

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Communal Harmony – Promotion of religious harmony in the State – Enhancement of financial support to the places of worship of 3 important religious communities of the State viz., Hindus, Muslims and Christians – Orders – Issued.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 52

Dated: 14-05-2021.

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**ORDER :**

The State of Andhra Pradesh has always been known for its communal peace and harmony. People of all castes and religions have been in peaceful coexistence and have adopted attitude of progressive and harmonious coexistence in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Government of Andhra Pradesh is committed to strengthen further the cause of religious harmony in the State. In order to maintain the quality of services rendered in the Temples, the Government of Andhra Pradesh supports Temples, by providing monthly remuneration of Rs.10,000/- to Category-I Archakas and Rs.5,000/- to Category-II Archakas. Similarly, for maintaining the quality of services in Mosques, registered with Wakf Board, the State Government supports by providing monthly remuneration of Rs.5,000/- to Imams and Rs.3,000/- to Mauzzins.

2. For further ensuring the religious harmony in the State, Government has decided to increase the support to the above stated religious institutions by enhancing the remuneration/honorarium support from Government to the functionaries working there. Government has also decided to provide support to functionaries working in Churches similar to the support given to the Archakas working in temples and Imams and Mauzzins working in mosques.

3. Accordingly, Government hereby accord sanction for enhancement of remuneration / honorarium to the functionaries working in the places of worship of 3 important religious communities of the State viz., Hindus, Muslims and Christians, as indicated below:

Sl. No.	Category	Existing remuneration / honorarium (per month)	Proposed enhancement / Honorarium (per month)
1	Archakas Category.I, serving in temples	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 15,625/-
2	Archakas Category.II, serving in temples	Rs. 5,000/-	Rs. 10,000/-
3	Imams, serving in mosques	Rs. 5,000/-	Rs.10,000/-
4	Mauzzins , serving in mosques	Rs. 3,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-
5	Pastors, serving in churches	--	Rs. 5,000/-

4. Government has already issued the guidelines for supporting the temples and mosques in this regard. On the similar lines, Government hereby approves the following 3 eligibility criteria that have to be fulfilled by the church to be considered under the scheme-

- (a) the Church should be registered under the Societies Act;
- (b) the land should be registered in the name of Church;
- (c) the institution should not have any other source of income.

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5. The Revenue (Endowments) Department and the Minorities Welfare Department shall take necessary further action in the matter.

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

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Revenue (Endowments.I) Department.  
The Minorities Welfare Department.  
The Commissioner of Endowments, A.P., Vijayawada.  
The Chairman, A.P. State Waqf Board.  
The Commissioner, Minorities Welfare, A.P.  
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada.

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All the District Treasury Officers of the State.  
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