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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Handloom Industry - Organisation and Registration of New Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies in the State - Revised guidelines - Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (HL) DEPARTMENT

G. O. Ms. No. 206,

Dated: 5.6.1992.

Read the following:

1. G. O. Ms. No. 233, Industries & Commerce (HL) Department, dated: 13.5.1983.
2. G. O. Ms. No. 593, Industries and Commerce (HL) Department, dated: 8.12.1983.
3. Government Memo. No. 299/HL.2/91-2, Dated: 11.11.1991.
4. From the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Hyderabad, Letter No. HE, HYD./1013/PCD/J.1(a)/92-93, dated: 22.4.1992.
5. From the Commissioner for Handlooms and Director of Handlooms and Textiles, Proposal in Rc No. 24165/91/F2, dt. 14.5.1992.

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ORDER:

In the year 1982, proposals for reorganisation of Primary Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies were considered. While the proposals were under consideration the Government have imposed a ban on the organisation and registration of New Weavers Cooperative Societies. Subsequently, in the orders first and second read above revised guidelines/norms to carry out the programme of reorganisation of Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies have been issued.

2. The reorganisation of the Societies was completed as per the guidelines and the Commissioner for Handlooms and Director of Handlooms and Textiles has approached the Government for lifting the ban on the organisation and registration of the New Weavers Cooperative Societies. The Government in Memo. No. 299/HL.2/91-2, dated: 11.11.1991 have lifted the ban and requested the Commissioner for Handlooms and Director of Handlooms and Textiles to formulate guidelines to organise New Societies

3. The Commissioner for Handlooms and Director of Handlooms and Textiles has reported that number of representations have been received for organisation of New Weavers Cooperative Societies and the Assistant Directors (H&T) have submitted proposals for organising New Weavers Cooperative Societies. Further the need to bringing more weavers into Cooperative fold by organising New Weavers Cooperative Societies in the State has also been felt in view of the recent crisis in the Handloom Industry.

4. The Commissioner for Handlooms and Director of Handlooms and Textiles has accordingly discussed the matter with the officers of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and Andhra Pradesh State Cooperative Bank (APCOB) and formulated certain proposals. The main point agreed to in that

meeting is that a new weavers Cooperative Society can be with 100 looms and turn over of Rs.3.50 lakhs per annum. Other points agreed to similarly related to less number for cotton, zari, silk or polyester Societies, Scheduled SCs/Scheduled Tribes(ST) Societies, Cotton Nayar Tape Societies etc. The proceedings of the meeting have been forwarded to the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development(NABARD) for acceptance to facilitate organisation of new Societies. In reply, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have informed that it agreed with the proposal to adopt the new norms to Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies with 100 active looms and turn over of Rs.3.50 lakhs per annum. Regarding the other proposals for Cotton-Zari Weavers Societies, Silk/Polyester/Wool Societies, Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Societies and Cotton Nayar Tape Societies, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has promised to convey its remarks later.

5. In the light of the above position, the Commissioner for Handlooms and Director of Handlooms and Textiles has proposed that the guidelines now prescribed in the meeting and agreed to by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development(NABARD) for Cotton/Wool Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies may be approved as the majority of weavers in the State weave Cotton and Wool varieties.

6. The Government after careful consideration approve the proposal of the Commissioner for Handlooms and Director of Handlooms and Textiles and in supersession of the orders issued in G.O. second read above, direct that a new Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society can be organised and registered with a minimum of 100 looms and with an annual turn over of Rs.3.50 lakhs. Government also direct that the other guidelines as in the annexure to this order should be kept in view while organising New Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society.

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

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(HANDLOOMS)

To  
The Commissioner for Handlooms and  
Director of Handlooms and Textiles,  
Hyderabad.

Copy to

The Commissioner for Cooperation and  
Registrar of Cooperative Societies,  
Hyderabad.

The Managing Director,  
A.P. State Handloom Weavers  
Cooperative Society Limited (APCO),  
Hyderabad.

The Managing Director,  
A.P. State Cooperative Bank (APCOB),  
Hyderabad.

The Managing Director,  
National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD),  
Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER.

The area of operation of each society should be clearly demarcated in terms of streets/wards etc., specifically to avoid overlapping of jurisdiction of the societies and also to make the inspections easy.

2. In cases wherein a village/town unit, number of looms are less than minimum number specified and where more than one village/town unit has to be covered for enlisting members into the society for such minimum level of looms, the area of operation of the society may be extended to the adjoining village/town unit confining to the radius of 8 kms., having clear road access.
3. Area of operation of the society proposed to be registered should be clearly demarcated and there should be no overlapping i.e., the area of operation should not overlap with the existing societies.
4. The members of the society shall be weavers and dependent upon weaving profession for earning their livelihood.
5. Each member of the society should produce and supply 50% of their production to the society. Quarterly reviews of production and supply would be made by the Board of each society and delete the names of such members who failed to supply 50% of their production to the societies. Depending upon the nature of cloth produced by the member weavers the society may fix the minimum production of each variety by a weaver per month. This minimum production should form the guidelines for assessing the 50% of the production by weaver member. This should be incorporated in byelaw of the society. The society should market the cloth produced by them directly without solely depending upon Andhra Pradesh State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society (APCO) procurement orders.
6. No attempt should be made to bifurcate the existing societies. The existing societies should be continued. If the existing societies are not viable, then steps should be taken to liquidate the society first and then only proposals should be submitted for registering a new society.
7. Membership in the societies already functioning shall be regulated as per the provisions of the byelaws, Acts and Rules before proposing new society/Societies in the same area.
8. All the looms available in the existing societies should be numbered and a register should be maintained furnishing the following particulars: (1) Name of the Society, (2) Names of the Weavers, (3) S.N.O. given to the loom, (4) the H.N.C. in which the loom is situated.
9. No member is eligible to become a member of the proposed new society, if the society in which he is already a member, is in working condition, as per the records.
10. Organisation of new societies can also be considered in place of the dormant societies whose accumulated losses exceeds their own funds, by taking action for liquidation of such dormant societies not fit for revival.