



## The Andhra Pradesh Official Language (Amendment) Act, 1989

Act 19 of 1989

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**ANDHRA PRADESH OFFICIAL LANGUAGE  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1989.\***

**ACT NO. 19 OF 1989.**

[5th October, 1989.]

An Act to amend the Andhra Pradesh Official Language Act, 1966.

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Andhra Pradesh in the Fortieth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. This Act may be called the Andhra Pradesh Official Language (Amendment) Act, 1989. Short title

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\*Received the assent of the Governor on the 4th October 1989. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, please see the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, Extraordinary, Part IV-A, dated the 3rd May, 1989, at Page 16.

Amendment  
of Section-3.  
Act 9 of 1966

2. In the Andhra Pradesh Official Language Act, 1966 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 3, in sub-section (2),—

(a) after clause (ii), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(iii) in all correspondence between the State Government and any Corporation or Company owned or controlled by the State Government or any office thereof and in all orders, proceedings, bye-laws and regulations issued by such Corporation or Company.”.

(b) in the proviso, for the expression “clauses (i) and (ii)”, the expression “clauses (i), (ii), and (iii)” shall be substituted.

Amendment  
of Section 6

3. In section 6 of the principal Act in sub-section (1), after clause (ii), the following shall be inserted, namely:—

or

(iii) in respect of clause (iii) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of any order, proceeding, bye-law or regulation issued by any Corporation or Company owned or controlled by the State Government or any office thereof.”.

THE ANDHRA PRADESH OFFICIAL LANGUAGE  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1996.

ACT No. 20 OF 1996.

[18th September, 1996.]

AN ACT FURTHER TO AMEND THE ANDHRA PRADESH  
OFFICIAL LANGUAGE ACT, 1966.

Be it enacted by the Legislative  
Assembly of the State of Andhra Pradesh in  
the Forty-seventh Year of the Republic of  
India, as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Short title  
Andhra Pradesh Official Language (Amend- and  
ment) Act, 1996. commencement.

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\*Received the assent of the Governor on the 14th  
September, 1996. For Statement of objects and Reasons,  
Please see Andhra Pradesh Gazette, Part IV-A, Extra-  
ordinary, dated the 23rd March, 1996 at Pages 5 & 6.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may by notification in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette appoint.

Amendment of Long Title. Act 9 of 1966. 2. In the Andhra Pradesh Official Language Act, 1966 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in the long title, for the words "the Telugu language as the language", the words "the Telugu and Urdu languages as the languages" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 1. 3. In section 1 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), for the words "Official Language", the words "Official Languages" shall be substituted.

Substitution of new section for section 2. 4. For section 2 of the principal Act, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"Official Languages of the State.

2. The Telugu Language shall be the Official Language in the whole of the State of Andhra Pradesh:

Provided that the Urdu Language shall be the Second Official Language in the Districts of Anantapur, Cuddapah, Guntur, Hyderabad, Kurnool, Medak, Nizamabad and Ranga Reddy."

Amendment of section 3. 5. In section 3 of the principal Act,-

(1) in sub-section (1) for the words "Telugu Language" the words "Telugu and Urdu languages" shall be substituted.

(2) in sub-section (2),

(i) in the opening paragraph for the words "The Language", the words "The Languages" shall be substituted;

(ii) in the paragraph, after item (iii), for the words "Telugu Language" the words "Telugu and Urdu Languages" shall be substituted;

(3) in the marginal heading for the word "Telugu", the words, "Telugu and Urdu" shall be substituted.

6. In section 5 of the principal <sup>Amendment of</sup> Act, - section 5.

(1) in sub-section (1):

(i) for the words "Official Language", the words "Official Languages" shall be substituted;

(ii) after the words "for other members" the words "of whom one shall be proficient in Urdu language" shall be inserted;

(2) in sub-section (2), for the words "Telugu Language" occurring at three places, the words "Telugu and Urdu Languages" shall be substituted; and

(3) in the marginal heading for the words "Official Language", the words "Official Languages" shall be substituted.

7. In section 6 of the Principal <sup>Amendment of</sup> Act, - section 6.

(1) in sub-section (1) for the words "Telugu Language" occurring at two places,

the words "Telugu and Urdu languages" shall be substituted.;

(2) in sub-section (2), for the words "Telugu Language" occurring at two places, the words "Telugu and Urdu languages" shall be substituted.

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Legislative Affairs & Justice,  
Law Department.

**ANDHRA PRADESH ACTS, ORDINANCES AND  
REGULATIONS Etc.,**

The following Act of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on the 25th January, 2002 and the said assent is hereby first published on the 29th January, 2002 in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette for general information :-

**ACT No. 2 OF 2002.**

**AN ACT FURTHER TO AMEND THE ANDHRA  
PRADESH OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT, 1966.**

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Andhra Pradesh in the Fifty-second Year of the Republic of India as follows :-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Andhra Pradesh Official Languages (Amendment) Act, 2002. Short title and  
Commence-  
ment.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification, in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette appoint.

2. In the Andhra Pradesh Official Languages Act, 1966, in section 2, for the proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:- Amendment of  
section 2,  
Act 9 of 1966.

“Provided that the Urdu Language shall be the Second Official Language in the Districts of Adilabad, Ananthapur, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Guntur, Hyderabad, Kurnool, Mahaboobnagar, Medak, Nellore, Nizamabad, Rangareddy and Warangal.”

**K.G. SHANKER,**  
*Secretary to Government,*  
*Legislative Affairs & Justice (FAC),*  
*Law Department.*



## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

According to Section 2 of the Andhra Pradesh Official Language Act, 1966, (Act No. 9 of 1966) enforced with effect from the 26th January, 1967, Telugu shall be the Official Language of the State of Andhra Pradesh. Under section 7, the State Government may from time to time direct the use of Telugu or any other language or languages, in addition to the Telugu language in the interest of persons speaking such languages, in such areas and for such official purposes of the State and for such period as may be specified. In order to adopt a liberal approach in respect of Urdu speaking minority, the Government have declared Urdu as the second Official Language in eight districts viz., Hyderabad, Kurnool, Cuddapah, Nizamabad, Ananthapur, Rangareddy, Medak and Guntur where the population of Urdu speaking people is more than 10% of the total population as per 1981 census under article 345 of the Constitution of India by suitably amending the said Act.

According to G.O.Ms.No. 371, G.A. (O.L.I.) Department, dated 28-6-1988, Urdu Language may be used for various purposes mentioned therein. In order to provide more facilities to the Urdu speaking population, it has been proposed to extend the facility to use urdu for Official purposes in five more districts viz., Chittoor, Mahabubnagar, Adilabad, Warangal and Nellore Districts in the State.

To achieve the above objective it has been decided to amend section 2 of the Andhra Pradesh Official Language Act, 1966 suitably.

This Bill seeks to give effect to the above decision.

**N. CHANDRABABU NAIDU,**  
*Chief Minister.*