APPENDIX V

GUIDELINES FOR THE UTILISATION OF SPECIAL ASSISTANCE OF Rs. 90 CRORES PROPOSED TO BE GIVEN TO ANDHRA PRADESH DURING THE FIFTH FIVE YEAR PLAN

SECTION - I

IDENTIFICATION OF BACKWARD AREAS

1. The procedure for the identification of backward areas may be as follows:

1.1 The Unit of identification for the backward areas should be a Taluka. The base line for the Taluka boundaries will be as those existing on April 1, 1974 and any changes subsequent to this date will not alter or affect the list of backward areas determined for purposes of the utilisation of special assistance.

1.2 For purposes of identification of backward areas the Planning and Development Committees of Telangana, Rayalaseema and Coastal Andhra Shall take into account such factors as:

(1) Gross value of agricultural output per hectare.

(2) Gross value of agricultural output per agricultural worker.

(3) Percentage of gross irrigated area to gross sown area.
Normal rainfall.
Workers in registered factories per lakh of population.
Percentage of literates to total population.

The reference date of information in respect of the above indicators shall be uniform for all Talukas and the State.

A format (Annexure A) has been proposed in which Taluka-wise information should be collected and compiled for purposes of identification of backward areas, and furnished to the Planning Commission for its information.

SECTION - II

UTILISATION OF SPECIAL ASSISTANCE OF Rs. 90 CRORES

The special assistance of Rs. 90 crores shall be used primarily for productive programmes which for purposes of special assistance will include the following:

1. Agriculture and allied programmes including forestry, social forestry, animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries.
3. Industries including small scale industries.
4. Rural Electrification.
2.1 The schemes under the productive sectors may either be new schemes or on-going schemes.

2.2 New or on-going schemes proposed to be funded out of special assistance will be so selected that there are no spill-overs in the Sixth Five Year Plan.

2.3 An on-going scheme can be financed either out of the normal State Plan resources or out of the special assistance. An on-going scheme or programme once decided to be funded out of special assistance will be only financed out of these resources and will be completed as per the provisions of 2.2.

2.4 In addition to the above productive programmes whose benefits will be confined to the backward Talukas/Districts within which the schemes/programmes may be located, schemes of regional character, in particular industries and Higher Education, but principally benefiting the backward Talukas may also be proposed for inclusion under the special assistance provided these cannot be accommodated within the State Plan and these are justified on their merit.

2.5 The State Government will draw up schemes and programmes as per the above provisions and furnish information in the set of proformae prescribed in Annexure-3 for approval of the Planning Commission.
3. Mechanism of Planning and Allocation of special Assistance to the backward areas.

3.1 District will be treated as the effective level of planning.

3.2 The share of each district out of the normal State Plan will be worked out by the State Government on a programme/Scheme basis and shown in the Annual Plans of the State. For this purpose the development programmes and schemes in respect of the sectors proposed to be covered under special assistance, will be categorised into the State level schemes and district level schemes.

3.3 In addition to determining the share of each district out of State Plan Funds the share of individual district out of the funds provided under the six point formula will be worked out on schematic basis and shown alongside the district allocations under the State Plan in the Annual Plan of the State.

3.4 A separate account of expenditure will be maintained in respect of the amounts available to the District out of the special assistance.
3.5 The special allocation of Rs. 90 crores during the Fifth Plan as well as Rs. 18 crores allocated for the year 1974-75 out of the Fifth Plan special allocation shall first be distributed in the ratio of 5:3:2 among Telangana, Rayalaseema and Coastal Andhra respectively. Allocation of these funds to backward Talukas/Districts of individual region shall be made on the basis of the availability of viable productive schemes subject to the proviso that the distribution of these funds between the identified backward Talukas is equitable.

3.6 A set of proformae in which information will require to be furnished by the State Government for approval of the Planning Commission is enclosed as Annexure-C with the Guidelines.