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Telangana to club some dept's in new dist's to overcome staff shortage

HYDERABAD: The proposed new districts in the state are likely to face shortage of staff. Hence, the state government has begun the process of distributing the staff to new districts to address this issue.

Authorities, working on the issue, asked the heads of all departments to first adjust available staff to the new districts. The vacancies and additional posts if required will be looked into later.

Though, the employees' unions demanded that the state government should retain the existing cadre strength in the existing districts in the proposed new districts too, the state government is doing an exercise for merger of the some of the wings in the departments and posts and bring them under one officer.

For example, animal husbandry, horticulture, agriculture, fisheries and other related wings will be clubbed and are likely to bring under the control of one officer. There will be no separate district officer for each of these wings.

The medical and health department has several wings like district medical and health officer (DMHO), family welfare, Vaidya Vidhan Parishad and others. Each of the wing will not have separate wings in the new districts. All will be looked after by one single officer available.

In the information and public relations department, the APROs available in the districts will function as district incharges of the department.

When the DGP Anurag Sharma wanted chief secretary Rajiv Sharma to go for new recruitment drive for the police department in the new districts, Rajiv Sharma did not give any categorical assurance on Saturday.

So, the ministerial staff in the police department will be adjusted to the new districts. Two to three superintendents in the districts in most of the departments will be reduced to one and the remaining would be adjusted to new districts.

“The present cadre strength in the districts was fixed several years back. The population and the work load increased manifold in all these years.

There is need for new recruitment,” employees’ unions told the chief secretary, who is heading the Task Force Committee on finalising the staff to new district units. The cadre strength will be reduced and the available staff invariably have to handle two or more departments simultaneously. “This will put the public to inconvenience, though the administration reached the doorsteps of the people through new districts,” an employee said.