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REVENUE DEPARTMENT
(ENDOWMENTS.I)

AMENDMENT TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH CHARITABLE AND HINDU RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND ENDOWMENTS IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES AND OTHER RIGHTS (OTHER THAN AGRICULTURAL LANDS) LEASES AND LICENSES RULES, 2003 - **FINAL NOTIFICATION.**

[G.O.Ms.No.15, Revenue (Endowments.I), 9th January, 2026.]

FINAL NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 82 read with sub- section (1) of section 153 of the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987 (Andhra Pradesh Act No.30 of 1987), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Immovable Properties and Other Rights (Other than Agricultural Lands) Leases and Licenses

Rules, 2003, issued in G.O.Ms.No.866, Revenue (Endowments-I) Department, dated.08-08-2003, and the same having been previously issued in G.O.Ms.No.139, Revenue (Endowments.I) Department, dated.02-05-2025 and published in the Extraordinary issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette No.239, dated.02-05-2025 as required under Sub-Section (1) of Section 153 of the said Act.

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules , -

1. In Rule 2, for clause (b), the following shall be substituted, namely as follows:-

“(b) ‘Competent Authority’ means the authorities competent to grant leases under these Rules.”

2. In Rule 4, after sub – clause (ii) of clause (J) of Sub Rule (2), the following sub – clause shall be added, namely : -

“(iii) In the case of reputed organizations carrying out charitable activities, as defined under Section 2(5) of the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987, operating on a non-profit basis and having engaged in continuous charitable activities for not less than twenty (20) years immediately preceding the date of application, and having been granted lease of Endowments land previously and having complied with the lease conditions satisfactorily, in such cases, leases or licenses may be extended otherwise than through public auction. Such leases or licenses may be granted, for reasons to be recorded in writing, on a reasonable rent or fee, taking into account the activities and objectives of the organization. This provision is intended to facilitate the continued pursuit of their activities and objectives, without hindrance, in the larger interest of public welfare.

All leases falling under Clause (iii) of Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 4 shall be granted or renewed only by the Dharmika Parishad wherever such leases exceed a period of 5 years. In the case of leases up to 5 years period, the Commissioner shall be the competent authority. Before taking any decision on such proposals, objections and suggestions from the general public shall be invited by issuing a notification in a leading daily newspaper, allowing a minimum period of ten (10) days for responses. Further, no activity that is detrimental to the sentiments of Hindu devotees shall be permitted on lease premises belonging to a religious Institution. It shall also be competent for the authority sanctioning such lease to impose such conditions as may be deemed appropriate, keeping in view the interests and objectives of the institution to which the land belongs.

Provided that, in the case of leases or licenses granted under Rule 4(2) (J) (iii), such lease or licenses shall be liable for termination if it comes to the notice of the competent authority that the lessee is no longer carrying out the activities for which the lease was originally granted.

Provided further that, in all cases falling under Rule 4(2) (J), the period of lease/license so granted shall not exceed thirty – three (33) years in any single instance."

3. In Rule 12, for the existing proviso under Sub Rule (2), the following shall be substituted namely,-

"Provided that the Commissioner shall be the Competent Authority for approval of the leases or licenses otherwise than by way of public auction in all cases irrespective of the category of the institution and the value of the lease, for a period not exceeding five (5) years."

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