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GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA

PLANNING & CO-ORDINATION DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 16th June 2005

SUBJECT—Constitution of Poverty and Human Development Monitoring Agency

The Government of Orissa have embarked upon an ambitious "**Fiscal and Administrative Reform Programme**" to restore fiscal sustainability and improve effectiveness and delivery of core public services especially to the poor and disadvantaged sections of the population. The State Government are committed to reduce poverty and improve the quality of human life in general and human development indicators in particular. The Public Sector Reform Initiatives of the State Government have been supported by Government of India, World Bank, D.F.I.D., U.N.D.P. and other

External Donors. The State Government are also committed to significantly strengthen Poverty and Human Development Monitoring System; to mobilize civil society organizations; and to create capacities within the State Government with a view to tracking the impact of reforms and developing pro-poor policies/programmes/projects.

2. With a view to tracking the progress of poverty reduction, improving human development indicators, developing appropriate development programmes and assessing the impact of various programmes and policies on the poor, it has been considered expedient to constitute a High Power Agency, called "Poverty and Human Development Monitoring Agency" (hereinafter referred as the Agency) as an autonomous organization under the administrative control of the Government of Orissa, Planning & Co-ordination Department. The Agency will be a Society, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 with a view to ensuring necessary operational flexibility and autonomy subject to the overall direction and control of the State Government.

3. Constitution of Agency—

3.1. The Agency shall be called "**Poverty and Human Development Monitoring Agency**". The registered office of the Agency shall be in the Orissa State Secretariat, At/P.O. Bhubaneswar. The Government may however notify any other place as its functional office from time to time. Planning & Co-ordination Department would extend necessary logistic and budgetary support to the Agency. Its area of operation will be whole of Orissa and it will be an autonomous Agency. It may, however, also participate in research and consultancy activities even outside Orissa.

4. Aims and objectives of the Agency—

4.1. The Agency aims at tracking the progress of Poverty and Human Development Indicators within the State from time to time and providing an ACTIVE (Accurate, Compact, Transparent, Informative, Visible and Effective) monitoring system. The principal aims and objectives of the Agency are as follows :—

- (a) To create a comprehensive Poverty and Human Development Monitoring System to develop appropriate data base and to build up capacities within the State Government for tracking the progress of poverty reduction, monitoring human development indicators and attaining of Millenium Development Goals.
- (b) To publish periodical bulletins on "Poverty and Human Development Indicators" and share this information with different stakeholders and general public.
- (c) To undertake research and provide consultancy services to different stakeholders/user groups in areas in which the Agency has acquired competency.
- (d) To commission/outsource/relevant studies and examine various issues/concerns that impact Poverty and Human Development.
- (e) To develop appropriate programmes/projects/policy options that will help reduce poverty and improve human development in Orissa.

- (f) To collect National and International best practices with regard to poverty reduction and improved life quality, adapt them to local conditions and disseminate the same to different stakeholders.
- (g) Generate usable knowledge and disseminate the same to different line Departments/ stakeholders with a view to improving policy regime and programme designs.
- (h) To support informed decision-making within the Government of Orissa as regards poverty reduction, human development and planning.
- (i) To monitor and evaluate implementation of poverty reduction/development programmes/ projects and provide feed-back to the concerned line Departments/user groups.
- (j) To forge closer links with civil society organizations/voluntary sector and assist the State Government in developing appropriate policy framework and institutional arrangements.
- (k) To undertake such other programmes/activities as may be assigned to it by the State Government from time to time.

5. Governing Body—

5.1. The Governing Body of the Poverty and Human Development Monitoring Agency shall be constituted as follows :—

(i) Development Commissioner- <i>cum</i> -A.C.S. and Secretary to Government, P. & C. Department.	..	President
(ii) Secretary, Agriculture	..	Member
(iii) Secretary, Finance	..	Member
(iv) Secretary, Food Supplies & C. W. Department	..	Member
(v) Secretary, Forest & Environment	..	Member
(vi) Secretary, Health & Family Welfare	..	Member
(vii) Secretary, H. & U. D.	..	Member
(viii) Secretary, Panchayati Raj	..	Member
(ix) Secretary, R. D.	..	Member
(x) Secretary, School & Mass Education	..	Member
(xi) Secretary, S. T. & S. C. Development	..	Member
(xii) Secretary, W. & C. D.	..	Member
(xiii) Director, Economics & Statistics	..	Member
(xiv) Special Secretary (P.T.F.), P. & C. Department	..	Member-Secretary

5.2. In addition, seven experts of International/National repute may be nominated by the State Government to advise the Agency and its Governing Body.

6. Executive Committee—

6.1. The Governing Body may, by resolution, constitute an Executive Committee to discharge powers and functions as specified in the rules of the Agency.

7. Powers and functions of Office Bearers—

- (a) **President** —The President will preside over the meetings of the Governing Body. He will exercise such other powers as may be entrusted by the Governing Body.
- (b) **Member-Secretary** —All executive and financial powers of the Agency shall vest in the Member-Secretary, who shall act as Chief Executive of the Agency. He shall be responsible for overall administration of the Agency and to discharge its assigned functions in accordance with prescribed procedures. He will monitor the progress and flow of funds for effective implementation of the assigned functions and programmes, seek administrative approval of the competent authority as per the delegation of powers from time to time, recruit and appoint staff and exercise such other powers as may be entrusted by the Governing Body.

8. Personnel of the Agency—

8.1. The Agency shall have mainly two types of personnel—**Subject Specialists** including Poverty Specialist, Livelihood Specialist, Specialist, Social/Gender Issues, Specialist, Project Preparation, Implementation & Evaluation, Systems Analysis/IT Specialist and **support staff** including six Data Analysts, Accounts Officer, Accountant and two Peons. These staff shall be engaged for a period, initially not more than 3 years, either on deputation from State Government/Central Government or on contract from open market.

8.2. The Agency shall also outsource such activities for which it does not have desired skills and capacities.

9. Powers and functions of the Agency—

9.1. The Agency shall have the following functions and powers :—

- (a) Design the roadmap for establishing a sound Poverty and Human Development Monitoring System in Orissa and create an appropriate database.
- (b) Identify key indicators for the purpose of Poverty and Human Development Monitoring and also take necessary steps for inclusion of new indicators or modification of the existing indicators with involvement of the concerned line Departments/Experts.
- (c) Publish periodical bulletins as regards Poverty and Human Development Indicators and also publish the State level, Regional level and District level Human Development Reports at regular intervals.

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- (d) Generate usable knowledge and disseminate the same to different line Departments/ stakeholders with a view to improving policy regime and programme designs.
 - (e) Seek, receive and manage funds/grants from different sources including the State Government, Government of India, Financial Institutions/D.F.I.D./U.N D.P./World Bank and other external donors.
 - (f) Operate a Funds Account in a Public Sector Bank or Institutional Based Bank for maintaining an account of the funds received from various sources for the aforesaid purpose.
 - (g) Undertake such activities and functions that will help to achieve its aims and objectives
 - (h) Extend intellectual support to E.A.P. Cell, Evaluation Cell, N.G.O. Cell, P.T.F./L.T.A.P. Cell and Plan Branch of P. & C. Department.
 - (i) Exercise such other functions and powers as may be assigned to the Agency by the State Government.
 - (j) Devise its own rules of business and procedures for expeditious and effective functioning of the Poverty and Human Development Monitoring System in Orissa.

Governing Body and Executive Committee shall have the functions and powers as laid down in the Rules of the Agency.

ORDER—It is 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

A. K. TRIPATHY

Development Commissioner-cum-
Additional Chief Secretary &
Secretary to Government