

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH RESETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION POLICY 2005 FOR PROJECT AFFECTED FAMILIES

CHAPTER – I: POLICY

1.0 PREAMBLE:

Introduction

- 1.1 Compulsory acquisition of land for public purpose including infrastructure projects displaces people, forcing them to give up their home, assets and means of livelihood, a part from depriving them of their lands, livelihoods and resource-base, displacement has other traumatic psychological and socio-cultural consequences. The Government of Andhra Pradesh recognizes the need to minimize large-scale displacement to the extent possible and, where displacement is inevitable, the need to handle with utmost care, human touch and forethought, issues relating to Resettlement & Rehabilitation of Project Affected Families. Such an approach is especially necessary in respect of tribal, small & marginal farmers and women.
- 1.2 The system of extending cash compensation does not, by itself, in most cases, enable the affected families to obtain cultivable agricultural land, homestead and other resources, which they have to surrender to the State. The difficulties are more acute for persons who are critically dependent on the acquired assets for their subsistence/ livelihoods, such as landless agricultural workers, forest dwellers, tenants and artisans, as their distress and destitution is more severe, and, yet they are not eligible for cash compensation.
- 1.3 The Policy essentially addresses the need to provide succour to the asset less rural poor, support the rehabilitation efforts of the resource poor sections, namely, small and marginal farmers, SCs/STs and women who have been displaced, besides, it seeks to provide a broad canvas for an effective dialogue between the Project Affected Families and Project Displaced Families and the Administration for Resettlement & Rehabilitation. Such a

dialogue is expected to enable timely completion of projects with a sense of definiteness as regards costs and adequate attention to the needs of the displaced persons especially the resource poor sections. The intention is to impart greater flexibility for interaction and negotiation so that the resultant Package gains all-round acceptability in the shape of a workable instrument providing satisfaction to all stakeholders/requiring bodies.

- 1.4 The GOAP Policy on the Resettlement & Rehabilitation of Project Affected Families and Project Displaced Families will be applicable to the projects as defined in this policy and upon notification under this policy.

- 1.5 Administrator for Resettlement & Rehabilitation shall implement this Policy in letter and spirit in order to ensure that the benefits envisaged under the Policy reaches the Project Affected and Displaced Families, especially resource poor sections including SCs/STs.