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WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
(LA)

THE ANDHRA PRADESH DOMESTIC, IRRIGATION AND INDUSTRIAL WATER GRID PIPELINES (ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF USER IN LAND) ACT, 2018 (ACT No. 19 OF 2018) - ANDHRA PRADESH DOMESTIC, IRRIGATION AND INDUSTRIAL WATER GRID PIPELINES (ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF USER IN LAND) RULES, 2025.

[G.O.Ms.No.72, Water Resources (LA), 17th December, 2025.]

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 18(1) of the Andhra Pradesh Domestic, Irrigation and Industrial Water Grid Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 2018 (Act No.19 of 2018), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following rules :-

RULES

1. (i) These rules may be called “Andhra Pradesh Domestic, Irrigation and Industrial Water Grid Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Rules, 2025.
- (ii) They shall extent to the whole of the State of Andhra Pradesh.
2. Definitions:
 - (I).In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires;

(a) “Government” means, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) "Act" means, the Andhra Pradesh Domestic, Irrigation and Industrial Water Grid Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 2018;

(c) "Competent authority" means the 'District Collector' of the geographic area where the Right of User is being acquired. The District Collector may authorize the Joint Collector, Sub-Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer, or any other officer of the Revenue Department to perform any or all of the functions of the Collector under this Act;

(d) "Corporation" means any body corporate established by the Government under any law for the time being in force or a Company registered under the Companies Act 2013;

(e) "Land owner" includes any person: -

i. Whose name is recorded as the owner of the land or part thereof, in the records of the authority concerned;

ii. Who is granted forest rights under the scheduled tribes and other traditional forest dwellers (recognition of forest rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) or under any other Law for the time being in force;

iii. Who is entitled to be granted patta rights on the land under any law of the State including assigned lands;

iv. who has been declared as such by an order of the Court or authority;

(f). "Person" includes an individual, un-divided Hindu family, a Trustee, a Company, a Society or an Association of individuals whether incorporated or not;

(g). "Prescribed" means as prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(h) 'Water Grid' means, a network of Water providers and consumers that are connected by transmission or transportation system and distribution Pipelines and operated by one or more corporations.

(i) "Notification" means any notification issued by the competent authority containing details of lands under which right of user is being acquired for laying of pipelines for the purpose of 'water grid' under this Act;

3. (1) For transport of water from one area to another area in public interest, pipelines may be laid by the Competent authority or, by any Corporation, and that for the purpose of laying such pipelines, the competent authority may acquire the right of user in any land by appropriate notification in the Official Gazette.

(2) Every notification under rule 3 (1) shall provide a brief description of the land and shall be published electronically on the website of the competent authority or corporation in Form-1. However, such notification shall also be published in at-least one local newspaper with wide circulation in Form-1.

4. (1) Any land owner or interested parties may file objections in writing, upon issue of a notification under Rule 3 (1) in Form-II, before the Competent authority within period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of notification under Rule 3 (1).

(2) The Competent authority shall give a notice to the objector in Form-III, an opportunity of being heard either in person or by a legal practitioner and may, after hearing all such objections and after making any further inquiry, if any, as that authority thinks necessary, by order either allow or disallow the objections within a period of (60) days from the date of notification under Rule 3 (1) and inform such decision to objector.

(3) Any order made by the Competent authority under sub section (2) shall be final.

5. It shall be lawful for any Competent authority or Corporation, which proposes to lay pipelines or its servants and workmen-

(a) to enter upon & survey and take levels of any land specified in the notification;

(b) to dig or bore into the sub-soil;

(c) to set out the intended line of work;

(d) to mark such levels, boundaries and line by placing marks and cutting trenches;

(e) to cut down and clear away any part of any standing crop, fence or jungle; where otherwise survey cannot be completed and levels taken and the boundaries and line marked, and

(f) to do all other acts necessary to ascertain whether pipelines can be laid under the land;

6. (1) Where no objection under sub-section (1) of section 4 has been submitted before the Competent authority within the period specified therein or where the competent authority has disallowed the objections under sub-section (2) of that section 4, the competent authority shall, as soon as may be, submit a report accordingly to the State Government;

(2) Upon the receipt of such report, the State Government shall declare by a notification in the Official Gazette in Form-IV, that the right of user in the land for laying the pipelines shall be acquired;

(3) On the publication of the declaration under sub-rule (2) of rule 6, read with sub-section (1) of Section 6 the right of user in the land shall vest absolutely in the State Government free from all encumbrances;

(4) Where in respect of any land, a notification has been issued under sub-rule (1) of rule 3, read with sub-section (1) of section 3 but no declaration under this section has been published within a period of one year from the date of that notification, that notification shall cease to have effect;

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2), the State Government may, on such terms and conditions as it may think fit, direct by an order in writing that the right of user in the land for laying the pipelines shall, vest in the Corporation proposing to lay the pipelines. Thereupon, the right of such user in the land shall, subject to the terms and conditions so imposed, vest in that Corporation free from all encumbrances;

7. (1) Any person authorized by the Competent authority or, the Corporation enter upon the land and lay pipelines or to take any action necessary for the laying of pipelines:

Provided that no pipeline shall be laid under:-

(a) Any land which is being used for residential purposes;

(b) Any land on which there stands any permanent structure;

(c) Any land which is appurtenant to a dwelling house;

(d) Any land at a depth which is less than one meter from the surface;

(2) such land shall be used only for laying the pipelines and for maintaining, examining, repairing, altering or removing any such pipelines or for doing any other thing necessary for any of the purposes referred under Section 5, or for the utilization of such pipelines;

(3) If any dispute arises with regard to any matter referred to in para (b) or para (c) sub-rule (1) above, the dispute shall be referred to the Competent authority, whose decision thereon shall be final;

8. For maintaining, examining, repairing, altering or removing any pipeline, or for doing any other thing necessary for the utilization of the pipelines or for any inspection or measurement for any of the aforesaid purposes, any person authorized in this behalf by the Competent authority or the Corporation as the case may be, after giving reasonable notice to the occupier of the land under which the pipelines have been laid, enter therein with such workmen and assistants as may be necessary:

No such notice is necessary, where such person is satisfied that an emergency exists; while exercising any such powers, such person or any workmen or assistants of such person, shall cause as little damage or injury as possible to such land;

9. (1) The owner or occupier of the land with respect to which a declaration has been made, shall be entitled to use the land for the purpose for which such land was put to use immediately before the date of the notification under sub-section (1) of section 3:

(i). The owner or occupier after the declaration, shall not;

(a) construct any building or any other structure;

(b) construct or excavate any tank, well, reservoir or dam;

(c) plant any tree on that land;

- (2). The owner or occupier of the land under which any pipeline has been laid shall not do anything or permit anything to be done which will or is likely to cause any damage in any manner whatsoever, to the pipeline.
- (3). Where the owner or occupier of the land:
- (a) Does not plant any tree, construct any building or any structure or excavates any well, tank, reservoir or dam on the land;
 - (b) In such cases, the Competent authority shall on an application made to it by any officer designated or suo-moto, after holding an inquiry, as it may deem fit, cause the building, structure, reservoir, dam or tree to be removed or the well or tank to be filled up, and the costs of such removal or filling up shall be recovered from such owner or occupier as arrears of Land Revenue;
10. For any damage, loss or injury is sustained by any person interested in the land under which the pipeline is proposed to be, or is being, or has been laid, the Competent Authority or Corporation shall be liable to pay compensation at ten percent of the market value of that land on the date of the notification under sub-section (1) of section (3), to such person for such damage, loss or injury, an amount which shall be determined as per sub-sections (1) to (5) of section 10 of this Act. Details of such damages and compensation shall be prepared in Form-V and sanction proceeding issued by the competent authority within a period of sixty (60) days from the date of notification under Rule 3 (1);
11. (1) The compensation determined under section 10 of the Act, by the Competent authority based on Section 26 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Determination of market value of land by Collector/Competent Authority) shall be made transferred electronically to the Land owner;
- (2) If the amount of compensation is not deposited within thirty (30) days of such determination under Rule 10, the Corporation shall be liable to pay compounded interest thereon at the rate of nine per cent per annum;
- (3) If any dispute arises as to the apportionment of the compensation or any part thereof or as to the persons to whom the same or any part thereof is payable, the decision of the Competent Authority thereon shall be final;
12. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of these Rules, the Government shall have powers to issue clarifications / directions on such provision as it appears to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty.

G. SAI PRASAD,
Special Chief Secretary to Government.

Government of Andhra Pradesh

Department

Form-I

(See Rule 3(1))

Rc.No.

Dated:

Notification

Whereas, it appears to the Government of Andhra Pradesh that it is necessary in the public interest that for laying pipelines for supplying of Drinking Water/providing Irrigation facilities/to meet the demand of industries and the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto in the Districts _____ of Andhra Pradesh should be laid by Competent Authority/AP Drinking Water Supply Corporation.

And, whereas it appears to the Government of Andhra Pradesh that for the purpose of laying such pipeline, it is necessary to acquire the right of use in land under which the said pipeline is proposed to be laid and which is described in the Schedule annexed hereto:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of Section 3 of AP Domestic, Irrigation and Industrial Water Grid Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 2018 (Act No.19/2018), the State Government hereby declares its intention to acquire the right of user therein:

Any person interested in the land described in the said schedule may within thirty days on which copies of the AP Gazette containing this notification are made available to the general public, object in writing to the acquisition of the right of user therein for laying of the pipeline under the land to _____.

“Schedule Annexed”

SCHEDULE

A) Name of the District:

B) Name of the Mandal:

C) Name of the Village:

Sl. No.	Survey Number/ Sub-division Number	Classification	Pattadar as per Revenue Records	Extent under acquisition			Boundaries	Details of Trees, Structures etc., if any
			Name	Acre	Cts	Sq. mtr	N/S/E/W	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Signature with seal of the Competent Authority

Form-II
(Objection Petition)
(See Rule 4 (2))

To
The Competent Authority
AP Drinking Water Supply Corporation
.....Distirct.

Sir/Madam,
Sub:-Objections filed -Reg.

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With reference to the notification published in Form-I dated: _____, I/We submit
my/our objection/s as follows:-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Date:
Place:

Signature of the Farmer/Objector(s)

Form-III
Notice
(See Rule 4(1))

Rc.No.

Dated:.

Notice is hereby given that the land specified in the below given schedule and situated in the village of in the Mandal in the District of is needed or is likely to be needed in accordance with the notification u/s 3 (1) of Act published by the Competent Authority at page of Part-I of the AP Gazette, dated: . All persons interested in the land accordingly required to lodge their objections before the undersigned within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of the above notification a statement in writing of their objection if any, to the laying of pipelines in the land.

Any objection statement which is received after the due date or which does not clearly explain the nature of the senders interest in the lands is liable to be summarily rejected.

Objections received within the due date, if any, will be enquired into on at when the objector/s will be at liberty to appear in person or by legal practioner and to adduce any oral or documentary evidence in support of their objections.

SCHEDULE

A) Name of the District:

B) Name of the Mandal:

C) Name of the Village:

Sl. No.	Survey Number/ Sub-division Number	Classification	Total extent		Extent under acquisition			Boundaries	Details of Trees, Structures etc., if any.
			Acre	Cts	Acre	Cts	Sq. mtr		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Place:

Date:

Signature of the
Competent Authority

To:

1. The Landowner

(through Tahsildar concerned) for service

2. The Objector (By RPAD)

Form-IV
Declaration
(See Rule 6(1))

Rc.No.

Dated:

Whereas it appears to the Competent Authority that a total extent of Acs. of land is required in the village of in the Mandal in the District of for a public purpose viz., laying of pipe lines , the Competent authority having been satisfied that the land/lands specified in the schedule below has/have to be acquired for public purpose, after having heard the objections of the persons interested and after due enquiry as provided u/s 4 (1) of the Act 19/2018 and that the requiring body viz., has deposited the amount in full towards the cost of laying of the pipelines, the following declaration is made under section 6(1) of the Act 19/2018.

DECLARATION

Under section 6 (1) of the Act 19/2018, the Competent Authority, hereby declares that the land/s specified in the Schedule below and measuring; be the same a little more or less, us/are needed for a public purpose, to wit for laying of pipelines.

SCHEDULE

A) Name of the District:

B) Name of the Mandal:

C) Name of the Village:

Sl. No.	Survey Number/ Sub-division Number	Classification	Total extent		Extent under acquisition			Boundaries	Details of Trees, Structures etc., if any
			Acre	Cts	Acre	Cts	Sq. mtr		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

A plan of the land /lands is kept in the office of the competent authority and may be inspected on any working day during the office hours.

Place:

Date:

Signature of the
Competent Authority

(to be sent to Secretary / Prl. Secretary / Spl. CS of the concerned administrative department in Secretariat through covering letter for publication in the district gazette)

Form-V
Determination of Compensation

(See Rule (10))

Compensation to be claimed for land specified in the Gazette notification dated under sub-section (1) of Section (3) of AP Domestic, Irrigation and Industrial Water Grid Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 2018 (Act No.19/2018).

PART-I

PARTICULARS OF THE CLAIMANT

1. Name of the claimant :
2. Father's/Husband/s Name :
3. Aadhar Number :
4. Ration Card number (if available) :
5. Name of the Bank/Account No. :
6. IFSC Code :
7. Age/Date of Birth :
8. Occupation :
9. Permanent Address :
10. Address for communication/ :
service of notice, etc.
11. Date of submission of claim :

PART-II PARTICULARS OF THE LAND THROUGH WHICH THE PIPELINES ARE PROPOSED TO BE LAID

12. Location of the land :
13. District/Mandal/Village :
14. Survey number/s of the land :
15. Extent of the land :
16. Description of the land :
(Wet/Dry shall be specified)
17. Nature/Extent/Description of :
The damages caused to the
Land Property/Crop/Trees
(u/s 5,7 & 8 of the Act 19/2018)
18. Total compensation determined :
under Rule-10

Place:
Date:

Signature of the
Competent Authority

G. SAI PRASAD,
Special Chief Secretary to Government.

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