

**2.141 Audio Visual equipments in Elementary/Middle/Higher/Higher Secondary Schools - Servicing of equipments by the Technical staff of the R.D. Dept.,- deferred**

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To

The Secretary,  
Education, Science and Technology Department.

Ref : D.O.Lr.No. 73493/L2/96, dt. 30.12.96 from the Secretary to Government Education, Science and Technology Department, Chennai-9.

The Secretary to Government, Education, Science and Technology Department had addressed all the District Collectors proposing to utilise the services of the technical staff under the control of the Rural Development to repair the Audio-Video equipments in Educational Institutions.

In this connection, I am to inform that there is only one Technical wing attached to each Divisional Development Officer's Office that maintain the Community Radios and Television sets together with the public address equipments supplied to the Panchayats namely Radio Supervisor and Technical Assistant (TV). In a complete review of their work load, it is found that they are over burdened and that each Radio Supervisor, attached to a Division is maintaining not less than 800-1000 Radio sets and each Technical Assistant (TV) attached to a division is maintaining not less than 1000 to 1500 TV sets. A proposal has already been sent to the Government to increase the staff pattern and sanction one Radio supervisor and one Technical Assistant (TV) with helpers per panchayat union vide this office Lr.No. 54423/95/RCP-4, dt. 11.3.96.

Secondly, these Technical staff run a separate office and have to maintain a lot of clerical and accounting work despite their regular camps to Blocks and centres. Now that the warranty period for 45,302 CTV sets supplied during 1995-96 has lapsed, there is every likelihood of more flow of sets for servicing.

As such the present set up of staff will not be able to maintain the equipments suggested in the reference, I therefore, request you to defer this proposal for better times until the staff strength is increased.

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