

28.I Government Letter requesting the State Planning Commission to give views on the entrustment of responsibilities to rural local bodies

From

S. Narayan, IAS.
Secretary to Government,
Rural Development Department.
Chennai.

D.O. Lr.No.20099/C1/96-8, dated 20.9.1996.

Sub: Local bodies-entrustment of responsibilities-Reg.

Elections to the three tier system of Rural Local bodies is to be held in October and new bodies will be in position by about the third week of October.

This department is already taking action to ensure that mandatory responsibilities to the three different level namely District Panchayats, Block Level Panchayats and Village Panchayats are delegated and orders issued. Section 257 of the Tamil Nadu Act 1994 provides for entrustment by the Government or all of the responsibilities in relation to matters listed in Schedule IV of the Act. Schedule IV lists 29 activities ranging from Agriculture, Family Welfare, Public Distribution System etc.,

To enable the Government to take a view on the entrustment of these responsibilities to the different levels of the Panchayats, I would be grateful if you consider constituting a small working group of Members of the Planning Commission who could consider and make recommendations regarding:

- (1) the responsibilities to be entrusted to the Panchayats at different levels; and
- (2) the roles, duties and functions of the Panchayats in respect of these responsibilities being entrusted to them.

I would appreciate if the Committee could consider and give its recommendations within a month so that orders of Government can be passed thereon.

Yours sincerely
S.NARAYAN

To

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Member Secretary,
State Planning Commission, Chepauk, Madras-600 005.

28. DEVOLUTION OF POWERS

Proceedings relating to the Constitution of the State Planning Commission Working Group

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEMBER-SECRETARY, STATE PLANNING COMMISSION, CHENNAI-600 005

Present: Dr. Ramesh Chandra Panda, I.A.S.,

Procs.No.4781/SPC/DP/96

Dated:7-10-1996

Sub: Local Bodies-Entrustment of Responsibilities-Constitution of a Working Group of Members of State Planning Commission-Orders Issued.

Ref: Secretary to Govt. Rural Development Department D.O.Lr.No.20099/C1/96-8, dated 20.09.1996.

ORDER

The Government in the reference cited has stated that elections to the 3 Tier System of Rural Local Bodies (viz.) District Panchayats, Block Level Panchayats and Village Panchayats is to be held in October '96 and new Bodies will be in position by about the third week of October '96. The Government are contemplating to issue orders on sanction of mandatory responsibilities to the above 3 tiers of Local Bodies. In order to take a decision by Government on the entrustment of responsibilities to the different levels of Panchayats, the government have requested the State Planning Commission to constitute a Working Group of Members of State Planning Commission to consider and make recommendations regarding;

- i) The responsibilities to be entrusted to the Panchayats and different levels; and
- ii) The roles, duties and functions of the Panchayats in respect of these responsibilities being entrusted to them.

02. The above matter was considered in the first informal meeting of the Members of the State Planning Commission held on 27th September '96 in the Office of the State Planning Commission. It was decided in the meeting to constitute a Group consisting of Members of State Planning Commission as indicated below to study the issues referred to above items (i) and (ii) and make appropriate recommendations.

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| 1. | Thiru L.C.Jain
Member,
State Planning Commission. | Chairman |
| 2. | Thiru T.V.Antony, IAS.(Retd.)
Member,
State Planning Commission. | Co-Chairman |
| 3. | Thiru K.V.Palanidurai,
Full Time Member,
State Planning Commission. | Member |
| 4. | Dr.Ramesh Chandra Panda, IAS.
Member Secretary,
State Planning Commission. | Convenor |
| 5. | The Secretary to Government,
Rural Development Department | Spl. Invitee |

The State Planning Commission Group will be assisted by Head of Division (District Planning) and Head of Division (Rural Development).

03. The recommendations of the State Planning Commission Group after considered by the Members in the informal meeting will be placed before the State Planning Commission meeting under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister for necessary decisions.

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04. The State Planning Commission Group will submit the report to the State Planning Commission within a month from the date of this Proceeding to enable the State Planning Commission to submit proposals to the Government as desired in reference cited.

RAMESH CHANDRA PANDA
MEMBER SECRETARY

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All the Members and Officials concerned.