

Joint Action Committee of A.P.P.R Engineers Associations

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To,

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The Engineer-In-Chief,
P.R Engineering Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Vijayawada.

Sir,

Sub: PRED – Utilization of services of Engineering Assistants, Gr.II for execution, measuring and recording of MGNREGS works and other related works taken up by PRED – Against to the provisions of APPWD Code – request for cancellation of instructions issued – Regarding.

Ref: Govt. memo No. PRE0MISC/35/Estt.I/A2/2020 dt. 10.05.2020 of the Principal Secretary to Govt., PR & RD Dept.

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It is to submit that with reference to the memo cited above wherein the Government has issued instructions for using the Engineering Assistants, Gr-II for execution, measuring and recording of MGNREGS works and other related works taken up by PRED, with heavy heart we bring the following points to your kind notice.

It is highly regretted that the said memo was issued based on the request of the Engineer-In-Chief, who is the Head & care taker of the department.

The duties, responsibilities and powers of the Engineers from Section officers (AEE/ AE) to Engineer-In-Chief are derived from APPWD Code which was adopted by the Government through an Act. As per the Service Rules the selection of Section officer (AEE/AE) is basically by direct recruitment through APPSC.

As per the AP Public Works Department Code, the Measurement Book (M.Book) is a very important document in the Public Works Departments and should be used,

maintained and kept with great care and it is the initial record of all transactions in the Department, whether work done or material supplied.

Further, as per the above Code, in the Public Works Departments no one below the rank of a Section Officer (Asst. Executive Engineer/ Asst. Engineer) is authorized to record measurements in a M.Book and it is the Section Officer who is entrusted with the M.Books and recording the measurements of work done.

All Public Works Departments viz., R&B, Irrigation, PRED, PH&ME follow the procedure given in the codes for recording of measurements by the Section Officer. No officer below the Section Officer is given powers for execution, measuring and recording as per A.P.P.W.D Code. All officers below the Section Officer are supporting staff only.

The Engineering Personnel right from Section officer to Engineer-in-Chief of PRED have been working to their full potential in implementing the development works of the government and are continuing to do so, even though there is no supporting staff to the Section Officers at grass root level and even though there are substantial number of vacancies at the Section Officer Level. There are also a number of field problems specific to PRED when compared to R&B or Irrigation Depts.

Number of times it was brought to the notice of the authorities that there are about 400 vacancies of Section Officers in PRED and requested to fill up them for effective functioning of the department.

Time and again we have been requesting the authorities to keep the services of the Engineering Assistants under the exclusive technical control of the PRED Section Officers at Mandal Level which will strengthen the hands of the Section Officers. However no concrete instructions have been issued in this regard.

Instead of strengthening the department and providing supporting hands to the section officers in PRED, the Government has stripped the dignity of the PRED by issuing such instructions in the memo referred above. The above instructions are against the provisions of A.P.P.W.D Code

No such devolution of powers has been done in any of the other departments executing MGNREGS works. Also No such instructions to utilize the services of the officers below the section officer for measuring and recording against the Codal provisions is given in any of the other Engineering Departments.

It is also brought to that notice that nearly 70% of the Engineering Assistants Gr.II appointed on temporary basis are having B.E / B.Tech with Mechanical Engineering who will not have knowledge of Civil Engineering. As on today they are not regular employees and being paid consolidated salary. They are below the rank of Tracers in the Engineering hierarchy. They are 4 cadets below the sections officers (AEE/ AE). They are under the administrative control of Sarpanch of the respective Grama Panchyaths. There is every possibility that they have to work as per the wishes of the Sarpanch and there is ample scope of malpractice.

It is well known that our field engineers are working so hard to extract the work from the unskilled working agencies with out supporting hands duly co-coordinating with the Grama Panchyat. In our sister departments like R&B, Irrigation this type of hard ship is not there. We are requesting the authority to upright the dignity of department, not to demoralize the field staff and not to create unrest in the department.

In view of the above related facts and problems, we request the Engineer-In-Chief, P.R., not to implement the instructions issued vide reference cited and request the Government to cancel the said memo.

It is also informed that if favourable orders were not issued by 31-05-2020 we will have no option than to go on Agitation from 01-06-2020.

Thanking Sir,

Yours faithfully


Secretary General

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