

**2.63 Incumbents of the post of Extension Officer (Animal Husbandry) and Extension Officer (Co-operation) - Reversion to their parent department**

Rural Development (E4) Department

G.O. (2D) No. 66

Dated : 25.6.2004

Read :

- (1) Director of Rural Development letter No.4133/99/C2, dated 30.4.2002.
- (2) From the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, D.O.Lr.No.148447/2001/EM2 dated 17.1.2003.

**ORDER**

During the meeting on Rural Development Department held under the Chairmanship of the then Chief Secretary on 17.8.96, it was decided that the post of Extension Officer (Cooperation) and Extension Officer (Animal Husbandry) would no longer borne on the Rural Development Budget. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Chennai who was consulted in the matter has stated that he is of the view that there is no justification in continuing all the 384 posts of Extension Officer (Cooperation) to the budget head of Cooperation Department as they are required for the performance of normal function of Cooperation Department at block level.

2. The Director of Rural Development in his letter read above has stated that 395 Extension Officers (Animal Husbandry) and 380 Extension Officers (Cooperation) are working in Rural Development Department. The cost of the said staff is Rs.10.90 Crores, Earlier, these posts were created to assist the block administration. Now, things have changed and the Cooperation Department and Animal Husbandry Department have their own offices created in rural area. The assistance by the Extension Officers (Cooperation) and; (Animal Husbandry) to the block administration has become negligible. He has, therefore, suggested that the Extension Officers (Cooperation) and the Extension Officer (Animal Husbandry) may be reverted back to their parent departments.

The Director of Rural Development has now reported that the actual number of Extension Officers working in the Rural Development Department as on 1.9.2003 is as follows:-

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| 1. Extension Officer (Animal Husbandry) | 212 |
| 2. Extension Officer (Cooperation)      | 345 |

The cost of the said staff is now Rs.8.85 crores.

3. The Government have examined the suggestion of the Director of Rural Development in paragraph 2 above and they have decided to revert the incumbents of the posts of 345 Extension Officer (Cooperation) and 212 Extension Officer (Animal Husbandry) as the services of the above posts are not required by Rural Development Department beyond 30.6.2004 and issue orders accordingly. The Director of Rural Development is requested to take necessary follow up action in this regard. This order will come into force with effect from 1.7.2004. The proposal of the Director of Rural Development for creation of 395 posts of Deputy Block Development Officers is deferred as it involves huge financial commitments.

4. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.10885/Rural Development / 04 dated 5.8.2005.

(By order of the Governor)

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