

**8.25 Transfer of administrative control of District Planning Cells to the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department**

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Planning Development and Special Initiatives (Sp) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 161

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Read :

G.O. (Ms) No.141, Planning and Development (SP.2) Department, Dated 18.8.1999.

**ORDER**

In the Government order read above, the District Planning Cells with minimum supporting staff were created in 28 Districts except Chennai to assist the District Planning Committees in preparation of District Development Plans. The District Planning Cells are functioning under the direct control of State Planning Commission and the administrative control of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department.

2. The District Planning Committees are under the administrative control of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department. Considering the necessity of the District Planning Cells to function as supporting arms of the district planning committees, the Government have decided to transfer the administrative control of District Planning Cells from the State Planning Commission / Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department to District Collectors/ Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.

3. The Government accordingly direct that the District Planning Cells created with reference to the Government order read above, shall function under the direct control of District Collectors and under the administrative control of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department with immediate effect.

(By order of the Governor)

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