
Managing Director

To,
Most Rev. _____
The Bishop of _____

Sir,

Sub: CMFC – Scheme of providing financial assistance to burial ground has been started by the Government – Request to communicate the application form for receiving the financial assistance for development of burial ground to all churches which have burial grounds - Reg.

Ref: 1. GOMs No. 121 Minorities Welfare (ICM-II) dept.date .01.04.20410
2. Memo. No. 4577 / ICM-II / A2 / 2012-2 date. 05/03/2013

It is informed that in the reference 2nd cited Government has started a scheme for sanction of financial assistance for development of burial ground pertaining to Christian community. The financial assistance under this scheme shall not exceed 3 lakhs in rural area & 5 lakhs in urban area and it can be used for construction of compound walls, gates, water supply , toilets , shelter, watchman quarter, land leveling repairs to existing structures, providing lighting , cement benches etc..The application form for claiming financial assistance for burial ground development is enclosed to this latter.

In view of the above it is requested to send the application form & Government Memo (copy enclose) to all the churches under your jurisdiction which have burial ground for applying for financial assistance.

It is also requested to inform the pastors / presbyters to submit the application form in O/o District Minorities Welfare office of the concerned district after taking the signature of the Burial ground committee constituted by the Government in the reference 2nd cited and the concerned DMWO would

then inspect the burial ground and forward the application to the O/o MD, APSCMFC through the concerned District Collector.

This office would only forward the proposals received from the District Collectors to the Government for issuing administrative sanction.

All other details are mentioned in the Government Memo (Copy enclose)

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hameed', with a small star-like mark above the first letter.

Managing Director

Copy to the Commissioner Minority Welfare Department of Andhra Pradesh.

Copy to the Commissioner Minority Welfare Department of Telangana.