GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
S.T. & S.C. DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
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No. 2231 /SSD Dt. 8th February, 2016.  

RESOLUTION  

Sub: Constitution of Programme Steering Committee (PSC) for the Odisha PVTG Empowerment and Livelihoods Improvement Programme (OPELIP).  

The Odisha PVTG Empowerment and Livelihoods Improvement Programme (OPELIP) will be implemented with assistance from IFAD in 17 Micro Project Agency (MPA) areas located in twelve districts of the State namely Malkanagiri, Rayagada, Angul, Deogarh, Ganjam, Nuapada, Keonjhar, Sundargarh, Gajapati, Kandhamal, Kalahandi and Mayurbhanj starting from 2016-17. The programme aims to achieve enhanced living conditions and reduce poverty of the target group households. This will be achieved via building the capacity of the targeted households, securing them their entitlements over land and forest, improving their agricultural practices for enhanced production, promoting income-generating micro-enterprises for alternate livelihoods and ensuring access to education, health and other services and improving community infrastructure to adopt expanded and sustainable livelihood opportunities to the hill environment and to the effects of climate change. The ST & SC Development Department has been designated as the Lead Programme Agency and entrusted with the responsibility of implementation of the programme.  

2. After careful consideration, Govt. have decided to constitute a Programme Steering Committee (PSC) under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for providing over all guidance and co-ordination for implementation of the programme.
The constitution of the Committee shall be as follows:

1. Chief Secretary, Odisha ... Chairman
2. Development Commissioner cum ACS ... Member
3. Secretary, Finance Department ... Member
4. Secretary, Forest & Environment Department ... Member
5. Secretary, Revenue Department ... Member
6. Secretary, Agriculture Department ... Member
7. Secretary, Rural Development ... Member
8. Secretary, Women & Child Development Department ... Member
9. Secretary, Panchayati Raj Department ... Member
10. Two District Collectors (to be nominated) ... Member
11. Representative of NABARD ... Member
12. Two Independent Development Experts (to be nominated) ... Member
13. Secretary, ST & SC Development Department ... Member- Secretary

3. The State Govt. shall nominate two District Collectors out of the programme implementation districts and two independent development experts to the Committee for terms of two years during the project period after the project implementation begins.

4. The PSC shall discharge the following functions:

(i) It shall provide overall guidance and direction to the Programme and provide necessary conceptual, strategic and policy guidelines for the design and implementation of programme activities.

(ii) It shall consider and approve the Annual Work Plan & Budgets (AWPBs) of the Programme and ensure adequate budgetary provision for implementation of the Annual Work Plans.
(iii) It shall coordinate the activities of different line departments connected with the programme and, if needed, can issue guidelines, which shall be binding on all line departments. It shall also ensure proper coordination with the participating Banks and other Agencies.

(iv) It shall review the progress of Programme implementation based on periodic progress reports and give necessary directions on the basis of such reviews.

(v) It shall provide a forum for dialogue between state level policy makers and field level Implementing Agencies, and review issues arising out of MPA. Governing Body and Management Committee meetings, Impact Assessment Studies, Evaluation Reports etc. and give necessary policy directions and guidelines for resolving issues.

(vi) It shall under-take such other tasks as may be required for the smooth and effective implementation of the programme.

5. The PSC can reserve and refer any matter, with its recommendations for consideration of Government.

6. The PSC shall meet at least twice yearly during the first three Programme years and at least once yearly thereafter; and the decisions taken at the meetings shall be intimated to all concerned by the Member-Secretary.

**ORDER:** Ordered that this Resolution be published in the next issue of the Odisha Gazette for general information and copy be furnished to all Departments of Government/all Heads of Department for information.

By order of the Governor

Commissioner cum Secretary to Govt.
Memo No. 2232 /SSD. Dated, 8th February, 2016,

Copy forwarded to the Director, Printings, Stationary & Publications, Odisha, Madhupatna, Cuttack for information and necessary action. He is requested to publish the above Resolution in the next issue of the Odisha Gazette and supply copies to the Members and all concerned.

Commissioner cum Secretary to Govt.

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Copy forwarded to the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, Sashtri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001/ Addl. Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance & Company Affairs, Department of Economic Affairs, North Block, New Delhi/Principal Resident Commission, Odisha Bhawan, 4, Bordolai Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021/ Mr. Nigel Brett, Country Programme Manager, IFAD Asia and the Pacific Division,2, Poorvi Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057/Ms. Meera Mishra, Country Coordinator, IFAD India Country Office, 2, Poorvi Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057.

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