

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

A.P. Water Land and Trees Act and Rules thereon – Designation of implementing agencies for effective implementation of the Act – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.47

Dated 03-03-2003

Read the following :-

1. G.O.Ms.No.240, PR&RD (RD.IV) Dept., dated 25-6-2002
2. G.O.Ms.No.244, PR&RD (RD.IV) Dept., dated 15-6-2002
3. From the CRD, D.O.Lr.No.9541/CRD/APWALTA/2002, dt.3-12-2002

ORDER :

In the pursuance of the decision taken by the A.P.State Water, Land and Trees Authority in the meeting held on 5-9-2002, the Administrator & Commissioner, Rural Development, A.P.State Water, Land and Trees Act has requested the Government to designate the concerned Departments as implementing agencies under Section 5 of A.P. Water, Land Trees Act to implement the Act immediately for getting the desired impact in the field.

2. The Government hereby designate the following departments as implementing agencies for the purpose of implementation of various provisions of the act as mentioned herein.

- (i) Ground Water Department – for registration of machine by all rig owners sand mining and classification of Ground Water basin.
- (ii) Municipal Administration and Urban Development – for construction of rain water harvesting structure, tree planting, permission for construction of new buildings subject to planting of prescribed number of trees.
- (iii) Pollution Control Board – for prohibition of water contamination including prohibition of direct disposal of waste water into the water bodies, regulation of ceiling on water use by any industry or commercial unit.
- (iv) Mines and Geology department and Panchayat Raj Dept in consultation with ground water department, Revenue Dept for monitoring of sand mining for water bodies.
- (v) Forest Department – for granting permission of tree felling.

3. Government also hereby declare the officers from the above Departments at various level i.e State, District and Mandal as designated officers for the purpose of implementation of the Act including detection of offences regarding violation of the Act and its compounding fee. Ground Water Department, Forest Department, Pollution Control Board, Rural Development Department, Municipal Administration Department, Mines and Geology Department, Panchayat Raj (Engineering) Dept, Agriculture Department and A.P.Transco. The concerned

department will nominate their representative to be nominated as designated officers at state level, district level and mandal level. Designated officers at the State level, District level and Mandal level will report to the Administrator, Andhra Pradesh Water Land and Trees Authority, Member Secretary District Level Committee and Chairman Mandal Level Committee respectively regarding the implementation of this Act.

4. Government also hereby declare village Secretaries/Municipal Commissioners as the designated officers for the purpose of registration of wells/water bodies in villages/ municipalities respectively and Mandal Revenue Officer / Municipal Commissioner as Designated Officer for issuing permission for digging new wells. Electricity service connection number should invariably be recorded while registering the wells. The records for registration of wells, permission of new wells etc will be maintained in MRO's office / Municipal Commissioner Office. The request for permission of digging new wells should invariably be accompanied with a technical certificate from Geophysicist / Geologist duly registered with the Ground Water Department.

5. Government hereby prescribes the following fees for the registration of wells/ water bodies, rig machines, for digging of new wells.

Registration of existing wells / water bodies	Rs.10/-
Registration of machines	Rs.10,000/-
Permission of digging of new wells	Rs.100/-

6. Registration of rig machines will be done at the District level only and no rig owners will be allowed to operate without prior permission of the authority. It will be responsibility of the rig owners to ensure certificate regarding availability of water from Geophysicist/Geologist registered with Ground Water Dept.

7. Government hereby request the urban and local bodies to make it mandatory to prescribe planting of fixed number of trees at the time of grant of permission for construction of new buildings.

8. All the concerned departments are requested to take necessary action accordingly and ensure effective implementation of the Act.

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

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SPL.CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Administrator & Commissioner, Rural Development, Hyderabad

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