

**WOMEN DEVELOPMENT AND CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, GUNTUR**

From,
The Director (In-C),
Women Development
and Child Welfare Department
Guntur, AP.

To,
All the Collectors & District Magistrates in
the State,
Andhra Pradesh.

Lr. No WDC02-25022/6/2019-PROGRAMS SEC,Dt.04-08-2025

Sir/Madam,

Sub:- WD&CW Dept. – Mission Shakti – Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 – Dowry Prohibition
Andhra Pradesh Rules-1998 - PIL No:115 of 2025 on effective implementation of
the Act - Constitution of Advisory Boards in the state - Requested-Regarding.

- Ref:-
1. Lr.No.506/2025, Dt.16.7.2025, from The Advocate General, Andhra Pradesh
 2. WP(PIL) 115 of 2025 in Honourable High Court of Andhra Pradesh
 3. The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, (Act No. 28 Of 1961) (20th May, 1961)
 4. G.O.Ms.No.72, Dt.17.11.98 of Women Development, Child Welfare and Disbalded Welfare (PROG), Department, Govt of Andhra Pradesh (Andhra Pradesh Rules)
 5. G.O.Ms.No.117, Dt.12.12.1997 of Women Development, Child Welfare (PROG), Department, Govt of Andhra Pradesh Advisory Boards-Dowry Prohibition Act-1961-GoAP

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Kind attention is invited to the subject and reference. It is informed that Dowry Prohibition Act enacted in 1961, providing measures to curb the practice of Dowry in the country. Andhra Pradesh has issued order for constitution of Advisory Board vide reference 4th cited and further framed Rules vide reference 5th cited.

Further, it is informed that, as per reference 5th cited, Government appointed Advisory Boards for each district with the following composition for the purpose of advertising and assisting the Dowry Prohibition Officers in the state in efficient performance of their duties and discharge of powers under the said Act.

Sl. No.	Designation	Role
1.	Collector & District Magistrate	Chairperson
2.	Superintendent of Police of the District or Commissioner in respect of metropolitan areas of Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada	Member
3.	Joint Collector & Additional District Magistrate	Member
4.	Project Director, District Women and Child Development Agency	Member
5.	Five Social Workers (out of whom atleast 2 shall be women)	Members

Further there is a PIL No 115 of 2025 was filed in the Hon"ble High Court and the Court has instructed to file the para wise remarks after duly conducting the Advisory Board meetings under Dowry prohibition Act 1961.

In view of the above all the Collectors & District Magistrates in the state are requested to Reconstitute the Advisory Boards and conduct its first meeting as the districts are bifurcated and ensure discharge of their duties as per reference 5th cited, mandated by the said Act and make awareness among the public regarding implementation officers with wide publicity and 30 minutes time may be allocated for grievances of Dowry related cases at Divisional /District level PGRS on every Monday.

Encl: Above references

Yours faithfully,

A SURYA KUMARI I A S
Director(FAC)

Copy to: All District Women and Child Welfare and Empowerment Officers in the state for necessary action.

Copy submitted to: The Secretary to Government, Dept for WCDA&SC, AP Secretariat, for favour of information.