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To  
The Special Secretary to Government,  
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A.P Secretariat,  
Hyderabad.

**Lr.No. 284/APSCMFC/AO/Churches/2014, Dt: 08.07.2014**

Sir,

Sub: Andhra Pradesh State Christian Minorities Finance Corporation -  
Minorities Welfare Department – Proposal to **enhance the ceiling for  
Financial Assistance for Church construction and repairs** – Request – Reg.

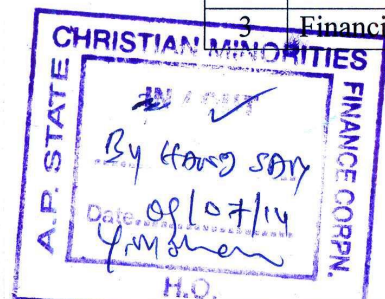
Ref: 1 GO Ms. No. 121 Minorities Welfare (ICM-II) Dept., Dt:01.04.2010  
2 Memo No. 2911/ICM-II/A2/2010-1 MW Dept, Dt: 21.02.2011  
3 GO Ms.No.3 Minorities Welfare (Genl.) Dept., Dt: 08.02.2002  
4 This office Lr. No. 284 / APSCMFC / AO / Churches / 2014,  
Dated:21.04.2014 addressed to the Special Secretary to Government,  
Minorities Welfare Department

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It is submitted that in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, Government have issued orders giving mandate to APSCMFC to implement the schemes pertaining to release of Financial Assistance to all Christian Hospitals, School Building, Orphanages, Old Age Homes, Community Hall cum Youth Resource Centre, Burial Grounds etc.

It is submitted that vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, Government have fixed / enhanced the quantum of financial assistance to Church run institutions as follows:

S.No	Name of the Scheme	Maximum Financial Assistance fixed (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Financial Assistance to Hospitals	10.00
2	Financial Assistance to School Buildings	5.00
3	Financial Assistance to Old Age Homes	5.00



4	Financial Assistance to Orphanages	5.00
5	Financial Assistance to Community Halls cum Youth Resource Centre	5.00

Even though Government have fixed / enhanced the quantum of amount for Financial Assistance to Church run institutions, the amount being sanctioned for repairs to Churches has not been increased till date. The amount fixed for repair and construction of Churches vide reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited is Rs.30,000/- for repairs and Rs.1.00lakh for Construction. The amount fixed for Church repairs / constructions has been fixed in 2002 and for the past 12 years the amount has not been enhanced and repeated requests are being received from the clergy to send proposal to Government to enhance the amount, since it has not been enhanced since 12 years.

Since the Churches have to accommodate all the worshippers and sufficient space is required for Altar, Pulpit and for reading Bible verses and for orchestra for playing music and for singing hymns, there would be a minimum requirement of 2000Sq.Ft even for smallest Churches in villages.

Hence, it is requested to raise the Financial Assistance for Church Repairs to Rs.5.00Lakhs and for Church Construction to Rs.10.00Lakhs on par with the financial assistance being released to Christian Hospitals.

It is further submitted that in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, it has been mentioned that all the proposals for Financial Assistance to Church run institutions should be sent to Government through District Collector and APSC(M)FC, but in practice some of the beneficiary institutions / districts are directly sending the proposals to Government, because of which this office is unable to keep track of all the proposals.

Hence, it is requested to insist that all the proposals are received through APSC(M)FC only from all beneficiary institutions / districts.

It is also requested to issue administrative sanction for Church repairs / constructions by taking into consideration the population of Christians in the village as per Census giving preference to the villages which has highest Christian population.

In case of Financial Assistance to Church run institutions like Christian Hospitals, School Buildings, Old Age Homes, Orphanages, Community Halls, Burial Grounds etc., administrative sanction may be issued by giving preference to the institutions as per the criteria fixed by the Government in reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited.

Since, sanction of funds for Church construction / repairs and Financial Assistance to Church run institutions like Christian Hospitals, School Buildings, Old Age Homes, Orphanages, Community Halls, Burial Grounds etc., is a continuous process and since the work has to be monitored even after releasing the amount, it is requested to give permission to this Corporation to prepare an online Web Based Module for receiving the proposals, monitoring the movement of Proposals in the O/o. DMWO / District Collector / Managing Director etc., so as to bring in transparency in the entire process and also to monitor the Civil Works continuously.

Thanking you sir,

Yours faithfully,

o/c   
**Managing Director**

Copy submitted to:

1. The Commissioner of Minority Welfare, AP Hyderabad for information.