

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Implementation of Organic Farming in the State - Formation of Committee to prepare the draft AP State Organic Farming Policy - Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (AGRI.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 63

Dated: 16-02-2021.

ORDER:

Organic Farming is a holistic production management system which promotes and enhances agro-ecosystem health, including biodiversity, biological cycles, and soil biological activity. It emphasises the use of management practices in preference to the use of off-farm inputs, taking into account that regional conditions require locally adapted systems. This is accomplished by using, where possible, agronomic, biological, and mechanical methods, as opposed to using synthetic materials, to fulfill any specific function within the system. The State of Andhra Pradesh would like to promote Organic Farming which is beneficial to the farmers and the environment. The matter has been deliberated on this issue and felt necessary to constitute a committee which will examine the best practices, available technologies / protocols in organic farming and prepare draft policy for organic farming for the AP State.

2. Accordingly, the Government after careful consideration here by constitutes the committee to prepare the draft AP State Organic Farming Policy.

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| 1. | Minister for Agriculture  | Chairman. |
| 2. | Vice Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Agriculture Mission.  | Member    |
| 3. | Special Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Cooperation Department & Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Department. | Member    |

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| 4.  | Special Secretary, Marketing & Cooperation Department                                    | Member  |
| 5.  | Executive Vice Chairman, Rythu Sadhikara Samstha   | Member  |
| 6.  | Commissioner of Horticulture.  | Member  |
| 7.  | Commissioner & Director of Agriculture.  | Member. |
| 8.  | Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing.                                       | Member. |
| 9.  | Commissioner of Fisheries  | Member  |
| 10. | Director of Animal Husbandry.  | Member. |
| 11. | Vice Chancellor ANGRAU.  | Member. |
| 12. | Vice Chancellor, YSR Horticulture University.  | Member. |
| 13. | Vice Chancellor Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University                                   | Member  |
| 14. | Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh State Seeds Development Corporation. | Member. |
| 15. | Representative from National Institute of Organic Farming.                               | Member. |
| 16. | Manoj Menon, ICCOA (International Competence Center for Organic Agriculture).            | Member. |
| 17. | Any other member from Industry who has knowledge in marketing of organic produce         | Member  |

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3. The committee will prepare a draft policy for organic farming for state of Andhra Pradesh and submit a report to the Government within 30 days.

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

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Members concerned through the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

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