

All govt payments to go online

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Hyderabad: The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to make all payments including salaries to employees online.

The online process will be implemented on a pilot basis in Guntur and Chittoor districts by February end. Problems that will arise in the process will be rectified and the process will be implemented in another four districts in May this year.

After a review of the Comprehensive Financial Management System (CFMS) with officials of the State Finance Ministry, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu gave a go-ahead for implementation of the online process from the State Secretariat down to the Mandal level in phases.

The online process will give transparency in sanction of funds and payments. The process will enable tracking of release of funds from the Chief Minister's Office level to departmental head and then to district collector and in the end, to mandal-level officer. Thereby, the manner in which the funds were allocated, how much was actually expended and how much is remaining etc., can be known at the click of a mouse.

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of salaries is taken as an example, at least two or three employees work on waybills, contingency bills, medical reimbursement and sanction of leaves, over a period of ten days before the release of salary.

Another employee designated as Drawing Officer will send the details to treasury office based on the calculations done with the bills. That means, three employees within each establishment will have to devote their time entirely to this exercise every month. But there will be no Drawing Officers in the new online system. There are 40,850 Drawing Officers and 280 Head of Departments in AP.

They are currently serving 5.80 lakh total employees and 3.2 lakh pensioners.

Similarly, there has been lot of delay and slogging in the processes of Budget allocations and disbursals. Online mode will be a way out in this regard. Naidu has directed top officials to appoint 'financial managers' at the district level. The finance managers will be responsible for preventing any wrongdoing. Following the Chief Minister's directive, GPS and geo-tagging systems will be implemented for this purpose. Technical training to the employees will be provided by Deloitte and NIIT.

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