

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Lands - Provision of lands for Burial Grounds – Improvement of existing Burial Grounds in Urban areas as well as Rural areas and Identification of future requirements – Action Plan to be prepared on Saturation Mode as was done in “Indiramma Programme” - Guidelines – Issued.

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REVENUE (ASSIGNMENT –I ) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.NO.1235

Dated:25-10-2008.

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**ORDER:-**

Representations are being received by the Government from the Peoples’ representatives and various Religious and other Community Organizations for allotment of land for extension of existing Burial Grounds, and also for identification of lands for new Burial grounds in Urban areas as well as in Rural areas. In view of the fast growth in population and also insufficiency of the existing burial grounds, the issues have been discussed at High Level Meeting and it was decided that provision of sufficient lands for burial grounds in Urban areas as well as Rural areas and also its protection should be dealt on priority basis. It was also decided in the High Level Meeting an Action Plan shall be prepared in all districts for identifications of existing burial grounds, its extension as per the need including provision of lands to new burial grounds on saturation mode shall be prepared and implemented in Phased manner to be completed within a period of three (3) years.

2. After careful examination of the entire issue, Government hereby issue the following instructions for strict compliance;

- (i) All the District Collectors are directed to assess the requirement for a decade of burial grounds for various communities i.e., Hindus / Muslims / Christians etc., in Villages / Towns, Urban areas, duly forming teams of officials to conduct a realistic assessment.
- (ii) On the basis of this assessment, an Action Plan be prepared, on saturation mode, which shall be completed in three years period in each District. Tahsildar in each Mandal and Commissioner in a Municipality shall be entrusted with the task of arriving at realistic assessment and the preparation of Action plan within two months.
- (iii) While selecting the sites for Burial Grounds, as per assessment, preference shall be given to Government lands. If Government lands 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 Dist.Collector may also make all efforts to involve the Religious and Community Organizations for protection and maintenance of the burial grounds. The lands earmarked for Burial grounds shall also be entered in the Prohibitory Order Book (POB) as per the existing orders in force.
- (iv) Action Plan should take care of providing Approach Roads to the Burial Grounds also.
- (v) Community participation towards land donations for the purpose of Burial Grounds etc., may be solicited.

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- (vi) Advisory Committee for each Burial/Cremation Ground in Villages /Towns/ Cities shall be constituted to assist the Revenue Authorities/ Gram Panchayats/ Municipalities in proper maintenance of Burial / Cremation Grounds.
- (vii) The existing burial grounds must be protected from encroachments. Fencing to the existing as well as new Burial grounds should be got arranged with the help of local financial contributions by the Communities. Assistance of Advisory Committees may also be sought to obtain community participation in providing such fencing.
- (viii) The Collector shall furnish the Budgetary requirements for 2008-09 i.e., the first year of the programme for acquisition of lands to the Spl.Chief Secretary & Chief Commissioner of Land Administration. It may also be ordered to keep the budget at the disposal of Social welfare Department for allotment to the Dist. Collectors as per the requirement.
- (ix) It is also suggested to constitute the Advisory Committee at the District level under the Chairmanship of the Collector for giving their valuable suggestion.
- (x) The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration Hyderabad shall be the Chief coordinator for Preparation, execution and Coordination of the entire programme.
- (xi) Government lands existing in and around the villages shall be identified first for establishing the Burial Grounds and they should be developed as per the needs during the current financial year.

3. The Spl.Chief Secretary & Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, and all the District Collectors are hereby directed to take up urgent action as per the above guidelines.

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

**M.SAMUEL,  
PRL.SECY. TO GOVERNMENT.**

To  
The Spl.Chief Secretary & Chief Commissioner of  
Land Administration, Hyderabad.  
All the District Collectors  
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Social Welfare Department  
Panchayati Raj & Rural Department  
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**SECTION OFFICER.**