

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

LANDS – Provision of lands for Burial Grounds – PROTECTION, IMPROVEMENT of existing Burial Grounds in Urban and Rural areas and IDENTIFICATION of Future requirements – Action Plan – Guidelines - Issued.

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REVENUE (ASSIGNMENT –I) DEPARTMENT

**GO Ms.No. 715**

**Dated:16-07-2009**

**READ:**

1.G.O.Ms.No.1235, Revenue (Assignment –I) Dept., Dated 25.10.2008.

**ORDER:**

Government have issued certain guidelines in the reference read above.

2. During the review meeting held by Hon'ble Chief Minister on provision of lands for Burial Grounds in Urban and Rural areas and Identification of future requirements, the need for providing burial grounds has been emphasized in the Urban and Rural areas for every Community i.e., Hindus, Muslims and Christians, and it is desired that Collectors must be asked to identify suitable Government lands on priority basis for allocating them for the burial grounds and in case no suitable Government lands are available, private lands may be identified for the acquisition. For the acquisition of private lands for the burial grounds, the budgetary provisions may be made in the next financial year. It has also been felt that for the next 6 months, a plan of Action should be prepared on "**Mission Mode**" for protection and beautification of existing burial grounds all over the State and the tie-up may also be explored under the NREGP funds for the provision of burial grounds.

3. After careful examination of the entire issue, Government hereby issue the following orders for strict compliance:-

- (1) Advisory committees for each burial / cremation ground in villages / towns / cities shall be constituted to assist the Revenue Authorities / Gram Panchayats /Municipalities in proper protection / maintenance / beautification of burial / cremation grounds.
- (2) At the Mandal level, Mandal Revenue Officer should be made convener and made responsible for convening of Advisory Committee meetings and for taking further action regarding protection / beautification of existing burial / cremation grounds.
- (3) The existing burial grounds must be protected from encroachments by arranging fencing with the help of local financial contributions by the Communities. The assistance of Advisory Committees may also be sought to obtain Community participation in providing such fencing and beautification.
- (4) Community participation towards the land donations for the purpose of burial grounds may be solicited.

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(5) This Action Plan should be implemented in a "*Mission Mode*" within next 6 months time.

4. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration and all the Dist. Collectors are hereby directed to take up urgent action as per the above guidelines. They are also requested to send action taken report to Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJESHWAR TIWARI,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To  
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration,  
Hyderabad.  
All the Dist. Collectors.

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