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GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

RESOLUTION

The 21st February 2009

SUBJECT—Constitution of Society “Mission for Application of Science & Technology for Plants and Land Management (MASTPALM)”.

Government of Orissa is going to constitute a Society, namely, “Mission for Application of Science & Technology for Plants and Land Management (MASTPALM)” with a vision for scientific and sustainable management of plants and human habitats to promote growth, equity, empowerment, harmony and livelihood security of the people in the State of Orissa. This society is to be registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 and will take up various activities through promotion of sustainable livelihoods through dissemination of scientific knowledge, technical/managerial/entrepreneurial skills to the community aimed at promoting holistic development at grass-roots through multi-stakeholders committed to implement people friendly agenda.

Now, Government of Orissa has been pleased to resolve the structure and functions of the Society as under :

## **1. Constitution of the Society :**

The society shall be called the “Mission for Application of Science & Technology for Plants and Land Management (MASTPALM)”. The society shall be an autonomous, non-profit and charitable institution registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 for the interest of the people of Orissa. The registered office of the Society shall be initially in the Science & Technology Department, Orissa Secretariat, At/P.O. Bhubaneswar, PIN-751001. Government may however, notify any other place as its functional office from time to time. The headquarters of the society shall be at Bhubaneswar and jurisdiction of the society shall be the whole of the State of Orissa.

## 2. Aims and Objectives of the Society :

The aims and objectives of the Society is as under :—

**Aim—** Transfusion of rich genetic diversity and promotion of sustainable livelihoods through dissemination of scientific knowledge, technical/managerial/entrepreneurial skills to the community aimed at promoting holistic development at grass-roots through multi-stakeholders committed to implement people friendly agenda.

**Objectives :**

- Human Resource Development, Capacity Building, Empowerment and Self Employment opportunities in the community.
- Modifying and completing the disjointed “field to laboratories” and “laboratories to field” loops of interaction into an effective circle of collaboration.
- Realise the felt need of the people to undertake plants and land, conservation utilization and growth mechanisms in scientific and sustainable manner.
- promote market linkage through Self Help Co-operatives/Federations
- Function as resource centre and nodal expert agency to provide technical, professional knowledge and policy support to Government, Corporate and Community particularly in the field of Plants and Land Management.
- Mobilize resources to fulfil the objectives of the Society
- Integration of and synergy among various stakeholders with community as primary stakeholders.
- Ensure convergence of various development programmes for holistic eco-friendly growth of the community.

## 3. Governing Body of the Society :

The Governing Body of the Society shall consist of the following members to whom the Management of the affairs of the Society is entrusted—

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| (a) Chief Secretary and Chief Development Commissioner, Orissa.          | .. Chairperson      |
| (b) Secretary to Government, Science & Technology Department.            | .. Vice-Chairperson |
| (c) Additional Secretary to Government, Science & Technology Department. | .. Member           |
| (d) Dr. Bhagban Prakash, ex-Advisor, W.H.O.                              | .. Member           |
| (e) Dr. Ramdayal Munda, ex-V. C. Ranchi University                       | .. Member           |
| (f) Prof. Santosh Kar, J.N.U., New Delhi                                 | .. Member           |

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| (g) Shri Joe Mediath, Director, Gram Vikash  | .. Member             |
| (h) Shri Chitta Ranjan Sarangi   | .. Chief Co-ordinator |
| (i) Director, Biotechnology &<br><i>ex officio</i> Additional Secretary,<br>Science & Technology Department. | .. Member-Secretary   |

#### **4. Power and Functions of the Governing Body :**

The functions of the Governing Body shall be the following —

- (i) To approve specific project schemes and target
- (ii) To review and monitor the progress of all programmes
- (iii) To accord financial and administrative approval to all the Projects and Programme
- (iv) To constitute sub-committees to look into aspects of functioning of the Society and to delegate to the sub-committee such powers and functions as may be deemed appropriate.

#### **5. General Body :**

The Governing Body shall function as the General Body initially. Latter on, with the resolution of the Governing Body. General Members may be taken from time to time. The Chairperson and the Governing Body can co-opt. eminent persons as special invitees to the General Body as and when necessary.

#### **6. Membership of the Society :**

- (i) The subscribers to the memorandum shall be the members of the Society
- (ii) The Society by its resolution may nominate members as and when required
- (iii) The membership of a member of the Society shall stand terminated when he/she ceases hold the office or appointments.

#### **7. Office Bearers of the Society :**

- (a) Chairperson
- (b) Vice-Chairperson
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Treasurer—
  - (a) Roles and responsibility of Chairperson

The Chief Secretary and chief Development Commissioner, Orissa shall be the Chairperson of the Society. The Chairperson in consultation of the Governing Body shall oversee and guide all affairs of the society and in accordance with the mandate of the Society. He shall have the overall power of supervision, direction and control over all affairs of the Society and the

functioning of the Office Bearers. He may invite such persons other than the members of the Governing Body to the meetings of the Governing Body as he thinks proper for specialised input and ideas.

**(b) Roles and responsibility of Vice-Chairperson :**

The Secretary to Government, Science & Technology Department, Orissa shall be the Vice-Chairperson of the Society. He will perform the work of the Chairperson in his absence. He will sign all financial transaction more than Rs. 25,000 (Rupees Twenty-five thousand only) jointly with the Member-Secretary of MASTPALM.

**(c) Roles and responsibility of Member-Secretary :**

The Director Biotechnology and *ex officio* Additional Secretary to Government, Science & Technology Department shall be the Secretary of the Society. As per the resolution of the Governing Body and approval of the Government, he is responsible for the smooth functioning of the Society, proper implementation of the projects and programmes under the overall guidance and co-operation of all the members and accountable for the activities and accounts of the Society. He will sign all financial transaction up to Rs. 25,000 (Rupees Twenty-five thousand only). Beyond Rs. 25,000 all the transaction will be signed jointly by him and the Secretary, Science & Technology Department. He will manage the property and investment of the Society and be responsible for the preparation of the annual estimates and statement of accounts and for their presentation in the General Body. He is responsible for seeing that all the moneys are expended for the purpose for which they are granted or allotted. He will sign all contract on behalf of the society. He will represent the Society in all matters and sue and be sued on behalf of the society. He will convene the meeting of the Governing Body and record the minutes of the proceedings. He will remain in overall charge of the funds of the Society and authenticate all orders and decisions of the society. He will discharge such other functions as may be assigned to him by the Chairperson or the Governing Body.

**(d) Roles and responsibility of Treasurer :**

The senior Scientist of Science & Technology Department, Government of Orissa shall perform the duty of the 'Treasurer' of the Society. All the financial transactions of the Society shall be made under the knowledge of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall verify the Cash Book and other financial records of the Society as and when required. He will assist the Member-Secretary for the preparation of annual estimates and statement of accounts of the Society.

**8. Chief Co-ordinator :**

The Chief Co-ordinator of the Governing Body of the Society will undertake all initiatives for smooth functioning of the Mission and will organize all projects and programmes under the overall guidance and co-operation of all the members.

## **9. Meeting of the Society :**

The Governing Body shall meet at least once in six months and as and when necessary chaired by the Chairperson of the Society or in his absence by the Vice-Chairperson. A minimum of five members shall form quorum of the meeting.

## **10. Election :**

Every three years after, a new Governing Body will be elected from among General Body with selection of Office Bearers from among Governing Body Members.

## **11. Voting :**

Decisions will always be taken by consensus. In case of any difference, vote may be taken by raise of hands. Chairperson will have the power to veto any decision.

## **12. Funds of the Society :**

- (a) State Government will provide funds initially to start activities and programmes to fulfil the objectives of the Society. An Annual Block Grant will be provided to MASTPALM to sustain its operation.
- (b) The Society may receive grants from Science & Society Section of Ministry of Science & Technology, D.B.T., MoEF., Department of AYUSH and other Departments of Government of India.
- (c) Multi-lateral & Bilateral funding like GEF., E.C., UNDP. etc.
- (d) Leverage of resources from other projects and external sources
- (e) Mobilization of resource from other recognized sources, raise donation from public and contribution from members to develop MASTPALM as State Level Resource Agency.

## **13. Audit of Accounts :**

The Society shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and audit it annually by registered Chartered Accountant. In every three years the Chartered Accountant will be appointed by the Governing Body.

## **14. Bank Account :**

An interest bearing Joint Bank Account will be opened with the Signature of the Member-Secretary, MASTPALM and the Secretary, Science & Technology Department in any Nationalized Bank.

## **15. Legal Action :**

The Member Secretary may sue or be sued on behalf of the Society for the movable and immovable properties.

## **16. External Evaluation :**

The State Government may conduct external evaluation of the Society as and when felt necessary through such agency as deemed appropriate.

### **17. Amendment of Bye-Laws :**

The Bye-Laws of the Society may be amended by the Governing Body after obtaining approval of the Government.

### **18. Desolution of the Society :**

- (a) The Society may be dissolved by resolution by not less than 3/5th of the Members of the Society after obtaining concurrence of the Government.
- (b) If upon such dissolution, there remains, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities and fund or assets what so ever the same shall be transferred to the State Government.

### **19. Emergency power of the Chairperson :**

Nothing in these Rules and Regulations shall prevent the Chairperson from exercising all powers of the Society in case of emergencies for furtherance of the objectives of the Society and action taken shall be reported to the Society in the next Governing Body.

### **20. Directions of State/Central Government :**

The Society shall carry out such directions as may be issued to it from time to time by the Government of Orissa or Central Government. It shall furnish to the Government of India or the State Government such reports, returns and other information as may be required by them from time to time.

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ORDER—Ordered that the Resolution be published in the Extraordinary Gazette of the Orissa Government for the general information and copy be communicated to all the Departments of Government/Heads of Department and other concerned.

By order of the Governor

P. K. MOHAPATRA

Commissioner-*cum*-Secretary to Government