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PLANNING & CONVERGENCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 29th August, 2017

**Subject: The Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme for the KBK District:
Modalities and Guidelines.**

With a view to upkeep and maintaining the efforts made under Revised Long Term Action Plan (RLTAP) and Biju KBK Plan with regard to creation of assets in the KBK districts, the State Government have introduced a new initiative, called “**Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme for the KBK Districts**” under Programme Expenditure out of State’s own resources by delinking the additional resources of Rs.130 crore provided under State Sector of Biju KBK Plan. Infrastructure is the basic requirement for economic and social development of the KBK region. The rationale, modalities and guidelines for the Scheme are as follows:—

2. The Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme: Rationale:

2.1. The KBK region comprising undivided Kalahandi (i.e., Kalahandi & Nuapada), undivided Bolangir (i.e., Subarnapur & Bolangir) and undivided Koraput (i.e., Koraput, Nawarangpur, Malkangiri & Rayagada) Districts is the poorest and most backward region of the State. Development of quality and adequate infrastructure is the basic need for unleashing high and sustained economic growth as well as alleviating poverty of backward region. Infrastructure means those basic facilities and services which facilitate economic activities and thereby help in economic and social development of the locality.

2.2. With a view to maintaining the pace of development in the KBK region and recognizing the importance of infrastructure for sustained economic development, the State Government continue to attach high priority to infrastructural development through several ongoing and new programmes and projects.

3. Objectives and Strategies for the Scheme:

3.1. The objectives of the **Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme for KBK districts** are as follows:—

- (i) Creating physical infrastructure in the field of irrigation, communication, drinking water supply and education for ST/SC students.
- (ii) Improving the quality of life of the local people and bringing the KBK region at par with other developed regions.

3.2. In order to achieve the aforesaid objectives, the following strategies would guide the Scheme:

- (i) Building physical infrastructure (e.g., critical roads and bridges, minor irrigation projects);
- (ii) Promoting quality education for ST/SC students by way of providing infrastructure support in ST/SC schools/hostels; and
- (iii) Strengthening health measures by providing safe and potable drinking water supply.

4. Mechanisms for Implementation of the Scheme

4.1. Planning & Convergence Department shall be the Nodal Department for the purpose of Administration of the Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme.

4.2. The Scheme shall be executed in all eight KBK Districts. The **State Sector of Biju KBK Plan** which has been implemented through different line Departments shall be implemented as a new scheme i.e., “**Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme for KBK Districts**” with an outlay of Rs.130 crore per annum under Programme Expenditure being a component of Special Area Programme for undertaking durable infrastructures/assets in the field of ***Irrigation, Inter-district roads, Critical R.D roads, Drinking water supply and Development of ST/SC school buildings/hostels.*** Allocation of funds to the above sectors may be made depending upon the priority attached by the Government each year.

4.3. The concerned Departments will take appropriate budget provision under appropriate heads of account to the extent of the outlay as decided by P & C Department each year. The Departments shall ensure that district-wise allocation of funds are made on

pro-rata basis in accordance with the number of Blocks in each District as a percentage of the total number of Blocks in KBK region.

4.4. The Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme as per this Resolution shall come into force effective from 2017-18. **The Departments are allowed to utilize the provisions taken in the Budget Estimate for 2017-18 under State Sector of Biju KBK Plan by booking the expenditure against the new scheme, i.e., Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme.**

4.5. During the coming years the Departments shall release the budgeted funds to the concerned implementing agencies within 15 days after issue of authorization by Finance Department to incur expenditure. The Departments shall ensure that the budgeted funds are **not lapsed** at the close of the financial year. The concerned Departments shall be directly responsible for effective and timely implementation of Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme.

4.6. It shall be ensured that sustainable and durable assets are created under the scheme. Special attention is to be given to sustainability of each project. In the case of creation of assets, wherever possible future maintenance should be part of the programme, e.g., if a critical R.D road is taken up under the scheme, R.D Department shall be responsible for the maintenance of the road in future by taking provision in their budget.

5. Preparation of Action Plan:

5.1. The main principles which may be taken into consideration for preparation of the Action Plan under Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme are summarised below:

- (i) The concerned Departments shall prepare an Action Plan relating to their programme under Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme within the earmarked fund well ahead keeping in view the critical gap from their normal budgetary provision and immediate need of the project. The proposals submitted by the KBK Collectors and People's Representatives may be incorporated in the Action Plan taking their feasibility into consideration within the budgetary allocation. Then the Department shall obtain Government approval of the Action Plan at their level. The Action Plan shall include among other things a schedule of operations as well as monitorable targets in terms of financial and physical components so that the projects shall be taken up for implementation as soon as

the Annual Budget is voted. A copy of the Action Plan shall be submitted to P & C Department.

- (ii) The concerned Departments shall follow their established norms and procedures for execution of the projects. While preparing the Action Plan, attempt would be made as far as possible for convergence of resources under the existing schemes other than Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme.
- (iii) Funds under the Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme are to be used in projects to breach the critical gap or meet the urgent need in greater public interest for which funding from other sources including State Programme Expenditure schemes, Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Central Schemes and funds received from any other source is either not available or is found to be inadequate.
- (iv) The cost effectiveness of all the projects shall be carefully evaluated so that returns from the funds invested under the scheme are maximized.
- (v) There shall be complete transparency in the choice of projects and their locations. The prioritized list of projects and the reasons for taking up the projects and the criteria for choice of locations must be reflected in the Action Plan.
- (vi) Efforts should be made to concentrate the development activities in poorer pockets and for disadvantaged communities within the District.

6. Monitoring and Evaluation:

6.1. The implementation of the Action Plan shall be periodically monitored by the P & C Department. Therefore, the concerned line Departments shall furnish Monthly Progress Report (MPR) on financial and physical achievements of the schemes/projects to P & C Department by **10th** of the following month.

6.2. The concerned Departments shall submit Utilisation Certificates in appropriate form to the A.G, Odisha pertaining to **Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme**.

6.3. The Department Officials / District Collectors shall make periodic inspection of the projects for ensuring quality of work.

6.4. The Government in P & C Department may also prescribe monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, reports and returns with a view to assessing the effectiveness of the implementation of the Scheme from time to time.

6.5. The Departments shall maintain Project Directory and upload the same in their Departmental *website* from time to time for better transparency.

7. Other Matters:

7.1. P & C Department shall be responsible for clarifying doubts, if any, and ensure that bottlenecks in the implementation of the Scheme are removed as expeditiously as possible and communicated to all concerned.

ORDER

It is ordered that the Resolution be published in the Extraordinary Gazette of the Government of Odisha for the general information and copy be communicated to all Departments of Government/Heads of Department and all Collectors.

By Order of the Governor

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