

SANNIHITA

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To achieve the aim of a SMART (Simple, Moral, Accountable, Responsive and Transparent) administration as envisaged by Sri Chandra Babu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister, all officers of the Government should be available at their place of duty to respond quickly and effectively to the needs of the people. This is more so required for the staff at the cutting level of the administration as they are the representatives of the Government who are in touch with the people and are actual provider of the services.

In the hierarchy of administration Mandal level officers, particularly the Mandal Revenue Officers (MROs) and Mandal Development Officers (MDOs) are very crucial to the Government in the delivery of its services. As the Executive Magistrates of the Mandal, the MROs' presence is required in their head quarters to deal with any law and order situation, inquests or to provide immediate relief to victims of any accidents or natural calamities. Similarly MDOs are responsible for all the developmental activities in the mandal. To bring administration closer to people and to ensure better delivery of services it was ordered that all MROs and MDOs should stay at their head quarters/ place of posting. But in some mandals – mostly in the remote and interior mandals where their presence is most needed- the MROs/ MDOs were not staying at their head quarters, preferring to come to their place of work by bus/ scooter/ jeep every day from any nearby town, convenient to them. Non- availability of accommodation facilities in these mandals was the usual excuse given when asked to stay in HQs. Hence it was decided to provide accommodation to these officers in these remote mandals. But it was found out that in many cases there was problem of finding accommodation not only for the stay of MROs/ MDOs, but also for their offices. MDOs could find funds from tenth finance commission/ state government for the construction of their offices, but no such provision was available for MROs. To tide over this problem, the District Collector initiated a program by name “SANNIHITA”. (“Sannihita” means nearness in Telugu).

From the NSS incentive funds available with the Collector, construction of sixteen MRO offices was taken up at a total cost of **Rs 90 lakhs**, ie. @ Rs 5 lakhs per office. MRO offices were constructed at Jakranpalli, Veilpur, Kammarpalli, Nandipet, Dichpalli, Sirkonda and Navipet of Nizamabad sub division and at Yedapalli, Renjal, Kotagiri, Birkur, Pitlam, Nizam Sagar and Jukkal of Bodhan sub division and at Lingampet of Kamareddy sub division. Thus in 2001-02- in just one year -15 MRO offices, out of a total of 36 MRO offices in the district, finally got their own buildings even though mandals were formed way back in 1985!

Similarly to provide residential accommodation for the officers at the mandal headquarters, construction of two bed rooms/twin quarters with a common wall was taken up. One quarter meant for the MRO and the other for the MDO. In 2002, these type of twin quarters were constructed at Kammarpalli, Jakranpalli, Sirkonda and Balkonda of Nizamabad sub division, at Jukkal, Madnoor, Birkur and Renjal of Bodhan division and at Gandhari and Lingampet of Kamareddy sub division at a total cost of **Rs 50 lakhs**. MROs/MDOs are left with no valid reasons to avoid staying in their head quarters.

“**Sannihita**” has literarily brought administration nearer to the people!