

**ANDHRA PRADESH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SESSION :: 10**

**NOTES ON SHORT DISCUSSION ON THE WELFARE OF BRAHMINS
REVENUE (ENDOWMENTS-I) DEPARTMENT**

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INTRODUCTION:

Government of Andhra Pradesh has established Andhra Pradesh Brahmin Welfare Corporation (APBWC) in December, 2014. This is the first Welfare Corporation in the Country for the Brahmin Community, established by the Andhra Pradesh Government, with the following objectives:

1. To help the needy members of Brahmin Community in the areas of:
 - Education, Employment, Health and Poverty alleviation in particular for poor, women, widows and elderly.
 - Employment / Career / Entrepreneurship guidance.
2. To leverage the good work done by Brahmin Organizations/NGOs.
3. To create forums for networking opportunities.
4. To collaborate with Endowments Department for leveraging their infrastructure, resources and other scheme.

SET-UP OF APBWC:

The A.P.Brahmin Welfare Corporation has been registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act, for the purpose of the Welfare of Brahmin Community. The Managing Director, who is in the rank of Secretary to Government, is the Head of the Department. The Managing Director is assisted by two General Managers, with lean supporting staff in Administration, Finance, I.T. & Marketing.

Though there is no specific data available about the Brahmin population, it is estimated that Brahmin population is around 3-4% of the total population of Andhra Pradesh, which comes to around 15-20 Lakhs. Though Brahmin population is spread in all the Districts, it is observed that East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna and Guntur Districts are having more in percentage. During the First two years of operation, the

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Corporation has covered around 44,270 beneficiaries and have received around 43,470 applications under various Schemes for the year 2017-18.

BUDGET TO THE CORPORATION:

Government has so far allocated a total budget of Rs.210.00 crores. Following are the year-wise budget details:

Sl.No.	Financial Year	Budget Allocated Rs. in Crs.
1	2014-15	25.00
2	2015-16	35.00
3	2016-17	75.00
4	2017-18	75.00
Total		210.00

SCHEMES OF THE CORPORATION:

Government is very keen on giving top-priority for Education, Coaching for competitive examinations and skill building for employment besides fostering Entrepreneurship. Accordingly, the A.P.Brahmin Welfare Corporation has implemented various Schemes for the Welfare of Brahmin Community in Andhra Pradesh in the above areas. Following are the details of Schemes announced by the Corporation:

- 1. Gayathri Scheme for Academic Excellence:** Reward for the Topper of the School / College / Institute (Starting from SSC to PG @ Rs.7,500/- – Rs.20,000/-)
- 2. Bharati Scheme for Education:** One-time Financial Assistance for poor students from 1st standard to P.G. and Overseas (Rs.5,000/- to Rs.10,00,000/-)
- 3. Vedavyasa Scheme for Vedic Education:** Providing financial assistance to the Students pursuing Vedic Education (Rs.1,000/- to Rs.3,000/- per month)
- 4. Vasishta Scheme for Coaching for competitive exams:** Providing Financial Assistance for coaching for competitive exams such as Civil Services, IBPS, SSC, Groups, etc. (Upto Rs.30,000/- towards fee and Rs.6,000/- p.m., as stipend)

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- 5. Dronacharya Scheme for Skill Development:** Providing assistance for training for unemployed youth in different areas (I.T. Skills, Banking, Life Skills, Computer Skills, DTP, Servicing of Electrical, Solar / Communication equipments service, etc.)
- 6. Chanakya Scheme for Entrepreneurship:** One-time Bank linked Financial Assistance for Entrepreneurship (50% of Unit Cost, upto a max of Rs.2.00 Lakhs.
- 7. Kashyapa Scheme for Food & Shelter:** Financial Assistance for meeting Food & Shelter expenses for Orphans, Widows, Destitute Women, Differently abled and Elderly > 60 Years (Rs.1,000/- p.m.)
- 8. Garuda Scheme for Funeral Expenses:** Financial Assistance for meeting funeral expenses of the deceased Brahmin (Rs.10,000/-)
- 9. Bhargava Matching Scheme:** Encouraging individuals or organizations taking up projects for construction of Andhrakesari Bhavans (Community Halls), Old-age Homes, Aarama Kshetrams, etc. (Rs.10.00 Lakhs to Rs.1.00 Cr. with 50% contribution from community).

PERFORMANCE:

Status of beneficiaries for the Financial Year 2015-16		
Scheme	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount Paid (Rs. in Crores)
Bharati Education	10,996	31.03
Vasishta Coaching (IBPS-51, Civils-15)	51	0.24
Dronacharya Skill Development	45	0.12
Total	11,107	31.39

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