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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT
(SERVICES)

ANDHRA PRADESH SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE RULES, 1996 - CERTAIN
AMENDMENTS.

[G.O.Ms.No. 16, Social Welfare (Services), 19th September, 2026.]

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India and of all other powers here unto enabling, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Social Welfare Services Rules, 1996, issued in G.O.Ms.No.188 Social Welfare (A2) Department dated 31.12.1997 as subsequently amended from time to time.

The Notification shall be deemed to have come into force with effect on and from 15.07.2026.

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules, —

(1) In Rule 2, under the heading “Constitution”, after Category 10, the following shall be inserted, namely;

Category 11 - Assistant Social Welfare Officer.

(2) In Rule 3,

(i) After Serial No. (10), the following shall be added, namely;

Category	Method of Appointment
11. Assistant Social Welfare Officer	1. By Direct Recruitment 2. By appointment by transfer of Hostel Welfare Officer Grade-I from the Social Welfare Subordinate Service Rules

(3) In Rule 5, in the Annexure, after Category -4 the following shall be inserted against columns (1), (2) and (3);

Category	Method of Appointment	Qualification
(1)	(2)	(3)
11. Assistant Social Welfare Officer	(i). By Direct Recruitment	Must Possess a Bachelor's Degree of a University in India established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, Provincial Act or State Act or an Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission or an equivalent qualification.
	(ii). By promotion	i. Must have passed Accounts Test for Subordinate Officers Part-I and Part-II. ii. Must have passed Revenue Test Part-I, Paper-I.

(4) In Rule 9, after the word "Category -4", where ever they occur the words "and Category-11" shall be added.

(5) For Rule 10, the following shall be substituted, namely:

- i. Every person appointed by direct recruitment to the category-4 shall pass the Accounts Test for Executive Officers and the first paper of Revenue Test Part-I, within the period of probation.
- ii. Every person appointed by direct recruitment to the category-11 shall pass the Accounts Test for Subordinate Officers Part-I and first paper of Revenue Test Part-I, within the period of probation.

(6) In Rule 11, for the existing Table, the following Table along with proviso and note shall be substituted:

Sl. No	Category of post	Unit of Appointment	Appointing Authority
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	(4) Assistant Director (Social Welfare) including District Social Welfare Officer	Multi Zone -I: Comprising Zone -I, Zone- II and Zone- III: Multi Zone-II : Comprising Zone- IV, Zone-V, and Zone- VI	Director of Social Welfare

2.	(11) Assistant Social Welfare Officer	Zone -I: Comprising Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli. Zone- II: Comprising Godavari, Kakinada, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema, Zone-III: Comprising West Godavari, Eluru, N.T.R, Krishna.	Director of Social Welfare
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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Zone- IV: Comprising Guntur, Palnadu, Bapatla, Prakasam, Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore. Zone-V: Comprising Tirupati, Chittoor, Annamayya, YSR Kadapa. Zone-VI: Comprising Nandyal, Ananthapuramu, Kurnool, Sri Sathya Sai.	

Provided that the post of Assistant Director including District Social Welfare Officer in the Office of Director of Social Welfare shall be filled on tenure basis by drafting persons holding the said posts from the Multi zonal units in the ratio of cadre strength of the category for the respective Multi zones for a period not exceeding three years at a time.

Note 1: The Unit of Appointment specified in Column (3) of the Table above shall constitute a separate unit for the purposes of appointment, recruitment, discharge, seniority, promotion, transfer, and other service matters in terms of Paragraph 5(1) of the Presidential Order, 2025.

Note 2: The extent of reservation in favour of local candidates in direct recruitment to the categories of posts to be filled by direct recruitment shall be ninety-five percent (95%), as specified in the Presidential Order, 2025.

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