

Executive Order No. 128, Series of 1968

Providing for the Implementing Details of Republic Act Numbered 5185, otherwise known as the Decentralization Act of 1967, insofar as the Relationship of the Field Agricultural Extension Work of the Local Governments and the National Government is Concerned

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The policy states that the field agricultural extension work to be undertaken by the local governments shall assist or supplement existing national programs or services in their respective areas of jurisdiction, such extension work to be administered in accordance with the policies and programs that the Agricultural Productivity Commission shall promulgate, and the national government to render technical, financial and other assistance to local governments in connection with such activity.

Salient Extension Provisions

FUNCTION TO BE UNDERTAKEN

Section 1. The field agricultural extension work provided under Commonwealth Act No. 85, as amended by Republic Act No. 680, and Republic Act No. 3844, otherwise known as the Agricultural Land Reform Code, which is being administered by the national government through the Agricultural Productivity Commission may, pursuant to Republic Act No. 5185, also be undertaken by the provincial and city governments whenever deemed to be necessary by the provincial and municipal boards or city councils to assist or supplement existing national programs or services in their respective areas of jurisdiction bypassing or enacting a resolution for the purpose and furnishing copies thereof to the national offices concerned.

“Agricultural extension” as used herein shall mean the diffusion of useful and practical information, knowledge and skills on agriculture, soil conservation, livestock, fisheries, forest conservation, public lands and natural resources laws, home economics and rural life, in order to encourage their application through field demonstration, lectures and conferences, publications and other means of imparting information; stimulation, promotion and organization of agricultural cooperatives and encouragement in the formation and growth of private associations, study clubs, committees and other groups of farmers and members of their family that will enhance their social and economic conditions.

“Act” as used herein shall refer to the Decentralization Act of 1967.

Section 2. To enable the provincial governments to undertake field agricultural extension work, they shall retain the amounts heretofore contributed by provincial and municipal governments to the national government for field agricultural extension work, which shall accrue to the general fund of the province, provided that at least an equivalent amount shall be appropriated by the provincial government for agricultural extension work in accordance with the Act. City governments undertaking the same activity shall appropriate the necessary funds therefor. The appropriations which may be set aside by the local governments for the purpose shall be without prejudice to such assistance as may be extended by the national government pursuant to law and as provided in Article IV hereof.

FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE

Section 12. In order that the field agricultural extension programs or services of local governments can be carried out effectively, the national government shall continue to extend financial, technical and other assistance as provided by law and to such agreement as to the local Executive and the Commissioner may enter into.

The financial assistance to the provincial or city government shall, among other things, consist of traveling expenses of personnel paid out of local funds while attending conferences, seminars, in-service training, scholarship, and training locally and abroad in connection with their work; repair and maintenance of buildings and equipment; improvement of demonstration stations used exclusively for extension work; payment of salaries and wages for field agricultural extension personnel in provinces and cities which cannot defray the same; and for expenses on area development projects.

The technical and other assistance shall consist of assignment of experts, technicians and administrative personnel to support the local field agricultural extension service, training of locally paid personnel, transportation facilities, farm machinery, fertilizers, insecticides, planting materials and the like.

Section 13. All aids or assistance that may be extended by the national government to the local governments shall be expended or utilized in accordance with the purpose or purposes for which the same has been made, a periodic report on which shall be submitted by the provincial or city agriculturist to the Agricultural Productivity Commission.

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