

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

Department for Women, Children, Disabled & Senior Citizens - Constitution of Committees at Gram Panchayat, Mandal Parishad and District Level for identification of the mentally challenged persons who are not involved in any criminal case and suffer harassment, neglect or deprivation at the hands of their family, for their care, protection or maintenance—Orders—Issued.

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G.O.Ms.No.20

Dated:19-09-2017

Read the following:

1. From the Asst. Registrar, High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad for the State of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, Orders Dated:22-12-2016 and Dated:20-07-2017 in PIL No.238 of 2015.
2. From the Special Government Pleader O/o Additional Advocate General for the State of Telangana, Hyderabad Letter No.585/2016, Dated:23-12-2016.

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O R D E R:

In pursuance of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad for the State of Telangana and State of Andhra Pradesh in PIL No.238 of 2015 in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above the Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby constitute the following Committees at Gram Panchayat Level, Mandal Level and District level to identify the mentally challenged persons who are not involved in any crime and yet, suffer harassment, neglect or deprivation at the hands of their family or seen roaming about in public places without any one taking responsibility for their care, protection or maintenance.

**I. Gram Panchayat Level Committee:**

a) Members:

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| 1.Sarpanch                                 | : | Chairperson     |
| 2.Inclusive Education ResourceTeacher(SSA) | : | Member          |
| 3.Village Revenue Officer                  | : | Member          |
| 4. ICDS Supervisor                         | : | Member/Convenor |

b) Periodicity of Meeting: once in a month

c) Functions of Gram Panchayat Level Committee:

To conduct survey and to identify the mentally challenged persons who are not involved in any crime and yet, suffer harassment, neglect or deprivation at the hands of their family or are seen roaming around in public places without anyone taking responsibility for their care, protection or maintenance and to

submit report to the Convener of the Mandal Level Committee.

## **II. Mandal Level Committee:**

### a) Members:

1. Mandal Parishad Development Officer : Chairperson
2. Tahsildar : Member
3. Station House Officer : Member
4. Medical Officer, PHC, : Member
5. President, Mandal Vikalanga Samakhya : Member
6. Mandal Education Officer : Member
7. NGO Working for the Welfare of Mentally Challenged Persons : Member
8. CDPO : Member / Convener

### b) Periodicity of Meeting : Once in three months

### c) Functions of Mandal Level Committee:

- i. Identifying of mentally challenged persons, who are not involved in any crime and yet, suffer harassment, neglect or deprivation at the hands of their family or are seen roaming around in public places without anyone taking responsibility for their care, protection or maintenance.
- ii. Counselling the family members having such mentally challenged persons.
- iii. Filing cases in Police Station against the harassment of mentally challenged persons.
- iv. Admitting the eligible mentally challenged persons in Special School run by the NGOs.
- v. Admitting the mentally challenged persons who require care outside family in Homes run by Government Departments like Women & Child Welfare Department / Social Welfare Dept., Medical and Health Department and Homes run by Non-Governmental Organizations. Committee shall inspect Homes in which such person are admitted and submit a report to the District Committee on facility available and functioning.
- vi. Discussing any other related matter.
- vii. The MPDO concerned shall send the minutes of the meeting along with proposal if any to the District Welfare Officer, WCD&SC of the concerned District.

## **III. District Level Committee:**

### a) Members:

1. District Collector : Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Police : Member
3. District Medical & Health Officer : Member
4. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad: Member
5. Project Director, DRDA : Member
6. Project Officer, SSA : Member
7. District Welfare Officer, WCD&SC : Member/

Convener  
8. NGO working for the Welfare of  
Mentally Challenged Persons. : Member  
9. Secretary, District Legal Service  
Authority : Spl. Invitee

b) Periodicity of Meeting: At least once in six months.

c) Function of District Level Committee:

- i. To review the progress of the activities taken up at Mandal Level.
- ii. To suggest the activities to be taken up by the Departments at District Level.
- iii. Empanelment of Non-Governmental Organization for providing care and rehabilitation to the needy mentally challenged persons particularly under Gharaunda, Samarth and Vikas schemes of the National Trust.
- iv. To start innovative projects with CSR funds.
- v. To send the reports along with proposal if any to the Director, Welfare of Disabled & Sr. Citizens, Hyderabad.
- vi. To send annual report to the Director, Welfare of Disabled and Senior Citizens Department.

5. The Director, Welfare of Disabled and Senior Citizens, Telangana, shall take necessary action in the matter. She is also directed to review the matter periodically in coordination with the District Collectors and take appropriate action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

G.ASOK KUMAR,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC).

To  
The Director,  
Welfare of Disabled & Senior Citizens, Hyderabad.  
The Director,  
Women Development and Child Welfare,  
Hyderabad (with a request to take necessary action)  
All the District Collectors (through the Director, WD&SC)  
All the Superintendent of Police (through the Director, WD&SC)  
All the District Welfare Officers, WCD&SC (through Director, WD&SC)  
Copy to:  
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department.  
The Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department.  
The School Education Department.  
The Revenue Department.  
The Home Department  
The Law Department.  
The P.S. to Prl. Secy. (FAC), Deptt., for WCD&SC.  
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