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## **Salaries of municipal staff through treasury**

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HYDERABAD: In what comes as a relief to the municipalities and their employees, the government issued orders on Monday for payment of salaries to municipal employees through treasury on the basis of their service registers.

Accordingly, 29,430 municipal employees, barring those of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Vijayawada and Greater Visakhapatnam corporations, were identified for payment of salaries through treasuries with retrospective effect from April 1 this year.

The government will bear Rs. 298.43 crore towards salaries and Rs. 64.19 crore towards pensions of 11,516 retired employees annually hereafter.

Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Anam

Ramnarayan Reddy briefed the media persons about the review meeting with the Chief Minister.

He said though the government issued the orders much before the announcement of elections for payment of salaries of municipal employees from treasury from April 1 this year, its implementation was delayed as the municipalities could not provide the details of sanctioned posts sought by the Finance department to arrive at the number of employees.

However, as the sanctioned orders issued decades ago could not be traced in majority of municipalities and were not available even in the State Archives department, the Chief Minister directed the officials to find an alternative.

## Service registers

Accordingly, the number of employees was finalised on the basis of the service registers of municipalities and local fund audit reports.