

**MATERIALS FOR UPDATION OF GOVERNMENT WEBSITE
(PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT)**

CABINET DECISIONS

20.06.2005

1. Allotment of land in favour of Vivekananda Yoga Therapy Research Institute on 50% concessional premium.

1. An area of Ac.0.250 in Mouza Gopabandhu Nagar was allotted in favour of Vivekananda Yoga Therapy Research Institute on payment of premium of Rs.12,50,000.00 @ Rs. 50.00 lakhs per acre. The Institute requested allotment of land on free of premium/ concessional rate. The Empowered Committee in its meeting on 07.01.2002, after considering the representation, recommended 50% concession in favour of the Institute. The Cabinet approved the proposal to grant 50% concession in the payable premium.

2. Vivekananda Yoga Therapy Research Institute is a Service Mission working in the field of Health Services and Education. The aim of the Institute is to generate awareness about Yoga as a Science and for propagating its virtues. It conducts training programmes on stress management for executives and professionals and Yoga for computer users. Special programmes like Youth Campus, Treatment Camps for treatment of Psychosomatics ailments (like Asthma, Sinusitis, Nasal Allergy, Diabetes, Hyper Acidity, High B.P., Anxiety, Back pain, Neck pain & Arthritis etc.) seminar and workshop have been organized.

2. Annual Report of the Lokpal, Orissa for the year 2003- 2004.

As per the provision of section 12(8) of the Orissa Lokpal and Lokayuktys Act, 1995 the Annual Consolidated Report of the Lokpal for the year, 2003-04 and the Explanatory Memorandum thereon is to be laid before the Orissa Legislative Assembly.

The Cabinet decided to lay the Annual Consolidated Report of Lokpal for the year 2003-04 and Explanatory Memorandum thereon in Orissa Legislative Assembly.

3. Amendment of Industrial Policy Resolution, 2001.

1. Industrial Policy Resolution(IPR), 2001 is effective from 3rd December, 2001 with an objective to create a business climate conducive to accelerate investment in Industrial and Infrastructure Projects. The policy is relatively free from financial incentives focusing more on creating investor friendly and hassle free environment to set up industry in the State. Orissa Industries(Facilitation) Act, 2004 has been enacted and the Orissa Industries (Facilitation) Rule has been framed to provide an effective single window service to the entrepreneurs for obtaining clearances for setting up industries within a time frame and to streamline inspections by different agencies. This policy has achieved the desired objective in creating an investor friendly environment. Hence, the IPR 2001 needs to be extended since as per Para 30(a) of the Industrial Policy Resolution, 2001 the Policy is not in force after 31st March, 2005. Para 30(a) of IPR, 2001 reads as follows:-

“This Policy shall remain in force until March, 2005 or until substituted by another Policy, whichever is earlier. The State Government may at any time amend any provision of this policy”.

It is proposed that the words “until March, 2005” in this Para 30(a) of IPR, 2001 may be substituted by words “until March, 2006” so that the IPR 2001 will remain in force till 31.3.2006 or till it is substituted by another policy whichever is earlier.

The Cabinet, today, has given its nod to the proposal.

4. Review of SEZ Policy, 2003.

1. Special Economic Zone(SEZ) Policy vide Resolution No.19127/I dated 10.11.2003 was adopted by Government of Orissa in pursuance to the advice of Government of India to formulate such a policy to provide a legal framework for comfort of investors. The SEZ Policy contained a number of fiscal incentives like exemption from all type of State taxes and duties apart from some relaxation in Labour Laws.

2. In the meantime, Government of India has proposed to enact a Central SEZ law. The SEZ Bill 2005 of Government of India contains a number of fiscal incentives like exemption from Central Excise / Customs Act, Income Tax Act apart from relaxation from Labour Laws.

In view of the above it is decided;

To repeal the existing SEZ policy of State Government issued in Resolution No.19127/I dated 10.11.2003 of Industries Department.

To draft and recommend a new SEZ policy with the sector specific strategy to be adopted to generate employment in Orissa through development of SEZs keeping in view the provisions and requirements in SEZ Bill 2005 of Govt. of India. For this purpose a Task Force has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary with Development Commissioner, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Principal Secretary Finance, Principal Secretary Steel & Mines, Secretary Law and Secretary, Labour as members with Secretary, Industries as member secretary of the Task Force.

5. Proposal to amend the Orissa Value Added Tax Act, 2004 by promulgation of an Ordinance under Article 213 of the Constitution.

The Orissa Value Added Tax Act, 2004 was enforced w.e.f. 01.04.2005. After enforcement of the new legislation representations were received from different quarters on different operational difficulties. The Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers discussed some of such issues in their meetings on 07.03.2005 and 26.04.2005 and recommended certain modifications in order to resolve these issues for smooth implementation of VAT in the Country.

Keeping in view the recommendations of the Empowered Committee and changes effected by the neighbouring States as well as for the purpose of removing the operational difficulties certain amendments are proposed to the Orissa Value Added Tax Act, 2004 including provisions under sections 10,14,21,26,34,77 and 107.

It is also proposed to amend the entries in Schedules A (Tax Free Group), B (4% Group) and C (20% Group) of the Act as per recommendation of the Empowered Committee for removing anomalies and to have clarity in classification of items.

As the proposed amendments are urgent in nature and the State Legislature is not in Session the Cabinet, decided to effect the amendments by way of promulgation of an Ordinance under Article 213 of the Constitution.