1.1 At present there is no law to provide for the regulation of Agricultural / Horticultural practices in the State of Andhra Pradesh. It has, therefore, been considered necessary to regulate the Agricultural / Horticultural practice and for the registration of Agricultural / Horticultural Practitioners in the State and to establish a Council called the Andhra Pradesh State Agricultural Council.

1.2 These measures will help in disseminating better and quality technical farm advisories to farmers as they will be given by the qualified graduates. The Various service agencies in Agriculture and Horticulture will be required to get accreditation of their programmes of work by the Council.

1.3. The purpose of this Council is to have a mechanism in the State to take care of recognition of Universities and Colleges in the State offering Agricultural and Horticultural Courses.

1.4 Approval of the Council of Ministers is solicited for establishment of “Andhra Pradesh State Agricultural Council” and also for approval of the Draft Bill to introduce the same in the Legislature of the State.

Signature:

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Spl.C.S to Government Agriculture & Cooperation (Agri. I)) Department,
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PRESS NOTE

Department: Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries Department.

Date of decision: 02–2019.

Title: Proposal for issue of permission to the Registrar, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati for Establishment of Nine (9) new Animal Husbandry Polytechnics and Nine (9) Fishery Polytechnics with an intake capacity of 50 students per each college to fill the gap/ produce the required skilled man power in the State by 2022, from the academic year 2019-20.

Decision: Approved by the Council of Ministers.

Major impact:

The Director of Animal husbandry, A.P., Vijayawada and the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Vijayawada, have furnished reports of man power requirement in the Animal Husbandry and Fisheries sectors in the State so as to meet present requirement of skilled man power in those sectors by the year 2022.

The Council of Ministers in their resolution No.294/2018 have approved the agenda item No.3 i.e., for establishment of Nine (9) Polytechnic Colleges in Animal Husbandry sector and Eleven (11) in Fishery sectors to be affiliated to SVVU, Tirupati under Private sector during 2018-19.

Accordingly, the Registrar, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati has invited Expression of Interest (EOI) from the reputed Educational Institutions/Trusts/Societies/NGOs/Other Institutions. The applications were screened by the Screening Committees of Professors and short listed the institutions and then inspected by the inspection committees of professors with one outside expert in the cadre of Dean/ Doctor under University system and finalise the merit list.

Signature: 

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File No. **1048376/H1/2018**

Department: Health, Medical and Family Welfare

**PRESS NOTE**

**Department:** Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department  

**Date of decision:** February, 2019

**Headline (Subject):** Creation of (78) additional posts of Food Safety Officers and other supporting staff viz., (9) posts of Senior Assistants, (28) posts of Data-Entry-Operators (on outsourcing) and (28) posts of Sampling Assistant (on outsourcing) for strengthening of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 in the State of Andhra Pradesh

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The Council of Ministers in its meeting held on 01.2019 has resolved for Creation of (78) additional posts of Food Safety Officers and other supporting staff viz., (9) posts of Senior Assistants, (28) posts of Data-Entry-Operators (on outsourcing) and (28) posts of Sampling Assistant (on outsourcing) for strengthening of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 in the State of Andhra Pradesh in order to comply with the assurance given by the Chief Secretary to Government, Andhra Pradesh in PIL No.219 of 2015 dated 19.12.2017.

**Signature:**

**Name:** POONAM MALAKONDAIAH, I.A.S.,
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WATER RESOURCES (Projects.I) DEPARTMENT

PRESS NOTE

Proposal for ratification of the action in issuance of orders issued vide Government Memo. No.ICDO1-MJIROIC28/10/2019-PROJECTS-I, Dated 12.02.2019 in relaxation of Clause 43 of GCC of agreement concluded with M/S NECL for releasing 7.5% withheld amount for the value of work done without completing the work in all respects in each bay.

The Cabinet has ratified the above proposal.

(SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR)
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
PRESS NOTE

The Council of Ministers have approved the proposal of the C&MD, APTRANSCO to accord approval for availing the Loan from M/s.KfW, Germany and the Central NCEF grant from Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) for the projects of Green Energy Corridor-II-Intrastate Power Transmission System for evacuation of power from Aspi (1000 MW), Uravakonda (1400 MW) and Ghani (1000 MW).

(AJAY JAIN)
Principal Secretary to Government
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PRESS NOTE

Government have decided to alter Convention Centre as "Convention Centre cum Exhibition Centre" duly excluding the Exhibition Hall in the Letter of Intent (LoI) and Agreements to be executed for development of International Convention Centre at Visakhapatnam under PPP mode with minimum development obligation i.e., minimum 50,000 square feet area and 5,000-7,000 pax capacity with appropriate seating and support services.

AJAY JAIN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT
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PRESS NOTE

The Council of Ministers in its Meeting held on 13.02.2019 has approved the proposal to issue necessary modifications to the Government letters dated: 14.09.2017 and 06.02.2018 in accordance with the directions of the APERC in OP No.5 of 2017

(AJAY JAIN)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
SECRET
File No.XPRR01-17021/1/2019- ESTT..I
Department : PR&RD(Establishment. I)Department

STORYLINE AND CORE GOVERNMENT MESSAGES (PRESS NOTE)

Department: PR & RD (Establishment. I) DEPARTMENT

Date of Decision: 13th February, 2019

Headline (Subject): (i) Creation of 24 posts in Panchayat Raj Engineering Department and (ii) for permission to hire 36 number of Assistant Executive Engineers for the APRRP(EAP/AIIB) project on outsourcing basis for strengthening and for smooth and efficient running of the APRRP project.

Decision: Council of Ministers have agreed to creation of 24 posts, ie., Chief Engineer (V&QC) -1, Superintending Engineer (State quality co-ordinator (PMGSY) &V&QC) -1, Executive Engineer-6, Deputy Executive Engineers-14, Divisional Accounts Officer -1 and Superintendent -1 for all the three wings, Project Monitoring Unit, Project Implementing Unit and Quality Control in Panchayat Raj Engineering Department and (ii) for permission to hire 36 number of Assistant Executive Engineers for the APRRP(EAP/AIIB) project on outsourcing basis for strengthening and for smooth and efficient running of the APRRP project, subject to these outsourcing services shall be terminated with the recruitment by APPSC or as soon as the necessity ceases whichever is earlier.

SIGNATURE:

Name: Dr. K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY, I.A.S.
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PRESS NOTE

Department: Higher Education

Date of decision: 13/02/2019

Title: Higher Education—Providing necessary infrastructure to set up Institute for Development studies on the lines of Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS) and allotment of 10 acres of land outside Capital city.

Decision: The Council of Ministers approved the proposal with the following modification. Ten acres of land will be provided outside Capital city to set up Institute for Development studies.

Major impact:

Expenditure involved: NIL

Districts covered: Entire State of A.P.
Progress if already running: No
Likely questions and answers: Nil

Signature: [Signature]

Name: K. DAMAYANTHI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
PRESS NOTE

The Council of Ministers has approved the proposal for (i) Re-designation of Area Hospital, Parvathipuram, Vizianagaram Dist., as 150 bedded District Hospital; and (ii) Upgradation of 100 bedded Area Hospital, Tanuku, West Godavari into 150 bedded District Hospital and to sanction additional H.R., of 53 posts (26 Regular & 27 Out Sourcing) with a recurring expenditure of Rs.2.46 Crores per annum

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
PRESS NOTE

The Council of Ministers has approved for for sanction of 14 posts viz. Civil Surgeon Specialist -1, Civil Assistant Surgeon -2, Dental Assistant Surgeon-1, Staff nurse -3, Lab Technician-1, Pharmacist Gr.II-1, MNO/FNO-2, Junior Asst./Data Entry Operator -1, Office Subordinate -2 in Civil Dispensary at AP Secretariat, Velagapudi and (ii) for sanction 11 posts viz. Civil Surgeon Specialist -1, Civil Assistant Surgeon -1, Dental Assistant Surgeon -1, Staff nurse -2, Lab Technician -1, Pharmacist Gr.II -1, MNO/FNO-2, Junior Asst./Data Entry Operator -1, OS-1 in Civil Dispensary at O/o APVVP, Gollapudi, Vijayawada.

POONAM MALAKONDAIHH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
PRESS NOTE

Establishment of 6 Primary Health Centers at Brahmanagudem, West Godavari District, Deebagunta, Kurnool District, Pothavaram West Godavari District, Mothugudem East Godavari District, Pedaparupudi, Krishna District, Atkuru, Krishna District and up gradation of Primary Health Center, Velpur, West Godavari District into Community Health Center and to sanction of following posts with an estimated expenditure of 1055.00 Lakhs:-

Regular basis (PHC):
Civil Assistant Surgeon -6, PHN-6, MPHEO-6, Staf Nurse-6.

Outsourcing:-
Ph.Gr.II-6, LT Gr.II-6, Jr. ASST.-6, Sanoty attendrer cum watchman-6.

Regular Basis (CHC):
Dy.C.s-1, M.O(CAS)-3, DAS-1, head Nurse-1, Staff Nurse-5.

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
PRESS NOTE

The Council of Ministers has approved the proposal for Up-gradation of 28 Hospitals (9 CHCs from 30 to 50 beds, 2 CHCs from 30 to 100 beds, 12 CHCs from 50 to 100 beds, 2 Area Hospitals and 3 District Hospitals from 100 to 150 beds) with an expenditure of **Rs.333.14 crores** (Rs.274.20 Crores of loan from APMSIDC towards construction and Rs.58.94 Crores towards HR) and to sanction total staff 615 regular cadres and 613 on outsourcing basis.

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
PRESS NOTE

The Council of Ministers has approved for Sanction of posts in 22 Primary Health Centers to which buildings were already constructed under different schemes:

Regular posts: Civil Assistant Surgeon-22, Public Health Nurse-22, Multi Purpose Health Extension Officer-22, staff Nurse-22.

Outsourcing services: Pharmacist Grade-II-22, Lab-Technician Grade-II-22 Junior Assistant-22 Sanitary Attender cum Watchman-22.

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
PRESS NOTE

The Council of Ministers has approved for enhancement of Financial limit from Rs.2.50 lakhs to Rs.5.00 lakhs for family per annum from 01.04.2019 under Dr.NTR Vaidya Seva Scheme for providing Cashless Health Care Services to the BPL families.

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
PRESS NOTE

Department : Industries and Commerce
Date of Decision : 13/2/2019

Title : Ratification of the decisions taken by the SIPB

Decision : Proposal for ratification of the decisions taken by the State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB) in the meeting held on 9-2-2019 and orders issued accordingly by Ind. & Com. Dept. extending the incentives to Mega Projects as per recommendations of State Investment Promotion Board under Industrial Development Policy 2015-20 and various Sectoral Policies of the Government.

Major Impact : Industrial Development in the State

Beneficiaries : Mega Industries & other Important Industries in the State

Districts covered : Entire State

SOLOMON AROKIARAJ
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PRESS NOTE

Department: **General Administration Department**

Subject: To consider the transfer of the subject, "the Leather Industries Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh " LIDCAP from Ind. & Com. Department to the Social Welfare Department by amending the A.P.Government Business Rules, 2018 and also to consider other points mentioned by the Industries department.

Signature of the Secretary:

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SECRET
File No.BCW01-BCC0DBCW(MISC)/3/2018
BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT
PRESS NOTE

Date of decision : 13th February, 2019

Inclusion of other weaver communities in the A.P.Weavers Cooperative Finance Corporation Limited by amending the G.O.Ms.No.19, B.C.Welfare (C) Department, Dated.04.02.2019

Decision :
The Council of Ministers have approved that, the Andhra Pradesh Weavers (Padmasali / Devangula / Thogata / Sali / Thogata-Veera Kshatriya / Pattusali / Thogatasali / Senapathula / Salivan) Cooperative Finance Corporation Limited shall be renamed as the Andhra Pradesh Weavers Padmasali(Sali, Salivan, pattusali, Senapathulu, Thogata Sali), Devanga, Thogata (Thogata, Thogati or Thogata Veera kshatriya), Karikalabhakthulu, Kaikolan or Kaikala (Sengundam or Sengunther), Nessi or Kurni, Karna Bhaktulu, Rangarez or Bhivasara Kshatriya, Swakula Sali, Patkar (Khetri), Jandra, Neeli, Neelakanthi, Koshti Cooperative Finance Corporation Limited by amending the G.O.Ms.No.19, B.C.Welfare (C) Department, Dated.04.02.2019.

(B.UDAYA LAKSHMI)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
(iii) STORYLINE AND CORE GOVERNMENT MESSAGES (PRESS NOTE)
BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT
Date of decision: 13 - 1 - 2019.

The Government of united Andhra Pradesh through the G.O.Ms.No.10 dated 09-04-2008 (Backward Classes Welfare Department) included the castes 'Kunchiti Vakkaliga / Vakkaligara / Kunchitiga' in the list of Backward Classes under Group-B with Serial No. 22 with the area of operation restricted to Anantapur District only. The Council of Ministers resolved that Vakkaligara caste was found common in both Anantapur and Chittoor Districts and hence it is approved to extend the area of operation specified in the said G.O.Ms.No.10 to Chittoor District also without increasing the percentage of reservation.

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