

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Horticulture Department - Establishment of Horticulture University at Venkataramannagudem, near Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District and its 3 constituent Horticulture Colleges in the State from the academic year 2007-08 - Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE & CO-OPERATION (HORTI.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.134

Dated: 26-06-2007

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.212, Agriculture & Co-operation (Horti.) Department, dated 27.2.2007
2. Report of the Committee constituted by Acharya N.G. Ranga Agriculture University on sharing of assets, staff and financial requirements.

ORDER:

Andhra Pradesh has a strong base in Horticulture. State is a leading producer of a variety of fruits and vegetables such as mangoes, citrus fruits, grapes, bananas, pineapple, tomatoes, onions, cashew, chillies etc. In fact, Andhra Pradesh is the second largest producer of fruits in India and one of the largest vegetable-producing states in the country. It produced an estimated over 14.43 million tons of horticulture produce. About 3.97 million tons of vegetables and 0.86 million tons of Spices and about 1253 million number of Coconuts during the year 2005-06. Due to its varied agro-climatic conditions, the State has a potentiality of having a thriving horticulture sector. It is estimated that the horticulture sector in Andhra Pradesh will account for 10-15 per cent of the State's agricultural GDP and contribute to raising overall per capita agricultural income in the State.

2. To achieve the objective of developing the horticulture growth engine, it is imperative to focus attention on Advanced Training in Research Methodologies and instrumentation, high-tech horticulture, biotechnology, micro-irrigation, fertilization, IPM, INM, bio-fertilizer, bio-pesticide, pesticide residue, PHT and product development. Post-graduate programmes in fruit, vegetables, floriculture, plantation crops and post-harvest management of horticultural crops will help in providing trained manpower in specialized areas. In order to further strengthen the teaching and research programme in Horticulture, it is considered necessary to establish a separate Horticulture University in Andhra Pradesh.

3. Considering representations received for setting up of a separate Horticulture University in the State, Government decide to establish Horticulture University at Venkataramannagudem near Tadepalligudem in West Godavari District having highest horticulture corps like cashew, nut, spices etc. West Godavari District has maximum number of horticulture Research Stations i.e. Kovvor (Banana), Venkataramannagudem (Sapota, mango and coconut), Vijayrai (coconut, oil palm, vegetables), Pedavegi (Oil Palm). The adjacent districts of East Godavari and Krishna are the State Hub of Floriculture and mango respectively and the State Horticulture Export Zone is located at Vijayawada. Keeping in view the potential background of varieties of horticultural crops, Government after careful consideration decide to establish State Horticulture University at Venkataramannagudem, near Tadepalligudem in West Godavari District.

4. Government also decide to establish three constituent Horticulture Colleges at the following places:

- (i) Venkataramannagudem near Tadepalligudem in West Godavari District,
- (ii) Anantharajupeta of Kadapa District and
- (iii) Mojerla Village, Peddamandadi Mandal, Mahboob Nagar District.

The above three Horticulture Colleges shall be started with 50 (fifty only) students each in the current academic year 2007-08. However, from 2008-09 onwards, the intake of

students will be 100 (one hundred only) in each of these colleges. Students of BSc (Horti.) already studying in the existing Agriculture colleges will continue to be, from 2 year onwards, in the colleges/places unless they opt to join the new Horticulture Colleges under the new Horticulture University. The University is permitted to take accommodation wherever necessary on rental basis for the University and the three colleges at the above places. The Registrar, Comptroller and Estate Officer of Acharya N.G Ranga Agriculture University, Hyderabad (ANGRAU) shall extend their services for taking care of initial establishment, intake of new students, academic matters, general administration, financial and estate matters of Horticulture University.

5. Regarding land for main campus of Horticulture University and Horticulture College at Venkataramannagudem, out of the total land of Acharya N.G Ranga Agriculture University, Hyderabad (ANGRAU)/ Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University (SVVU) measuring 296 acres, an extent of 246 acres at Venkataramannagudem shall be allotted to Horticulture University, leaving about 50 acres of land to Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University.

6. Transfer of existing land, buildings, institutions, staff and budget as proposed by the Committee constituted by ANGRAU, may be commenced immediately. However, specific orders on these issues, after detailed examination, will be issued separately. The Acharya N.G Ranga Agriculture University, Hyderabad is requested to provide funds for the Horticulture University and three colleges initially over and above Rs.13.00 Crores (Rupees thirteen crores only) already accepted by ANGRAU to meet expenses to establish the new Horticulture University as well as the three constituent colleges.

7. The Registrar, ANGRAU, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action.

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

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To:

The Registrar, Acharya N.G.Ranga Agriculture University, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.

The Registrar, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupathi.

The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Hyderabad;

The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad.

Copies to:

The Special Secretary to Chief Minister, A.P., Hyderabad.

PS to Minister for Agriculture, ATM, Horticulture, Sericulture, Rain Shadow Areas Development, A.P., Hyderabad.

PS to Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Veterinary University, Fisheries

P.S. to Minister for Finance, Planning, Small Savings, Lotteries, Legislative Affairs, A.P., Hyderabad.

PS 10 Chief Secretary to Government, A.P., Hyderabad.

PS to APC & Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt., ATM, Agri. & Co-op. Dept., A.P., Hyderabad.

PS to Special Chief Secretary to Govt., Animal Husbandry, Fisheries Dept. & Dairy Development, A.P., Hyderabad.

P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to Govt., Finance Department, A.P., Hyderabad.

PS to Principal Secretary to Govt. (Agriculture), Agriculture & Co-op. Dept., A.P., Hyderabad.

PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Finance (R&E) Department, A.P., Hyderabad.

P.S. to Principal Secretary to Govt. (C&M), Agriculture & Co-op. Dept., A.P., Hyderabad.

PS to Secretary (Legal Affairs), Law Department, A.P., Hyderabad.

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