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GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA  
**PLANNING & CO-ORDINATION DEPARTMENT**

RESOLUTION

The 28th October 2009

SUBJECT—Biju Kandhamal O Gajapati Yojana—Modalities and Guidelines.

The districts of Kandhamal and Gajapati have a large population of S.T. and S.C. communities who suffer from chronic poverty. These districts adjoin the undivided Koraput, Balangir and Kalahandi (K.B.K.) districts and have very adverse human development indicators. Most socio-economic indicators in these districts are comparable to, or even worse than, those in the K.B.K. districts. These two districts suffer from very poor infrastructure including poor connectivity net work, undeveloped service institutions and woefully insufficient irrigation facilities.

2. There is a growing realization within the State Government that both Kandhamal and Gajapati districts require a holistic and long-term development strategy coupled with continued and focused attention with greater fund flow over and above normal development inputs so that special problems, and genuine needs of the people, of these districts are effectively addressed. There is also a need for expeditious reduction of poverty in these districts.

3. With a view to accelerating the development process and expediting poverty reduction in these districts, the State Government have launched a Special Area Development initiative called "Biju Kandhamal O Gajapati Yojana (B.K.G.Y.)" under State Plan effective from the year 2009-2010 out of State's own resources.

4. Objectives & Components of the B.K.G.Y.—

4.1. The objectives are as follows :—

(i) Creating opportunities for economic, social and human development for the people of the districts,

(ii) Accelerating poverty reduction and achieving Millennium Development Goals (M.D.G.), and

(iii) Improving the quality of life of the local people and reducing regional disparities.

4.2. With a view to achieving the aforesaid objectives, the B.K.G.Y. shall focus on the following sectors keeping in view local needs and flow of funds from other sources:

- (i) Bijli (i.e., village/rural electrification and street lighting),
- (ii) Sadak (i.e., construction of culverts, bridges, roads for improving inter-village and intra-village connectivity and other roads),
- (iii) Pani (i.e., creation of irrigation and drinking water sources); and
- (iv) Livelihood Initiatives (i.e., support for sustainable income and employment generating activities, development of livelihood sectors, and S.H.G.); and
- (v) Social Safety Net Programmes (i.e. support for programmes that address the needs of vulnerable groups of people).

NOTE—It is clarified that only such electrification programmes /activities for which “Biju Grama Jyoti Yojana” and “Rajiv Gandhi Gramya Vidyutikaran Yojana” are not available may be supported under B.K.G.Y.

#### 5. Flow of funds under the BKG Y:

5.1. Each district shall be entitled to receive funds to the extent of Rs. 1.50 crore multiplied by number of Blocks per annum. That is Kandhamal district shall receive Rs.18 crore (Rupees eighteen crore) and Gajapati district Rs.10.50 crore (Rupees ten crore fifty lakh) per annum.

5.2. The B.K.G.Y. shall be implemented under the District Plan Mode. Each district shall prepare comprehensive district plan incorporating projects/schemes identified under the BKG Y. The State Government may, however, specify programmes/ schemes/projects under State Sector and District Sector.

5.3. The projects under District Sector shall be identified by the concerned District Collector in consultation with people’s representatives and the concerned District Level Officers. Such projects shall form a part of the Annual Plan of the district and shall have approval of the District Planning Committee (D.P.C.). After the District Sector Projects are approved by the D.P.C., the same shall be forwarded to the Planning & Co-ordination Department for Government approval.

5.4. The projects under State Sector shall also be recommended to the Planning & Co-ordination Department by line Departments, people’s representatives and the concerned District Collectors. The concerned line Departments and District Collectors may make their recommendations in consultation with people’s representatives and the concerned District Level Officers. Projects identified and incorporated under the District Sector should not be proposed under the State Sector. The State Sector schemes/ programmes shall be approved by Government in Planning & Co-ordination Department.

5.5. Funds under the B.K.G.Y. are to be used as additionality and may also be used with other programmes and other sources of funds under “Convergence Mode” with a view to enhancing development effectiveness of various flagship programmes and achieving Millennium Development Goals (M.D.G.).

5.6. The cost effectiveness of all Schemes shall be carefully evaluated so that returns from the funds invested under the approved schemes are maximized.

5.7. Allocation of funds under the B.K.G.Y. should not be spread very thin programmes / schemes shall be selected keeping in view the pressing needs of local people and visible development impact of the identified programmes/schemes. Projects of value less than Rs. 5 lakh may not generally be taken up. However, in case of drinking water projects, electrification of

institutions, construction of additional infrastructures of educational institutions and construction of small culverts, there may be relaxation. In all cases, once a project is identified and its cost has been reasonably estimated, efforts should be made to complete the project within the same year. This will be possible, if adequate amount of funds is allocated for the approved projects.

5.8. People's participation and involvement of PRIs, NGOs, VECs, Pani Panchayats, Self Help Groups and other community based organisations should be ensured at every stage including plan formulation, implementation and monitoring.

5.9. There shall be complete transparency in the choice of schemes and projects and their locations. The prioritized list of schemes and projects and the reasons for taking up the schemes and the criteria for choice of locations must be reflected in the District Plan and be made available on the website.

5.10. It will be mandatory that the District Plan allocates funds for S.C. communities under the Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (S.C.S.P.) and S.T. communities under Tribal Sub-Plan (T.S.P.) modes at least in proportion to their populations in the district.

#### 6. Mechanisms for Implementation of the Yojana :

6.1. Planning & Co-ordination Department shall be the Nodal Department for the purpose of implementation of the B.K.G.Y. In order to facilitate the funding for implementation of the B.K.G.Y., necessary budget provision shall be taken by Planning & Co-ordination Department.

6.2. Earmarked funds shall be released in not more than two installments by the Planning & Co-ordination Department direct to the concerned Collector who shall maintain a separate Head of Account for the Plan with the District Rural Development Agency (D.R.D.A.) or any other authorized Public Office. The concerned Project Director, D.R.D.A. or any other officer authorized by the Collector shall function as Drawing & Disbursing Officer in respect of the B.K.G.Y. funds.

6.3. Projects worth Rs.5.00 lakh (Rupees five lakh) and above should be executed through open competitive tenders. In case, no tender is received for a project, the works may be executed departmentally in accordance with the provisions contained in O.P.W.D. Code or in the Code(s) of other Development Departments, as the case may be. The projects which are assigned to Blocks and are not executed through tender process, may be executed through the Village Level Leader (V.L.L.) route or any approved method in force.

6.4. The District Collector shall release the received funds to the concerned implementing agencies within 15 days of the receipt of funds from the Planning & Co-ordination Department. The concerned line Departments, District Collectors and Drawing & Disbursing Officer shall be directly responsible for effective and timely implementation of schemes/programmes approved under the Yojana.

#### 7. Periodical Monitoring :

7.1. The District Collector shall prepare schedules of inspections prescribing the minimum number of site visits for each supervisory level functionary and ensure that the inspection schedules are faithfully followed by supervisory level functionaries.

7.2. The Collector and the concerned line Departments shall furnish Monthly Progress Report (M.P.R.) on financial and physical achievements of the Plan to Planning & Co-ordination Department by 10th of the succeeding month.

7.3. The implementation of the Plan shall be periodically monitored and evaluated by District Planning Committees (D.P.C.) and Planning & Co-ordination Department.

8. Other Matters :

8.1. The modalities and guidelines prescribed for the BKGY should be given wide publicity among the different stakeholders and be scrupulously adhered to at the time of selection, formulation and implementation of the schemes/projects/programmes.

8.2 . Planning & Co-ordination Department shall be responsible for clarifying doubts, if any, and ensure that bottlenecks in the implementation of the Plan are removed as expeditiously as possible and communicated to all concerned.

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ORDER—Ordered that this Resolution be published in the Extraordinary Gazette of the Government of Orissa 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

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