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GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA

**PANCHAYATI RAJ (G. P.) DEPARTMENT**

**RESOLUTION**

The 23rd February 2005

**SUBJECT—Scheme on “UTKAL SABUJA GRAM YOJANA”**

**INTRODUCTION—**Utkal Sabuja Gram Yojana is one of the policy initiatives of Government under 12-Point policy announcement. In accordance with the policy announcements, a scheme titled as “UTKAL SABUJA GRAM YOJANA” has been launched in consultation with Revenue Department and Forest & Environment Department.

**1. OBJECTIVE—**The objective of the scheme is to,—

- (i) take up plantation in the waste lands within Grama Panchayat Areas ;
- (ii) meet the demand of Timber and Bamboo for construction of houses of beneficiaries belonging to BPL Families ;
- (iii) generate income for the G. P., by sale of fruits of fruit bearing plants and other minor forest produces including ‘Badi’ Bamboo and Fuel Wood ;
- (iv) encourage people to go in for plantation in their own and community lands ; and
- (v) prevents soil erosion.

**2. METHODOLOGY :—**The Palli Sabha in consultation with Revenue Field Officers will select revenue waste land/community land/degraded village forest land for taking up plantation. Palli Sabha will constitute a Joint Forest Management Committee to look after the plantation programme in Government Land. The Palli Sabha will adopt Resolution on plantation and ensure participation of villagers who are primary stakeholders. The Palli Sabha will remain

responsible for maintenance of the plantations. The use fruits can be availed of by the Village Joint Forest Management Committee, but they would have no authority to undertake felling of trees. Authorised Officers of Revenue Department will supervise proper use of the land and in case the land is not used for the purpose for which the same is leased out, the lease will be cancelled.

The Palli Sabha may take the assistance of the Social Forestry Supervisor for technical sanction of the scheme proposed for the plantation programme.

3. TRANSFER OF LAND—The Sarapanch on behalf of the Grama Panchayat will make an application to the Tahasildar in the prescribed Form for lease of the waste land/community land in favour of Grama Panchayats. Grama Panchayat will comply with the terms and conditions as laid down by the Revenue Department on lease of waste land to the institution. The lease of the waste land/community land should be incorporated in the Record of Right appropriately as per law, a copy of which is to be kept by the Grama Panchayat for its reference. The Grama Panchayat by way of its Resolution will allow Palli Sabha to take up plantation on the leased land.

4. CHOICE OF SPECIES—Depending upon the choice of the people and considering local condition and chances of mortality, species should be selected for plantation. Species yielding timber for 'Lord Jagannath' Temple requirement, fuel wood, small timber, fruits and non-timber forest produce 'Bari' Bamboo would be preferred.

5. The Palli Sabha may raise nursery or collect seedling from the Forest Department on from very reliable sources considering their requirement. Technical help of Forest & Environment Department or Horticulture Department may be taken for plantation and post-plantation care. The Palli Sabha may establish nurseries for supplying its own and neighbouring needs. Nursery training may be provided as an income generation measure.

6. The Grama Panchayat may entrust the Standing Committee dealing with the subject of social forestry plantation, etc., for effective management of the programme. The Grama Panchayat may seek the advice of the Horticulture, Soil Conservation or Forest & Environment Field Staff locally available for any technical and other inputs. The Standing Committee will review the progress of the scheme and will furnish their report for the approval of the Grama Panchayat.

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ORDER—Ordered that the Resolution be published in the Extraordinary issue of the *Orissa Gazette*.

By order of the Governor

S. BAYA

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government