



GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA

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The Parliamentary Affairs Department was created in accordance with the General Administration Department Resolution No.5351 (E)-Gen., dated the 13th March, 1990. The following subjects were allotted to the Department:-

1. Governor's Establishment.
2. Ministers' Establishment including the Establishment of Chief Minister.
3. Orissa Legislative Assembly and Legislative Affairs.
4. Council of Ministers and Cabinet.
5. Establishment of personal staff of Ministers.
6. Formation of Cabinet Sub-Committees.

1. Governor's Establishment

There is a separate Secretariat for looking after the different affairs of the Governor's Establishment. The Parliamentary Affairs Department operates as the Nodal Department between Government and the Governor's Secretariat.

2. Ministers Establishment:

The Parliamentary Affairs Department looks after the amenities of the Chief Minister, all other Ministers, Leader of Opposition, Government Chief Whip and Government Deputy Chief Whip.

All personal entitlements of the Chief Minister and the Ministers are budgeted for by the Parliamentary Affairs Department.

- 3. (I) The following Acts and Rules thereunder are administered by the Parliamentary Affairs Department.**
- (a) The Orissa Legislative Assembly Speaker's Salary and Allowances Act, 1960.
 - (b) The Orissa Legislative Assembly Deputy Speaker's Salary and Allowances Act, 1959.
 - (c) The Orissa Legislative Assembly Deputy Speaker's Motor Car Advance Rules, 1968.
 - (d) The Orissa Ministers' Salary and Allowances Act, 1952.
 - (e) The Orissa Ministers' Travelling Allowance Rules, 1964.
 - (f) The Orissa Ministers' Motor Car Advance Rules, 1967.
 - (g) The Orissa Ministers' Drawal of Sitting Allowance Rules, 1995.
 - (h) The Orissa Legislative Assembly Members' Salary, Allowances and Pension Act, 1954.
 - (i) The Orissa Legislative Assembly Members' Drawal of Travelling Allowances and Daily Allowances Rules, 1957.
 - (j) The Orissa Legislative Assembly Members' Accommodation in Inspection Bungalows Rules, 1962.
 - (k) The Orissa Legislative Assembly Members' Telephone Facilities Rules, 1964.
 - (l) The Orissa Legislative Assembly Members' Salary and Allowance (Deduction of House Rent and other Charges) Rules, 1957.
 - (m) The Orissa Legislative Assembly Members' (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1965.
 - (n) The Orissa Legislative Assembly Ex-Members' Pension Rules, 1979.
 - (o) The Orissa Legislative Assembly Members' Family Pension Rules, 1988.
 - (p) The Orissa Legislative Assembly Members' Jeep, Motor Cycle, Scooter or Alike Vehicle Advance Rules, 1986.
 - (q) The Leader of Opposition of the Orissa Legislative Assembly's Staff and Privileges Rules, 1968.
 - (r) The Government Chief Whip and Government Deputy Chief Whip of Orissa Legislative Assembly's Staff and Privileges Rules, 1969.

4. Orissa Legislative Assembly and Legislative Affairs.

The Parliamentary Affairs Department deals with summon, prorogation and dissolution of the Orissa Legislative Assembly. After the General Election to the Orissa Legislative Assembly during April, 2004, the 13th Orissa Legislative Assembly was constituted by the Election Commission of India vide Notification No.308/OR-LA/2004 dated 15th May, 2004. During the period under report, the 13th Orissa Legislative Assembly was in Session from-

- (i) The 31st July 2006 to 12th August, 2006 (8th Session)
- (ii) The 13th November, 2006 to 30th November, 2006 (9th Session)

5. Council of Ministers and Cabinet.

The Council of Ministers is functioning under the leadership of Shri Naveen Pattnaik, the Chief Minister, with effect from 16.05.2004 for the second term. The Memoranda received from different Departments of Government relating to various subjects are put up before the Cabinet/ Council of Ministers by the Parliamentary Affairs Department. Decisions taken thereon are communicated to the concerned Secretaries by this Department. During the year under report 1(one) Meeting of the Council of Ministers and 8 (Eight) Meetings of the Cabinet were held till the report is compiled.

During the year under report, the Ministry of Government of Orissa have been reshuffled and one Swearing-in-ceremony has taken place on 17.5.2006.

6. Establishment of personal staff of Ministers.

The Parliamentary Affairs Department has been entrusted with Establishment of the personal staff of the Chief Minister, all other Ministers, Leader of Opposition, Government Chief Whip and Government Deputy Chief Whip.

7. Formation of Cabinet Sub-Committees.

During the year under report, one Cabinet Sub-Committee on Higher Education has been reconstituted to look into important matters relating to Higher Education sector.

8. A Commission of Inquiry has been set-up consisting of Hon'ble Justice Shri Chira Ranjan Pal, Retired Judge of Orissa High Court vide Notification No. 6178/PAD. Dated 15th September, 2004 to enquire into alleged violation of the Recruitment procedure and the illegal and unfair practice adopted in giving appointments and showing of favouritism and nepotism by misuse of official position, alleged corruption committed in purchase of computers for the Legislative Assembly and the alleged irregularities committed in installation of Attendance and Access Control System in the Orissa Legislative Assembly and to furnish the report to the Government within 3 (three) months. The Commission has actually started functioning in premises of Orissa State Guest House with effect from 1st December, 2004. The tenure of the Commission has been extended for the 14th term upto 31.3.2007 till the report is compiled.

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