

SUBJECT No. 713 :

Re.No.525/95/A1

Sub:- Estt. - VUDA - Vsp. - Redesignation of the post of Chief Planning Officer as Chief Town Planner in the Cadre of Superintending Engineer - Reg.

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AGENDA NOTE:

The Government in G.O.Ms.No.901, M.A., dt.3-9-79 have upgraded the post of Town Planner in VUDA in the time scale of Rs.1100-50-1650 which is corresponding to the scale of the Senior Joint Director of Town Planning to that of the scale of Rs.1300-50-6500-60-1800 which is a corresponding scale of the Superintending Engineer of a Engineering Department and redesignated the post as Chief Town Planner & Project Director.

The Government have also ratified in G.O.Ms.No.1787, M.A., dt.17-10-84 the action of the VUDA in having appointed Sri C.N. Rao, Town Planner as Chief Town Planner & Project Director in the scale of Rs.1300-1800 corresponding to the scale of Superintending Engineer.

The Government while approving the VUDA Employees' Recruitment and Service Regulations 1982 in G.O.Ms.No.560, M.A., dt.25-6-82 have shown the post of Chief Town Planner in the time scale of Rs.1700-2250 in the Planning Wing which is also a corresponding scale of Superintending Engineer. This scale of pay is corresponding scale of Rs.2880-4930 in the Revised Pay Scales of 1986.

The Government in G.O.Ms.No.533, M.A., dt.1-5-87 and G.O.Ms.No.611 M.A., dt.22-11-88 have constituted the A.P.U.D.As Service Rules for the categories of Officers for all the U.D.As in the State. As per the said rules, the Category of Chief Planning Officer has been constituted in the cadre of Senior Joint Director of Town Planning of A.P.State Town Planning service which is in the time scale of Rs.2690-4440.

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As per the Revised Pay Scales of 1993, the scale of a Senior Joint Director of Town Planning is Rs.5390-8980 and that of a Superintending Engineer in the regular Government Departments is Rs.5770-9260.

A post with the same designation of Chief Planning Officer is having in the Collectorate (i.e., Bureau of Economics & Statistics). There is a confusion in having the same designation for the two posts in VUDA as well as in the Collectorate through their functions and qualifications are entirely different. The duties of a Chief Planning Officer in Collectorate are mostly informative statistical work and basically non-technical whereas the duties of Chief Planning Officer in VUDA are purely Technical which involves Project Planning, preparation of Master Plan, Zonal Plans and orderly development of Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Area as per plan. Hence it is not advisable to have two posts with same designation in the same District and it is more appropriate to have a post of Chief Town Planner in VUDA which is basically and constitutionally a technical post as per the Act and to implement the objects of the A.P.U.A.(D) Act, 1975 under which Act the VUDA was constituted.

In VUDA, the present Officer holding the post of Chief Planning Officer post is a Graduate in Civil Engineering and post graduate in Urban and Regional Planning who is well qualified in all respects and vast experience in Town Planning in various cadres like Assistant Planning Officer, Planning Officer and Chief Planning Officer over a period of nearly 17 years. His present pay is Rs.7,580/-. In VUDA there is another technical wing which is Engineering Wing. The Head of the Engineering Wing is Chief Engineer in the cadre of Superintending Engineer sanctioned in the time scale of Superintending Engineer. The duties of both wings are basically technical. The Planning Wing prepares plans, projects etc., The Engineering Wing will execute the said projects on ground and achieve the targets. Hence the nature of duties of both the Wings are identical and thereby there is every need to have the scales of pay of both the cadre posts are identical.

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Hence in this Office Ir.Rc.No.525/95/A1/dt.10-1-95 the Government was requested to accord sanction for redesignation of the post of Chief Planning Officer to that of Chief Town Planner in the time scale of Rs.5770-9260 (Corresponding scale of the Superintending Engineer, VUDA) from the existing scale of Rs.5390-8980.(Corresponding scale of the Senior Joint Director of Town Planning Service & Chief Planning Officer, VUDA) as it would not involve any additional financial commitment.

The matter is therefore placed before VUDA Board for approval and also ratification of the action of Vice Chairman in having sent the proposals to the Government.

Subject no 7/3.

Approved and satisfied

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