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**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
(2009-2010)**

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ANDHRA PRADESH LEGISLATURE

THIRD REPORT

ON

**THE REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER AND
AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA (CIVIL) AND
APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
2001-2002 PERTAINING TO
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY (FOREST WING)
DEPARTMENT**

(Presented to the Legislature on 16-12-2010)

**ANDHRA PRADESH LEGISLATURE (P.A.C.) SECRETARIAT
PUBLIC GARDENS, HYDERABAD - 500 004.**

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(2009-2010)

(Constituted on 16-10-2009)

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 - ** Nominated on 30-06-2010.
 - *** Nominated on 16-07-2010.
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 - ***** Nominated on 09-09-2010.
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THE THIRD REPORT INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts (2009-2010) having been authorised by the Committee to present the Report, on their behalf, do present this Third report on the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Civil) and Appropriation Accounts for the year 2001-02 pertaining to School Education Department.

2. The Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Civil) and Appropriation Accounts for the years 1998-99, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 (Civil) were laid on the Table of the House on 03.04.2000, 22.03.2000; 28.12.2001, 30.03.2002; 21.11.2002, 31.03.2003; 06.07.2004, 29.07.2004; 07.10.2005, 27.03.2006; 21.12.2006; 20.11.2007 and 05.12.2008 respectively.

3. The Committee examined the reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Civil) and Appropriation Accounts for the years 1998-99, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 (Civil) pertaining to School Education Department at their sittings held on 26th April, 2010 and 4th October, 2010.

4. A statement showing the Summary of Observations / Recommendations of the Committee is appended to this Report.

5. A record of proceedings of the sittings of the Committee, which has been maintained forms part of this Report.

6. The Committee placed on record their appreciation of the assistance rendered to them by the Principal Accountant General (Civil Audit), Andhra Pradesh and their Officers and Staff; Secretary to State Legislature and their Officers and Staff in examination and preparation of the Report. The Committee would like to express their thanks to the officers of School Education Department and other Officers and Staff of the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the co-operation in giving information to the Committee.

Hyderabad,
Dated:14-12-2010.

NAGAM JANARDHAN REDDY,
CHAIRMAN,
Public Accounts Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
ON REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR
GENERAL OF INDIA FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST
MARCH, 2002 (CIVIL)

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY (FOREST WING) DEPARTMENT

1. Misappropriations, losses etc.

(Para 3.14/Page 85 of Audit Report)

1.1 As per the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee and the instructions of Government, departmental proceedings initiated/criminal cases proposed on misappropriations, if any, that come to light should be processed expeditiously and action completed within a time-bound programme.

In the forests wing of the Department it was observed that the pace settlement of disciplinary cases was very slow. As many as 11 cases misappropriation involving Rs. 57.82 lakh reported in the Forest Department at the end of march 2002 were pending settlement as of 30 June 2002. This was indicative of lack of concern on the part of the Heads of Offices in ensuring speedy settlement of the misappropriations cases.

1.2 Government in its explanatory notes stated that out of the 11 cases, only 4 cases were finalized and the other cases were at different stages of examination.

1.3 During discussion, the Committee expressed serious concern over the inordinate delay in taking action against the officials involved in misappropriation cases. Besides this, the Committee pointed out several deficiencies with regard to functioning of the Department.

1.4 The Committee expressed concern over absence of review of cases pertaining to misappropriations and advised the department to take up review of cases regularly and initiate action immediately.

1.5 The Committee expressed displeasure over the lackadaisical approach adopted by the department in protecting the forests and their invaluable resources. It took serious note over the issue of degradation of forests. It strongly felt that if the same is continued, there would be an ultimate danger both to the human life as well as to the green environment citing various examples of practical interest.

1.6 The Committee, therefore, recommends that each and every misappropriation case should be pursued vigorously and every penny of Government money should be accounted for by recovering the entire amount of misappropriation from the delinquent officials concerned and Government should show a greater urgency and commitment in this regard.

1.7 The Committee also recommends that all the deficiencies pointed out above with regard to non-review of misappropriation cases as well as degradation of forests should be rectified in no time and detailed report should be submitted to the Committee within three months.

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Committee, therefore, recommends that each and every misappropriation case should be pursued vigorously and every penny of Government money should be accounted for by recovering the entire amount of misappropriation from the delinquent officials concerned and Government should show a greater urgency and commitment in this regard.

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2. The Committee also recommends that all the deficiencies pointed out above with regard to non-review of misappropriation cases as well as degradation of forests should be rectified in no time and detailed report should be submitted to the Committee within three months.

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