

ANDHRA PRADESH PANCHAYAT RAJ DIPLOMA ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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To
The Hon'ble Minister for Panchayat Raj,
Govt. of Andhra Pradesh,
HYDERABAD:

Honoured Sir,

Sub:- Panchayat Raj Diploma Engineers - Promotion quota for the posts of Assistant Engineers and Draughtsman Grade III enhanced to 70% pending amendment of rules – Pray for amendment of special rules with retrospective effect- Regarding:

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We humbly submit that there is a provision in the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Engineering Subordinate Service Rules issued in GOMs No. 296, PR&RD department, dated: 20.05.1994 for filling up of the posts of Assistant Engineer by promotion of the Assistant Technical Officers and the Junior Technical Officers and by appointment by direct recruitment of the Technical Work Inspectors apart from direct recruitment. Orders were also issued vide G.O.Rt. No. 1391, PR, RD and Relief (Estt. II) Department, dated; 01.09.1994 that ATOs & JTOs with ITI qualification be promoted as Assistant Engineers at every 5th vacancy of the quota fixed for the ATOs & JTOs. The quota fixed for filling up of the posts of Assistant Engineers by direct recruitment and by promotion was 50% and 50% respectively.

In the year 1994, we conducted several agitations leading to going on strike which lasted for 11 days. Consequently the strike was averted following negotiations between the employees and the Government. The Government reached an agreement with the employees according to which the Government agreed to enhance the quota of promotes for the post of Assistant Engineer from 50% to 70%. This was the historic achievement of our just demand.

During the course of implementation of the agreement reached with the Government, the executive instructions were issued in G.O.Rt. No. 1240. PR & RD



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dated: 03.08.1994 pending amendment to the special rules, as an interim measure. In this G.O. specific instructions were issued to the Engineer in Chief to send suitable draft amendment to the rules to that effect. Thus, the quota for promotion to the post of Assistant Engineer is being maintained as 70% from 1994 onwards.

While it being so, we humbly submit that certain direct recruitee Assistant Engineers approached the Hon'ble A.P. Administrative Tribunal and filed O.A. No.7702/2006 assailing the G.O.Rt. No. 1240. PR & RD dated: 03.08.1994. The Hon'ble Tribunal vide its order dated: 17.12.2009 allowed the OA. setting aside the G.O.Rt. No. 1240. PR & RD dated: 03.08.1994 **on the technical ground that no amendment was given to the A.P. Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Engineering Subordinate Service Rules.**

In this connection we humbly wish to bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister that we are having continuous dialogue with the authorities at various levels for amendment of the rules giving statutory status to the executive instructions issued in the G.O.Rt. No. 1240, for the last 22 years. The inordinate delay in amending the rules paved way to litigation resulting in setting aside of the G.O. by the Hon'ble Tribunal.

We humbly submit that no action was taken to amend the rules though ordered in the very GO 1240, dated: 03.08.1994. As a result the Hon'ble Tribunal found fault with and setaside the G.O. Even after receipt of the order dated: 17.12.2009 of the Hon'ble Tribunal, no action was taken to amend the rules or to contest the order of the Hon'ble Tribunal. On the contrary, attempts are being made to implement the order of the Hon'ble Tribunal and it is proposed to notify the posts held by ~~398~~³³⁹ Assistant Engineers for direct recruitment though in fact there are no vacancies at present. It is only an attempt to replace the ~~398~~³³⁹ Assistant Engineers who have put in more than two decades of service with direct recruitees, in utter defiance of the agreement reached by the Government. If the Government decides not to carry out the agreement entered



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into with the employees and to implement the order of the Hon'ble Tribunal, those ³³⁹~~398~~ Assistant Engineers who were promoted to that post from the post of Work Inspector/JTOs would be rendered jobless and thrown into streets as said posts of Work inspector stood disbanded on completion of the works for which they were created. It may lead to creation of supernumerary posts causing heavy expenditure to the exchequer.

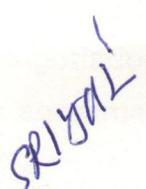
We humbly submit that further delay in implement the agreement made in the year 1994 would only lead to heart burning among the Assistant Engineers. Hence, we seek the attention and intervention of the Hon'ble Minister on this issue in the larger interest of in-service employees.

We therefore pray that the Hon'ble Minister for Panchayat Raj may be pleased to issue orders for amending the A.P. Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Engineering Subordinate Service Rules suitably restoring the quota for promotion to the post of Assistant Engineer as 70% with effect from 03.08.1994, giving statutory status to the orders issued in the G.O.Rt. No. 1240 Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, dated: 03.08.1994 and not to revert the Assistant Engineers as proposed by the Engineer in Chief, at an early date.

Thanking your honour,

Yours faithfully,


GENERAL SECRETARY


PRESIDENT

Copy submitted to the Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Dept., AP Secretariat, Hyderabad with a request to take necessary action.

Copy submitted to the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad with a request to take necessary action.