

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

PR&RD-Elections - Appointment of Special Officers to the Gram Panchayats in the State under Section 143 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 - Delegation of the powers to the District Collectors – Orders - Issued.

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**PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (E&R) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.MS.No. 47**

**Dated: 11-03-2026**  
**Read**

G.O.Ms.No.90, PR&RD (E&R) Dept., Dated.01.08.2018.

**ORDER:**

The appended Notification will be published in an Extra Ordinary Issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette Dated.11.03.2026.

The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase, A.P., Vijayawada is requested to furnish 3000 copies of the Gazette containing the Notification, to the Government.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**  
**SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR**  
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner, Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchase (Printing Wing), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P.

The Secretary, State Election Commission, A.P., Vijayawada.

All the District Collectors in the State.

All the District Panchayat Officers in the State.

All the Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Praja Parishads in the State.

All the MROs/MPDOs/MEOs/EOs in the State.

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The OSD to Hon'ble Deputy CM, (PR&RD, RWS, EFS&T).

The OSD to Chief Secretary to Govt.

The P.S. to Addl. Secretary to C.M.

The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Governor, A.P., Lokbhavan, Vijayawada.

The P.S. to Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt., (PR&RD).

SF/SC (3152856).

**//FORWARDED BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER**

(G.O.Ms.No., Panchayat Raj and Rural Development (Elections) Department, dt:11.03.2026)

**NOTIFICATION**

Whereas, the term of the Members and Sarpanches of most of the Gram Panchayats elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 (1) and Section 14(3) of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (Act 13 of 1994) will expire by 02.04.2026;

2. And whereas, the term of the Members and Sarpanches of some of the Gram Panchayats will expire after 02.04.2026;

3. And whereas, the Government, or as the case may be, an officer authorized by the Government, is empowered under subsection (3) of Section 143 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act 1994 to appoint a Special Officer or a Person-in-Charge or a Committee of Persons-in-Charge to the Gram Panchayats to exercise the powers, discharge the duties and perform the functions of the Gram Panchayat until the Members and the Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat elected assume office;

4. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of Section 143 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act 1994, the Government hereby authorize the concerned Collector & District Magistrate of the district to appoint an officer from the category of Tahsildar/Mandal Parishad Development Officer/Mandal Educational Officer/Deputy MPDO or of similar or higher rank as Special Officers for a Gram Panchayat or a group of Gram Panchayats, in their jurisdiction with effect from 03.04.2026, where the term of the Gram Panchayats will expire on 02.04.2026 till the date of assumption of office of the members and Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats elected in accordance with due process. The Special Officers so appointed shall take the charge of the office immediately after expiry of the term of the elected members and Sarpanches of the Gram Panchayats.

5. Further, as the term of the Members and Sarpanches of some of the Gram Panchayats will expire after 02.04.2026, the concerned Collector & District Magistrate of the district is authorized to appoint in due course the Special Officers as mentioned at para-4 above, to the Gram Panchayats in their jurisdiction till the date of assumption of office of the members and Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats elected in accordance with due process.

6. The Previous orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.90 PR&RD (E&R) Dept., dated 01.08.2018 are superseded.

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