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ANDHRA PRADESH, HYDERABAD.

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A.P. Muttah Jattu Hamals and Other Manual Workers (Regulation of Employment and Welfare) Act, 1976.

The Andhra Pradesh Muttah Jattu Hamals and Other Manual Workers (Regulation of Employment and Welfare) Act, 1976 had obtained assent of the President of India on 27-12-1976 and it came into force w.e.f. 28.12.1976 from the date of A.P. Gazette Publication. The Act envisages for regulating the employment of unprotected manual workers such as Muttah Jattu Hamals engaged in market areas, factories and the like in the State of Andhra Pradesh in connection with loading, packing, weighing, measuring, stitching etc. and for ensuring an adequate supply of full and proper utilisation of such workers, to prevent avoidable unemployment and for securing to such workers, better terms and conditions of employment etc. Rules of 1976 have been framed which came into force w.e.f. 19-2-77. A.P. Muttah Jattu Hamals Scheme of 1979, has been formulated which is initially made applicable in respect of 6 employment viz in Iron and Steel Markets or Shops, in Cloth and Cotton Markets or shops, in Grocery markets of shops, in Vegetables and fruit markets, in markets or subsidiary markets under Agricultural procedure and live stock Market Act, 1966 and also to employment in godowns. Government have constituted A.P. Muttah Jattu Hamals Board under Section 6 of the Act to operate the scheme. Government have also constituted Advisory Committee under Section 14 of the Act to advise Government on matters

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arising out of Administration of the Act and the Scheme when the Scheme is set for implementation, several writ petitions have been filed by employers in 1979, challenging the validity of the Act as well as rules set under the Act and the Scheme before the High Court of Judicature of Andhra Pradesh. As a result of stay granted by the High Court, the Act and the Scheme could not be implemented in the 5 notified areas viz. Twincities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, Warangal, Vijayawada and Adoni., so far. The High Court finally disposed off the writ petitions in November, 1984 and held that the said Act is constitutionally a valid one, by which time the Board the the Committee set up under the Act expired its term.* (*The Govt. through G.O. MS. No. 178 dated 18.5.87 have reconstituted the Advisory Committee) Proposals have been sent to the Government for reconstitution of the Board under the said Act which are in processing and are under consideration of the Government. Until the Board and the Committee are reconstituted, since the administration of the Act and Scheme vests with them. Govt. have appointed Secretary, A.P.Muttah Jat Hamals Board to implement the Act and the Scheme in A.P.State under guidelines of the Board and the Committee. Necessary staff are provided at Headquarters. Govt. have sanctioned Rs.2 lakhs for the administration of the Scheme. Asst. Labour Officers have been sanctioned by the Government under the Act at the rate of 2 each in each place. Certain spade work of enumeration of employers Estts. and workmen under the Act is being taken up by the department to get them registered under the Scheme. The enforcement of the Act and the Scheme in Andhra Pradesh is still in the initial stage. Creation of welfare fund to the workers, extension of

provident fund and gratuity benefits to the workers in the pool, recruitment of workers under the pool, fixing the rate of levy devised for settling disputes between employers and workers as set under the Scheme have yet to be evolved, which will be done only when the Board is reconstituted by the Government. It is also under consideration of the Govt. to extend the Scheme to ~~more~~ employments and to several other places where such labourer is prevalent and ultimately to the entire state.

It is the earnest desire of the Government to implement the Scheme effectively covering 23 Districts by a phased programme and also to strengthen the administrative machinery under the Act and Scheme. A copy of the Scheme is enclosed.

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