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ANDHRA PRADESH ACTS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS Etc.,

The following Act of the Andhra Pradesh Legislature received the assent of the Governor on the 17th December, 2021 and the said assent is hereby first published on the 20th December, 2021 in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette for general information:

ACT No. 25 of 2021.

AN ACT FURTHER TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACT, 1955.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Andhra Pradesh in the seventy second year of the Republic of India as follows,-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Municipal Corporations (Amendment) Act, 2021.

Short title and Commencement.

- (2) section 2 shall be deemed to have come into force with effect on and from the 27th October, 2021.
- (3) section 3 shall be deemed to have come into force with effect on and from the 12th January, 2020
- 2. In the Municipal Corporations Act, 1955 (herein after referred to as the Principal Act), in section 70-F, the expression "by sections 70-A to 70-D (both inclusive)" shall be omitted.

Amendment of section 70-F.

Act No.II of 1956.

Insertion of new section 70-FFA.

3. After section 70-FF of the principal Act, the following shall be inserted, namely,

"70-FFA. Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in the Acts and Rules made there under, the Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration or the District Collector as the case may be shall be the Competent Authority in respect of:

(i) Fixation of strength of Elected Members of the Municipal Corporations. Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration.

(ii) Reservations of Offices of various categories i.e., STs, SCs, BCs and Women in the Municipal Corporations. Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration.

(iii) Delimitation of Wards
(Division of Municipal
Corporation into Wards)
in Municipal Corporations.

Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration.

(iv) Determination of specific
Wards in which reserved
seats shall be set apart to STs, SCs,
BCs & Women categories in Municipal
Corporations.

Respective District Collectors.

Act No 6 of 1965. Act No 1 of 1891. Explanation: For the purposes of this section, the Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration shall be as is referred to under section 63 of the Andhra Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1965 and the term District Collector shall mean the District Collector as defined under the Andhra Pradesh General Clauses Act, 1891.

Validation

4. Notwithstanding anything containing in the Principal Act, any Judgment, decree or order of a court or any other authority, every action taken or thing done by the Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration/District Collectors in exercise of the powers conferred under section 70-FFA or the principal Act, shall not be deemed to be invalid or ever to have become invalid by reason of the fact that such actions were taken or such things were done by such Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration/District Collectors, when the power in this behalf had not been entrusted to him under the provisions of the said principal Act, and accordingly, any action taken or things done by such Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration/District Collectors, shall for all purposes be deemed to be and deemed to have always been, taken or done in accordance with the provisions of this principal Act, as amended by this Act.

4. (1) The Municipal Corporations (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 is hereby repealed.

Repeal and Savings.

Ordinance No. 19 of 2021.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under this Act.

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