

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

CABINET DECISIONS

26.04.2005

1. Conversion of posts of Primary Investigator (P. I.) from district cadre to State Cadre.

As per rule 3 of the Orissa Sub-Ordinate Statistics and Economics Service Rules, 1994, the post of Primary Investigator(P. I.) belongs to O.S. & E.S. Class-III Cadre. It was initially a State Cadre post, but, G.A. Department vide their Resolution No.1955 dated 27.7.98 have amended the Orissa Sub-Ordinate Staff Selection Commission Rules, 1993 wherein the said post(P.I.) has been excluded from Schedule-I of the said Rules. Subsequently, the post of P.I. under Planning & Co-ordination Deptt. has been converted to the District Cadre post as per G.A. Deptt. Resolution No. 23326 dated 28.08.1998.

The conversion of P.I. posts from the State Cadre to district cadre has created problem for transfer of P.Is. and serious dislocation in survey work under Fruits & Vegetable (F &V), N.S.S. Scheme work and data entry work etc. Hence, the post of P.I. requires to be reconverted from the district cadre to State Cadre post and for enlistment of the said posts in Schedule-I of the Orissa Staff Selection Commission Rules, 1993 for conducting the recruitment.

The Cabinet has approved the proposal.

2. Constitution of the Commission to enquire into the Regional Imbalances in State and to recommend the necessary remedial measures.

A Commission to enquire into the Regional Imbalance in the State and to recommend necessary remedial measures has been constituted vide the Planning and Co-ordination Department Resolution No.3194/P dated 20.02.2004. The Commission has been fully constituted with Members and Member-Secretary vide the Planning and Co-ordination Department Notification No. 12131/P., dated 24.12.2004.

The tenure of the Commission was 6(six) months from the date of its constitution i.e. from 20.02.2004 and required to submit their final report also within the said period, but due to non-formation of full-fledged Commission within the said period, the Commission could not start its work. Full fledged constitution of the Commission was over by 24.12.2004 when the Member Secretary was finally appointed although all other Members were appointed by 28.08.2004.

In the aforesaid circumstances it was felt necessary to extend the tenure of Commission for a further period of one year beyond 20.08.2004 when the Commission completed its six months of tenure. The term of the Commission, therefore, has been extended for a further period of one year under the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister in anticipation of Cabinet approval.

The Cabinet approved the proposal.

3. Amendment to Orissa Government Rules of Business to replace the year "1970" by "1995" appearing in the list of business of P.G. & P.A. Department.

The Orissa Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 1970 and matters connected therewith is a subject matter of P.G. & P.A. Department. In the meantime, the said Act has been repealed and instead a modified Act namely "The Orissa Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act 1995" has been come into force. It is therefore felt necessary to replace the year "1970" by "1995" appearing in the list of Business of P.G. &P.A. Department by way of an amendment to Orissa Govt. Rules of Business. The Cabinet approved the amendment to be made.

4. Amendment to Government Rules of Business to incorporate the subject matter "Universal Health Insurance Scheme" for health care of BPL families and "Group Health Insurance Scheme" for the members of Self-Help Groups and other Credit linked Groups in the list of Business of Health & Family Welfare Department.

The Cabinet decided that the subject matter listed in the Memorandum may be allocated to the list of Business of the Panchyati Raj Department.

5. Amendment to the Orissa Sub-Registrars (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 1983.

As per the existing rules, the Secretary/ Addl. Secretary to Government in Revenue & Excise Department is one of the members of the Selection Committee. The Excise Department have in the meantime been bifurcated from Revenue Department and Registration organisation is under the control of Revenue Department.

It was proposed to amend the Orissa Sub-Registrars (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules 1983 that the Secretary or an officer duly authorised by the Secretary not below the rank of Deputy Secretary to Government of Revenue Department is to act as Member of the Selection Committee.

The Cabinet approved the proposal.

6. Allotment of land to Physically Handicapped School Bargarh free of premium.

It was decided not to exempt the institution from payment of premium in respect of land for which application has been made.

7. Revision of Water Tariff for Domestic, Industrial, Commercial & Institutional consumers and of sewerage maintenance charges.

The following proposals were brought before the Cabinet for consideration:

1. ULBs of the State be categorised as grade-I, II & III on the basis of their population for charging water tariff/sewerage charges.
2. The water tariff and sewerage charges be enhanced.
3. Service connections charges for water supply and sewerage connection charges for new consumers be enhanced
4. Water act be enacted to prevent theft of water/ unauthorised connection/damaged to water supply pipe lines.
5. Provision for automatic rise of water tariff@5% each year.
6. Rule may be amended for (a) imposition of penalty for late payment (b) provision of power to inspect house connections of water supply by PHEO officers (c) owners of private apartment/builders to obtain no-objection certificate from

PHEO to develop their own sewerage connections and treatment systems within their premises.

The Cabinet approved subject to the following:

The matter relating to water tariff for the domestic consumer will be reviewed separately. As for the water tariff, in respect of temporary water supply for construction of houses for residential purpose, the proposed rate was approved at Rs. 100/- per tap per month. Similarly, in respect of temporary water supply for building construction by contractor the proposed tariff @ Rs.15/- per 1000 litres was approved. As for the sewerage tariff, all the proposals as given in the table were approved except for the domestic category and for the Government quarters.

୮. ଭୂକ୍ଷୋଦଶ ବିଧାନସଭାର ଚତୁର୍ଥ ଅଧିବେଶନର ସତ୍ତ୍ୱାବସାନ ।

The 4th session of the 13th Orissa Legislative Assembly which met from 28.2.2005 to 6.4.2005 was prorogued by the Governor of Orissa on advice of the Chief Minister who anticipated the approval of the Cabinet. Today the Cabinet accorded ex-post-facto approval for the same.

9. Settlement of India Made Foreign Liquor 'Off shops and Country Liquor shops by inviting applications and by way of draw of lottery on fixed consideration money.

The Cabinet approved the proposal and it was decided that the applications will be available through the internet and the application fee will be collected in shape of bank draft to be attached to the form. Forms will be submitted to the Collectors of the relevant districts.

10. Introduction of Out-Still System in Ganjam, Gjapati and Dhenkanal Districts in place of Country Spirit.

1. Out Still System is prevalent in 17 districts: such as Sambalpur, Bargarh, Deogarh, Jharsuguda, Sundergarh, Balangir, Sonapur, Kalahandi, Nuapada, Koraput, Rayagada, Malkanagiri, Nabarangpur, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Angul and Boudh.

2. Country Spirit System is now prevailing in the following 13 districts: Balasore, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapaa, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Puri, Khurda, Nayagarh, Gnajam, Gajapati and Kandhamal.

3. 65 Country Spirit shops out of total 109 Country Spirit shops in Ganjam, Gajapati, and Dhenkanal districts could not be settled for 2005-06 by way of renewal.
4. It was decided to introduce Out Still System in place of Country Spirit System in three districts such as Ganjam, Gajapati and Dhenkanal for the following reasons:
 - The people of these three districts prefer Out Still Liquor than the Country Spirit.
 - There is abundance of Mahua Flowers in these districts for manufacture of Out Still Liquor.
 - Smuggling of Mahua Flowers can be prevented, as the licensee will procure Mahua Flowers from within the district.
 - The primary gatherers of Mahua Flowers who are mainly poor Adivasis will get genuine price.
 - The storage and use of Mahua Flowers under Out Still system can be controlled effectively.
 - It has been found over the years that there are no deaths due to consumption of Out Still Liquor.
 - The Out still Liquor will be cheaper than the Country Spirit.
 - It will be available at an affordable price for which it can counteract illicit distillation and sale of liquor and prevent import of spurious spirit from outside the State.
 - Fermentation and distillation of Out Still Liquor is a continuous process and its production is in small batches for which there is scope for employment of unskilled labourers for loading and unloading work, pouring water and for cleaning of vessels etc.
 - Government will get higher revenue from Out Still system.
5. The additional revenue generation will be generated.
6. Thus there will be increase in excise revenue and prevention of large scale I.D. Liquor.

11. Privatization of Co-operative Spinning Mills at Nuapatna, Tirtol & Khurda.

The State Government have signed an MoU with the Ministry of Finance , Government of India to undertake Medium Term Fiscal Restructuring Programme(MTFRP). As per the Plan of Action under MTFRP, the State Co-operative Spinning Mills have been identified for privatization.

1. Jagannath Spinning Mill at Nuapatna

The Mill was registered in the year 1980. The commercial production was started in April 1984 with the capacity of 24,624 spindless. The investment of the Government was Rs. 523.00 lakhs in form of share capital. The accumulated loss of the Mill was Rs. 3661.15 lakh as on 31st March, 2001.

The system of conversion was adopted as an interim arrangement to keep the mill in operative condition, so that it will be convenient to attract private buyers. However, the conversion receipts were not adequate to meet the required monthly operational charges as well as payment of statutory dues of the employees. The production of the Mill has ceased w.e.f. 12.01.2005.

2. Sarala Spinning Mill at Tirtol

The Mill was registered in year 1981 with an investment of Rs. 596.00 lakh by the State Government. The commercial production was started in October, 1985 with capacity of 24,725 spindles. The production activities of the Mill have ceased since 1999 i.e. after super cyclone. The accumulated loss of the Mill was Rs. 2526.00 lakh as on 31st March 2003.

3. Utkal Spinning Mill at Khurda

The Mill was registered in the year 1976 with an investment of Rs. 478.48 lakh by the State Government. The commercial production activities of the Mill has ceased since 1998.

The State Government have provided financial assistance to implement voluntary Retirement Scheme Sarala Spining Mill and Utkal spin Mill.

The Government is not in a position to provide the required fund to bring back these three Co-operative Spinning Mills into operative condition.

The Cabinet decided to privatise these co-operative spinning mills.

12. Proposal for amendment of Orissa Entry Tax Act, 1999 to make it compatible with the provisions of the Orissa Value Added Tax, Act, 2004 by promulgation of an Ordinance under Article 213 of the Constitution of India.

In view of enactment of the Orissa Value Added Tax Act, 2004 by replacing the existing Orissa Sales Tax Act, 1947 w.e.f. 1st April, 2005, the relevant provisions of the Orissa Entry Tax Act, 2004 are required to be amended so as to make it compatible with the provisions of the VAT Act.

As the Orissa Value Added Tax has already been enforced in the state w.e.f 1st April, 2005 and State Legislature is not in session, the proposed amendments to the Entry Tax Act are urgently necessary for ensuring Tax compliance, the cabinet decided to effect the amendments by way of promulgation of Ordinance under Article 213 of the Constitution.