

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

CABINET DECISIONS

08.10.2004

1. Amendment to the Orissa Employees' State Insurance Medical Service (Recruitment) Rules, 1970. Approved.

The Orissa Employees State Insurance Medical Service (Recruitment) Rules, 1970 were framed to regulate recruitment of Insurance Medical Officer (Group-B) as well as their promotion to Group-A (Junior, Senior and Supertime Scale) Grade of the Orissa E.S.I. Medical Service. Thereafter some amendments were incorporated in the said Rules. Further amendment to the said Rules is necessitated for relaxation of service experience criteria prescribed in Rule 15 for promotion of the Officers to the rank of Joint Director, Level-II and Level-I of the Orissa E.S.I. Medical Service. The existing provisions of service experience criteria in the said rule cause dearth of Officers in the feeder grade for which the above mentioned posts remain vacant for a considerable period of time. The basic objectives of the amendment approved by the Cabinet are to fill up the posts of Joint Director, Level-II, Level-I and Director, E.S.I. Scheme in time for successful implementation of E.S.I. Scheme in the State as well as to facilitate and extend promotional incentives to the eligible efficient Officers who often retire in the lower grade even after serving under the scheme for long years.

2. Proposal for amendment of the Orissa Entry Tax Act, 1999 (Orissa Act 11 of 1999).

With a view to mobilise additional resources to augment State's own tax revenue, it is proposed to amend the Schedule to the Orissa Entry Tax Act so as to include some more new items for levy and collection of Entry Tax.

Accordingly, it is decided to add 28 more items in Part-I and 5 new items in Part-II of the Schedule.

It was also decided to examine the possibility of imposing exit tax on certain items like Ferro Alloys including Ferro Silicon, iron ore and other minerals which are being taken out of the state for value addition elsewhere in the country or abroad. Through this substantial revenue can be generated.

3. The Orissa Local Fund Organisation Ministerial Services (Method of Recruitment and Condition of Service) Rules, 2004 framed under Article 309 of the Constitution of India.

At present there are no existing cadre rules to regulate the method of recruitment and conditions of service of the persons appointed to the Orissa Local Fund Audit Organisation Ministerial Service. The services comprises of personnel working in the grade of Head Clerks, Senior Clerks and Junior Clerks in different District Audit Offices. In order to regulate their appointment, preparation of gradation list, fixation of inter-se seniority and confirmation in an uniform method, there is need to frame a cadre rule for the above category of employees.

90% of the posts of Junior Clerks shall be filled up by direct recruitment through a competitive examination and 10% of the posts shall be filled up by way of promotion from amongst the Group-D employees of the District Audit Offices of the Local Fund Audit Organisation. Subsequently, the recruitment of the posts of Senior Clerks and Head Clerks shall be made by way of promotion from amongst the Junior Clerks and Senior Clerks respectively.

The Cabinet also decided to examine the possibility of having separate district cadres of the Orissa Local Fund Organisation Ministerial Services by bifurcating the existing state cadre of the Orissa Local Fund Organisation Ministerial Services. Only certain higher-level posts can be kept in the state cadre with a suitable provision for recruiting from the district level. This should be examined further by the administrative department.

4. Prorogation of 1st Session of the 13th Orissa Legislative Assembly. Approved.

The 1st Session of the 13th Orissa Legislative Assembly which was commenced from 30.06.2004, adjourned sine-die on 07.08.2004. The Session was prorogued by His Excellency Governor of Orissa on 07.09.2004 on recommendations by the Chief Minister in anticipation of approval of Cabinet. The Cabinet accorded ex-post facto approval for the same.

5. Food and Procurement Policy for the Marketing Season 2004-2005. Approved.

During Kharif Marketing Season 2003-04, a procurement target of 15 lakh MT in terms of rice was fixed. The Agency-wise targets and achievement are given below.

Agency	Target	Achievement as on 7.09.04
Miller Agent (Levy Route)	14 Lakh MT	12,18,728 MT
Orissa State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.	60,000 MT	38,365 MT
Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS's)	40,000 MT	24,627MT

Agriculture Deptt. has intimated that the likely production of rice during 2004-05 marketing season would be 66.45 lakh MT. Having regard to the overall production, total availability of food stuff in the State, the food requirement of people and the trend of procurement in the past, it was decided to keep an overall target of 20 lakh M.Ts. of rice for the procurement season 2004-05. Of this 17 lakh M.Ts. will be procured from the millers through levy system and one lakh M.T. will be procured by the Orissa State Civil Supplies Corporation and the Cooperative Organisations. Food Corporation of India will be requested to procure 2 lakh M.Ts of rice.

It was decided that the state level committee will be chaired by Principal Secretary, Revenue in place of Chief Secretary as proposed in the draft.

It was noted that Minister, Food & Civil Supplies has already discussed with Union Minister for Food regarding relaxation of the FAQ norms. This needs to be followed up for an early decision.

6. Proposal to amend the schedule to the Orissa State Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Act, 2000. Approved.

In order to expand the tax base of the Professional Tax for mobilisation of additional resources in the State, it is proposed to include certain new classes of assesseees in the Schedule to the Profession Tax Act, 2000.

It has been decided to include certain additional items in the existing serial Nos. 5 & 9 of the Schedule and to insert 11 new classes of assesseees for levy and collection of Professional Tax.

The expected revenue yield will be around Rs.10.00 Cr. per annum.

7. Assignment of higher place to Shri Nalinikanta Pradhan, than his senior in the rank of Executive Engineer - deviation from the advice tendered by the OPSC regarding. Approved.

The Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) dated 11.6.1999 while drawing select list for the post of Executive Engineer allowed Sri Nalinikanta Pradhan higher place than seniors of his batch considering his exceptional merit, suitability and outstanding C.C.Rs. Merit always gets precedence over seniority on promotion cases. The O.P.S.C. while formulating their opinion in this case was not inclined to assign higher place to Sri Pradhan as the grounds mentioned for giving outstanding C.C.Rs did not convince the Commission. The Cabinet gave its approval not to accept the recommendation of O.P.S.C. in this case.

8. Summoning of Second Session of 13th Orissa Legislative Assembly. Approved.

The Cabinet decided to propose summoning of the 2nd Session of the Orissa Legislative Assembly commencing from 01.11.2004 to 06.11.2004 (6 sitting days) and move the proposal to His Excellency Governor, Orissa.

9. Formation of a Cabinet Sub-Committee relating to Higher Education.

The Cabinet decided to constitute a Sub-Committee relating to Higher Education with the following Members :

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| (1) | Shri B.B. Harichandan,
Minister, Rural Development,
Industries and Law. | | Chairman |
| (2) | Shri Samir Dey,
Minister, Higher Education,
P.G. & P.A. | | Member |
| (3) | Shri Kalindi Behera,
Minister, ST & SC Development
(SC Development), Minorities and
Backward Classes Welfare, Excise | | Member |
| (4) | Shri Prafulla Ch. Ghadai,
Minister, Finance | | Member |
| (5) | Shri Nagendra Kumar Pradhan,
Minister of State (Ind. Charge),
School & Mass Education. | | Special
Invitee. |
| (6) | Shri Balabhadra Majhi,
Minister of State (Ind. Charge)
ST & SC Dev. (ST Development) | | Special
Invitee. |