

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Services – The Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Service Rules, 2001 – Amendments – Notification - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT [E.V] DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.35

Dated:07-04-2025
Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.347, PR & RD [E.VI] Deptt., Dated 21.11.2001.
2. G.O.Ms.No.253, PR & RD [E.VII] Deptt., Dated.29.08.2012.
3. G.O.Ms.No. 674, PR&RD (E.V) Deptt. Dated: 30.09.2020.
4. G.O.Ms.No.72, PR & RD (E.V) Deptt. Dated: 06.10.2021.
5. G.O.Ms.No. 01, PR &RD (E.V) Dept., dt 01.01.2024,
6. The Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, A.P.e.file.C.No.2691670 received on 24.01.2025
7. Government Letter No.2694840/Estt.V/2025, Dated:28.03.2025
8. From the Secretary (FAC), APPSC, Vijayawada, Lr.No.GAD03-APPSORR/3/2025-RRS, Dated:04/04/2025.

ORDER :-

In the G.O. first read above, orders were issued on Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Service Rules, 2001. In the G.O. second read above, orders were issued amending the said rules for the posts of Extension Officers (PR&RD) and Extension Officers (PR&RD) Grade-I and made a single cadre as Extension Officers (Panchayat Raj & Rural Development). In the G.O. fourth read above, orders were issued amending Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Service Rules to include newly created post of Divisional Development Officer.

2. In the reference sixth read above, the Commissioner of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development has submitted a proposal stating that in continuation of integration of the cadres mentioned in para 1 above, the remaining cadres at Mandal and Divisional level (Mandal Parishad Development Officer & Divisional Panchayat Officer) and District level (District Panchayat Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Divisional Development Officer) have to be integrated. Accordingly, he has proposed amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Service Rules, 2001 for restructuring the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development services integrating various equivalent services within the department to avoid too many verticals in seniority and to reduce duplication of cadres with proper career prospects and more effective delivery of services to the rural people.

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3. Government have examined the proposal of Commissioner of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development. After careful consideration of the proposal, Government have decided to make necessary amendments to Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Service Rules, 2001 and accordingly, hereby direct that the appended Notification shall be published in an Extraordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette. Dated: --

4. The Commissioner of Printing Stationary and Stores Purchase (Printing Wing) Department, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall publish the notification in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette and furnish 100 copies to Government.

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

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner, Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase (Printing Wing)
Department, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

Copy to

The Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj and Rural Development,
PVS ICON, Tadepalli, Guntur District.

The Principal Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The General Administration (Services)/Cabinet Department

The Finance (HR) Department.

The Law (A) Department.

All HODs under the control of PR & RD Department.

The Director, A.P. Treasuries and Accounts Department, Vijayawada.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

All the District Collectors in the State.

All the Chief Executive Officers in the State.

All the District Panchayat Officers in the State.

The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.

The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.CM (PR&RD).

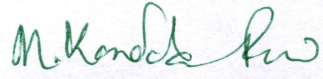
The PS to Chief Minister.

The PS to Chief Secretary.

The PS to Prl. Secy. to Govt.(PR&RD).

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SECTION OFFICER

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, read with sub-section (1) of Section 268 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 [Andhra Pradesh Act No. 13 of 1994] the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Service Rules, 2001 issued in G.O.Ms.No.347, PR &RD (E.VI) dept, dated:21.11.2001 as subsequently amended from time to time.

AMENDMENTS

In the said rules,

- 1 (i) For the words "Extension Officer (Panchayat Raj & Rural Development)" shall be substituted with the words, "Deputy Mandal Parishad Development Officer".

(2) In Rule 2,

- (i) Under class A, Category (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"Deputy Commissioner including Additional Director (Panchayat Raj) in A.Madhava Reddy Academy of Rural Development (formerly APARD) and Principals of Extension Training Centres";

- (ii) Under Class A, Category (3), the following shall be substituted, namely,

"Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishads";

- (iii) Under Class A, Category (4), the following expression shall be substituted, namely:-

"Divisional Development Officer (DDO)/District Panchayat Officer including Gazetted Instructor (Panchayats) in Extension Training Centres/ Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishads including Deputy Director of "A.Madhava Reddy Academy of Rural Development (formerly APARD)".

- (iv) Under Class A, Category (7)" the following expression shall be substituted, namely:-

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"Mandal Parishad Development Officer including Gazetted Instructor (Panchayat Raj) in A.Madhava Reddy Academy of Rural Development (formerly APARD) and Extension Training Centres/ Divisional Panchayat Officer".

(v) Under Class A, Category (9), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"Deputy Mandal Parishad Development Officer".

(vi) Under Class A, the existing provisions under Category 4 (a) Divisional Development Officer, Category (5) District Panchayat Officer including Gazetted Instructor (Panchayats) in Extension Training Centres and Category (8) "Divisional Panchayat Officer" shall be omitted.;

(vii) The existing Categories under Rule 2 Class A, shall be re-numbered, namely, Category (6) as Category (5) and Category (7) as Category (6) and Category (9) as Category (7).

(3) In the Rule 3,

1. Under the Table, the following shall be substituted against the entries at Sl.Nos 2,3,4 and 7 as follows:

Sl. No.	Class and category	Method of appointment	Appointing authority
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
2.	Deputy Commissioner including Additional Director (Panchayat Raj) in A.Madhava Reddy Academy of Rural Development (formerly APARD)and Principals of Extension Training Centres	By promotion of Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Parishads	Government
3.	Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishad	(i) 50% of the posts of Chief Executive Officers which are earmarked for IAS Cadre Strength of Andhra Pradesh by transfer from IAS Officers who are in the senior time scale.	

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		<p>Provided that if no IAS officer is posted in the earmarked positions, the vacancies shall be filled from the feeder categories to the post of Chief Executive Officer of ZP or through deputation from other departments;</p> <p>(ii) Remaining 50% of the posts of Chief Executive Officers of ZP shall be filled by promotion from Category 4, ie., Divisional Development Officer (DDO)/ Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishads including Deputy Director of APSIRD&PR/ District Panchayat Officer including Gazetted Instructor, Panchayats of ETCs.</p>	Government
4.	Divisional Development Officer(DDO)/District Panchayat Officer(DPO) including Gazetted Instructor (Panchayats) /Deputy Chief Executive Officer of ZP (Dy.CEO)	<p>(i) By Direct Recruitment</p> <p>(ii) By promotion from category of MPDO/DIPO</p> <p>(iii) By appointment by transfer from Section Officers/PS from A.P. Secretariat under Single Unit of General Administration Department.</p>	Government
7.	Mandal Parishad Development Officer(MPDO) including Gazetted Instructor (Panchayat Raj) / Divisional Panchayat Officer(DLPO)	<p>(i) By appointment by transfer of Deputy Mandal Parishad Development Officer;</p> <p>(ii) By appointment by transfer of Administrative Officer of Zilla Parishad and Mandal Parishads;</p> <p>(iii) By appointment by transfer from Assistant Section Officer/Sr. Steno of A.P. Secretariat under Single Unit of General Administration Department.</p> <p>(iv) By promotion of Superintendents of Commissioner, PR&RD/ Administrative Officers of DPO/ DLPO Offices;</p>	Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development

2. Category 4(a), 5 and 8 in the Table in Class A under rule 3 shall be omitted.

3. For **Note:1**, the following shall be substituted, namely:

"In the matter of appointment to the post of Chief Executive Officer, the existing District Panchayat Officer shall be appointed to the 1st vacancy in every cycle of 14 vacancies. The remaining 13 vacancies shall be filled by appointment of Divisional Development Officer (DDO)/Deputy Chief Executive Officer(Dy.CEO) till the existing DPOs list is exhausted."

4. For **Note: 2**, the following shall be substituted, namely:

(a) One-third of the substantive posts in the categories of Divisional Development Officer(DDO)/District Panchayat Officer (DPO)/Deputy Chief Executive Officer(Dy.CEO) combined together shall be earmarked for filling by Direct Recruitment and the remaining two-third posts by promotion from the feeder categories of Mandal Parishad Development Officers and Divisional Panchayat Officers and Section Officers/PS from A.P. Secretariat under Single Unit of General Administration Department.

(b) In the matter of appointment to the post of Divisional Development Officer(DDO)/District Panchayat Officer (DPO)/Deputy Chief Executive Officer(Dy.CEO), the existing Divisional Panchayat Officers shall be appointed to the 10th Vacancy in every unit of 17 vacancies earmarked to the promoted quota posts (two-third posts in the cadre strength) till the existing Divisional Panchayat Officers (DLPO) seniority list is exhausted. Fifth vacancy of every third cycle shall be earmarked to Section Officers/PS of Andhra Pradesh Secretariat under Single Unit of General Administration Department. The remaining vacancies shall be filled by appointment of Mandal Parishad Development Officers."

5. Note **3 (a) and (b) the following** shall be substituted, namely;

(a)The posts of Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO) including Gazetted Instructor (Panchayat Raj)/ Divisional Panchayat Officer (DLPO) shall be filled by appointment by promotion in the cycle of 10 vacancies as specified below:-

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1 st vacancy	Deputy Mandal Parishad Development Officer
2 nd vacancy	Deputy Mandal Parishad Development Officer
3 rd vacancy	.....	Administrative Officer (AO) in ZPP/MPP
4 th vacancy	.....	Deputy Mandal Parishad Development Officer
5 th vacancy	.....	Deputy Mandal Parishad Development Officer
6 th vacancy	.....	Administrative Officer (AO) in MPP/ ZPP
7 th vacancy	.....	Deputy Mandal Parishad Development Officer
8 th vacancy	.....	Deputy Mandal Parishad Development Officer
9 th vacancy	.....	Administrative Officer (AO) in MPP/ ZPP
10 th vacancy	.....	Administrative Officer in ZPP&MPP/Administrative Officer in the office of District Panchayat Officer and Divisional Panchayat Officer and Administrative Officers of Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development office/Assistant Section Officer/ Sr. Steno in Andhra Pradesh Secretariat under single Unit of General Administration Department.

- (i) 10th vacancy in 1st Cycle, 4th cycle, and 7th cycle shall be filled by the Assistant Section Officers/ Sr. Steno,
- (ii) 10th vacancy in 3rd cycle, 5th cycle, 6th cycle and 9th cycle shall be filled by the Administrative Officer in Zilla Parishad/Mandal Parishad and
- (iii) 10th vacancy in 2nd, 8th and 10th cycle shall be filled from Administrative Officers in the office of District Panchayat Officer and Divisional Panchayat Officer and Administrative Officers of Commissioner of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development office;

Provided that 8th cycle shall be filled by the Administrative Officers of O/o Commissioner of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development.

Note: The posts of Mandal Parishad Development Officers (MPDO) and Divisional Panchayat Officers (DLPO) shall be inter transferrable. Provided that, this provision shall not be applicable to the existing MPDOs and DLPOs.

6. Under the Table, the existing **Note 4** shall be omitted. **Note 5** and 5 (a) shall be read as Note 4 and 4(a). Note 6, Note 7 and Note 8 shall be renumbered as Note 5, Note 6 and Note 7 respectively;

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(4) In Rule 8(a), the following shall be substituted, namely;

- (i) Every person appointed by direct recruitment to the posts of Divisional Development Officer (DDO) and Deputy Mandal Parishad Development Officer shall immediately after appointment or thereafter undergo a course of training for the period of not less than one year and as per the such programme and syllabus as may be prescribed by the Government in consultation with the Commissioner, A.Madhava Reddy Academy of Rural Development (formerly APARD)
- (ii) The Direct Recruited Divisional Development Officer shall work atleast five years at the divisional headquarters prior to considering them for any district level posts;
- (iii) In respect of persons appointed by promotion to all categories of posts in the service rules shall undergo atleast one-month institutional training as per the such programme and syllabus as may be prescribed by the Government in consultation with Commissioner, A.Madhava Reddy Academy of Rural Development (formerly APARD)
- (iv) Computer Proficiency Test (CPT) is mandatory for all categories of posts appointed by direct recruitment for getting promotions to next higher cadre.
- (v) In order to get promotion to the higher category, officers of the department shall be transferred from one cadre to another cadre (inter-cadre transfers) so as to get exposure to various dimension of the development administration and should work atleast one year of service as on-job training. They should also undergo institutional training including computer skills while posting on inter-cadre transfers as per the guidelines prescribed by the Government from time to time.

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(5) In Rule 9.

In the table under Category 4(a) 5,6 and 7 of Class-A, the following shall be substituted, namely;

Class & Category	Post	Unit of Appointment
(1)	(2)	(3)
(7) re-numbered as (6)	Mandal Parishad Development Officer including Gazetted Instructor (Panchayat Raj) in A.Madhava Reddy Academy of Rural Development (formerly APARD) and Extension Training Centres/ Divisional Panchayat Officer	Multi-Zone -I Multi-Zone- II (Districts shall be as per Presidential Order)

Note: The post of District Panchayat Officer is upgraded to the cadre of Divisional Development Officer/Deputy Chief Executive Officer of ZP which is state cadre post, Class-A category 5 in the Table shall be omitted.

(6) In Rule 10

In the first proviso, after the words, "Mandal Parishad Development Officers", the following shall be inserted, namely; "and Divisional Panchayat Officers (DLPO)"

(7) (i) In the **Annexure** (see Rule 5) under Class-A and Categories (3), (4) and (7), the following shall be substituted, namely;

Class & Category	Method of Appointment	Qualifications
Class -A (3) Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Parishads	By Promotion /deputation	1. Must have passed the Accounts Test for Subordinate Officers Part I&II or Account Test for Local Bodies employees part I&II or Accounts test for Executive Officers 2. Should undergo prescribed institutional training

(4) Divisional Development Officer/District Panchayat Officer/ Deputy Chief Executive Officer	(i) By Direct Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must have passed a Bachelor's Degree from any University recognized by UGC. 2. Must not have completed 34 years of age as on the 1st July of the year in which the selection is made
	(ii) By promotion (iii) Appointed by transfer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must have passed the Accounts Test for Subordinate Officers Part I&II or Account Test for Local Bodies employees part I&II or Accounts test for Executive Officers 2. Should undergo prescribed institutional training
(7) Mandal Parishad Development Officer including Gazetted Instructor in A.Madhava Reddy Academy of Rural Development (formerly APARD) / Divisional Panchayat Officer	By Promotion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must have passed the Accounts Test for Subordinate Officers Part I&II or Account Test for Local Bodies employees part I&II or Accounts test for Executive Officers 2. Should undergo prescribed institutional training

(iii) Note:

In notifying vacancies for direct recruitment, the post of Divisional Development Officer shall only be mentioned. The post of Deputy Chief Executive Officer/District Panchayat Officer shall not be mentioned as the Directly Recruited persons have to complete prescribed period of service in the category of Divisional Development Officer.

(iv) In the Annexure, the existing entries of Category 4(a), 5 and 8 of Class- A, shall be omitted.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT