

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Minorities Welfare Department – Conduct of Mass Marriages of Muslims –  
Constitution of State Level Committee – Guidelines – Issued.

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MINORITIES WELFARE (WAKF-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.340

Dated: 21 -07-2008

**Read the following:-**

- 1) Govt. Memo No. 2482/Wakf-III/A1/2008, Dt: 15.5.2008.
- 2) From the Chief Executive Officer, A.P. State Wakf Board, Hyderabad,  
Letter F.No.12/CEO Peshi/2008, Dt: 23.5.2008 & 02.06.2008.

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**ORDER:**

Government have introduced an innovative scheme of Mass Marriages of Muslims who are below the poverty line. Accordingly, a budget provision of Rs. 5.00 crores have been provided during the financial year 2008-2009. A meeting with all the Muslim MPs, MLAs, MLCs, Religious Scholars and Editors of all Urdu News Dailies was convened to elicit their opinion on 19-04-2008 at 11.00 a.m., in Secretariat Buildings.

2. Based on the detailed discussions in the meeting after careful examination, Government have constituted a State Level Committee on Mass Marriages of Muslims to suggest the guidelines of marriages including details of items to be given by Govt. at the time of marriages.

3. After prolonged deliberations, the State Level Committee on Mass Marriages of Muslims resolved and suggested certain guidelines which are annexed to this order.

4. After careful examination of the entire matter, Government have decided to allocate 85% of the budget for Muslims Mass Marriages and 15% of the budget for Christians Mass Marriages out of total allocated budget of Rs.5.00 Crores and also approved the guidelines for sanction of financial assistance for Mass Marriages of Minorities.

5. The Chief Executive Officer, A.P. State Wakf Board, Hyderabad and the Managing Director, A.P. State Minorities Finance Corporation, Hyderabad are requested to take further action accordingly.

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

LINGARAJ PANIGRAHI  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Chief Executive Officer,  
A.P. State Wakf Board, Hyderabad.(w.e.).  
The Managing Director,  
A.P. State Minorities Finance Corporation, Hyderabad.(w.e.)

**copy to:-**

The PS to Prl. Secy., to CM.  
The PS to M(EC&MW)  
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Guidelines for sanction of financial assistance for Mass Marriages of Muslims.

- 1) The “Mass Marriages of Muslims” Scheme renamed as “ Marriages of Poor Muslims Girls”.  
(Imdaad Barai Shadi Gareeb Muslim Ladkiyan).
- 2) Purchase articles to the extent of Rs.15,000/- for each couple for Mass Marriages celebrated on a particular date. The Committee will be worked out the item-wise estimate of amount to be spent on each couple.
- 3) Release funds to the deserving poor Muslim families subject to production of the following documents ;
  - a. White Ration Card.
  - b. In case white ration card is not available, Income Certificate to be obtained from the Mandal Revenue Officer.
  - c. Certificate from President and Imam of the nearest Masjid to confirm the genuineness of Marriage.
  - d. With regard to Income limit, the Below Poverty Line System followed by the Government is to be adopted.
- 4) To give wide publicity for creating awareness among the poor Muslims through Media by calling for a Press Conference.
- 5) To give notification in leading news papers calling for applications, who are in need and intending to celebrate their wedding in Mass Marriage Camps.
- 6) To celebrate Marriages of poor Muslim Girls will be 3 times in a year basing on the auspicious months as per practice in Muslims, commencing from August, 2008.
- 7) To constitute the following two Sub-Committees:-
  1. State Level Purchase Committee with the Members of State level Committee.
  2. Scrutiny Committee, one at District Level and another at State Level, so as to verify the genuineness of the applications. The State level Committee shall be nominated by the Govt. The District level Committee will be consisting of the following Members.
    - a) District Revenue Officer (Dist. Wakf Officer).
    - b) Inspector Auditor Waks.
    - c) District Minorities Welfare Officer. If not available Executive Director of A.P. State Minorities Finance Corporation.
    - d) President, District Wakf Committee.
    - e) Local Islamic Scholar (Reputed Aalim), nominated by the Govt.
8. Allocation of Budget according to Muslim population in the Districts.

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