

**Mr. Speaker and Hon'ble Members,**

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of this 14<sup>th</sup> Orissa Legislative Assembly. I convey my heartiest greetings to all of you and to the people of Orissa.

2. This August House has expressed its deep condolence on the sad demise of Late Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, former Vice-President of India, Late Kanduri Charan Mallick, Sidheswar Panigrahi, Ramakrushna Gouda, Kishore Chandra Singh Deo, Dhansai Randhari, Kapila Charan Sethy, Chittaranjan Mishra, Jadumani Pradhan, all former Members of this August House who have made significant contribution to the development of the State. This House has also expressed its condolence on the sad demise of Late Bidyadhar Barik, Ex-Sub Inspector, C.R.P.F, Late Ranjan Kumar Sahoo, Ex- Head Constable, C.R.P.F, Late Hrushikesh Mallick, Jugeswar Nayak, D. K. Samant, Panuram Nayak, Tusar Baral, R.C. Hembram, Pankaj Mohanty, Sudam Chandra Das, Gobinda Pradhan, all Ex-Constables, C.R.P.F., Late Sanjeet Kumar Tirkey, B. Ramachandra, all Ex-Constables, Orissa Police, Late Dipaksen Bhoi, Balaram Pradhan, Hemant Kumar Nayak, Bijendranath Rout, Jakatram Kudai, Ashok Kumar Behera, Umakant Nayak, Subrat Kumar Samal, Sanjay Kumar Pradhan, Partha Ranjan Behera, Hikim Hembram, Chandrakanta Pradhan, Bibhisan Sahoo, all Ex-Commandos, Special Operation Group, Sadananda Sualsingh, Dinabandhu Mantri, Lalit Hantala, all Ex-Gramarakhis, Orissa Police, who have rendered exemplary and selfless service and laid down their lives for the cause of the Nation. I request Hon'ble members to join me in paying tribute to Late Niladri Nayak, Raghunath Ray, Pruthunath Kisku, Brundaban Behera, Dr. Rabindra Mohan Das, all former Members of this House and Late Pramod Ch. Naik, Ex-Rifleman of 12 Assam Rifles who are no more with us. The House may convey our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved families of the departed souls.

3. My Government has been striving to achieve sustainable and inclusive higher economic growth, accelerated overall development, reduction of regional, social and gender disparities and a faster rate of poverty reduction. The State's 11th Five Year Plan for the period from 2007 to 2012 envisages an average annual growth rate of 9% with a projected outlay of 32,225 crore. During the 1st three years of the 11th Plan, an annual average growth rate of 8.73% has been achieved. Sustained efforts

have been made by my Government to allocate higher order of resources for planned development of the State. An increase of about 36% has been envisaged in the Plan size for the year 2011-12 over the current year. An outlay of 15,000 crore has been proposed by the State Government for the Annual Plan of 2011-12.

The State Government has launched the Biju KBK Plan for the KBK districts with annual allocation of 120 crore during the 11th Five Year Plan with a view to take up schemes focusing on providing Bijli, Sadak and Pani to the people of this region.

With a view to accelerating the development process and expediting poverty reduction in Kandhamal and Gajapati districts, my Government has launched a Special Area Development Initiative called: "Biju Kandhamal 'O' Gajapati Yojana (BKGY)" under the State Plan effective from the year 2009-10. During 2010-11, 18 crore and 10.50 crore have been sanctioned respectively in favour of Kandhamal and Gajapati districts under this plan.

**4.** Fiscal reforms undertaken by my Government, which included expenditure rationalization and revenue generation measures, has resulted in a major turnaround of the State's finances. I am happy to mention that the State's finances are now sound enough to provide adequate resource support to various developmental activities of the State. Perceptible improvement in the fiscal condition of the State during the last few years has created opportunities for higher Capital and Plan investment. Our dependence on borrowing has consequently declined.

Capital outlay which was only 1038.06 crore in 2005-06 has increased to 3647.88 crore in 2009-10. As percentage of GSDP, this has increased from 1.32% in 2005-06 to 2.42% in 2009-10. This substantial increase in Capital Outlay has been possible because of generation of surpluses on Revenue account and full utilization of the borrowed fund for Capital asset creation. No diversion of borrowed funds for revenue expenditure since 2005-06 is an indication of prudent fiscal management in past few years. Similarly, the annual plan size of the State has increased from 3500.00 crore in 2006-07 to 11,000.00 crore in 2010-11.

The State Government a few years ago was unable to provide State Share of CSP due to fiscal crisis, as a result of which the State could not leverage Central Assistance for the Centrally Sponsored Schemes. But, improved fiscal situation has made it possible to fully provide the State Share

of CSP for which it is now possible to access Central Assistance for the Centrally Sponsored Schemes at a much higher scale.

My Government has made substantial strides in the Management of Public Debt. We have been able to reduce the net debt stock from 55.92% of GSDP in 2001-02 to 25.00% of GSDP in 2009-10 thereby achieved the desired level recommended by the 13th Finance Commission. The ratio of interest to Revenue Receipts which should be within the prudential level of 15% has already been achieved by 2007-08 being 14.43%. This ratio stands at 11.52% in 2009-10. Through buy back / prepayment of high cost loans and debt swap, it has been possible to reduce the debt stock and interest burden. Improvement in fiscal performance has enabled the State Government to get debt relief of 381.90 crore per annum continuously since 2005-06. With improvement in fiscal situation, the State Government has not resorted to Open Market Borrowing during 2006-07 to 2009-10, as a result of which the State Government has been able to achieve debt sustainability parameters recommended by successive Finance Commissions.

With improved fiscal stability, now the focus of my Government is efficiency and quality of public spending. Now, the emphasis is on outcome and efficiency of expenditure rather than simply making budget provision. My Government has taken a number of institutional reform measures to improve efficiency, transparency and productivity in public spending:

Outcome Budget has been introduced for Works, Rural Development, Water Resources, Panchayati Raj, and Women & Child Development Departments for the financial year 2010-11.

Cash Management System has been introduced in ten Departments of the Government for ensuring timely spending of the budgeted outlays.

Formulation of Annual Maintenance Plans has been put in place for ensuring effective and productive utilization of the budgeted provision for Operation & Maintenance of capital assets.

In order to facilitate growth in trade and business in the State, the Commercial Taxes Organisation has launched Payment of taxes and filing of returns through the electronic mode. Facility has also been provided to the prospective dealers to apply for registration electronically. More such business friendly electronic services are proposed to be rolled out in near future for enhancing efficiency and transparency of our tax administration.

With the improvement in overall State finances, my Government is now implementing many welfare schemes like Biju KBK Yojana, Gopabandhu Grameen Yojana, Biju Gramjyoti Yojana, Biju Saharanchal Bidyut Yojana, providing Rice @ 2/- per kg., Construction of Check Dam & bore well scheme in Water deficit Areas and Madhubabu Pension Yojana. These schemes are of immense benefit to the poorer sections of the society and will meet the critical developmental needs of the State.

**5.** Agriculture continues to be the backbone of the State's economy. About 70% of population of the State is dependent on agriculture. My Government has been giving utmost priority to development of agriculture sector through a number of measures.

As seed is one of the major inputs for boosting productivity of the crop, Govt. has taken adequate steps to increase Seed Replacement Rate of various crops. The Seed Replacement Rate (SRR) for paddy, which was 6.35% by end of 10th Plan period has now gone up-to 19.07% at the end of 2009-10 and we plan to achieve SRR 24% by end of 11th Plan period. During 2010-11, 43,348 ha. of land have been brought under Seed Production Programme. - All out efforts are being made to make availability of quality seeds at door steps of farmers through setting up of Seed Processing Plants in each district. Besides, six mobile Seed Processing Plants have been procured to expedite the processing of seeds. In spite of erratic climatic condition, this year the fertilizer consumption has gone up to 64.78 kg/ha. Programme has been initiated to increase fertiliser consumption to 83 kg/hect. during 2011-12.

As the state has ample scope to boost horticultural crops, a number of schemes have been taken up and are in operation to exploit the potential of the State in horticultural development. During 2010-11, about 38,418 hect. of land have been brought under different fruit crops with provision of subsidy of 4064 lakh. It has been targeted to cover 40,000 hect. under fruit crop plantation in 2011-12. Due importance is also given to commercial cultivation of flowers. Adequate planting materials of important horticulture crops like Mango, Cashew-nut and etc. are being produced in the state to make the state self sufficient in producing quality planting materials. During 2010-11 about 74 lakh planting materials have been produced in the state. It has been targeted to produce about 80 lakh such grafts through departmental farms and private nurseries.

Watershed Development is one of the priority areas of the State. A large number of Micro Watersheds Projects are under implementation under various Schemes namely, DPAP, IWDP, RKVY, WORLP, IWMP, NWDpra and RLTA for KBK districts. During the current year, till December, 2010, 1.20 lakh hectares of land have been treated through Watershed Development Programmes with an expenditure of 117.93 crore. 24407 Water Bodies, 61658 small soil and watershed conservation structures and 51118 hectares of plantation have been created under Watershed Development Programmes in the State.

With a view to improving the educational status of the agriculture and allied sector, a new College of Forestry at Bhubaneswar with five PG departments and new Agro-polytechnic institutes at Deogarh and Boudh have been started during the current year. Govt. proposes to set up Agro-polytechnics in different agro-climatic zones of the state in a phased manner.

Irrigation is the most critical input for agriculture. Private Lift Irrigation Points (PLIP) under Jalanidhi Scheme are being promoted by providing 50% subsidy. During 2010-11, till Dec'2010, 16,785 PLIPs have been set up creating additional irrigation potential of 34,000 hect. A new scheme for installation of deep bore wells in hard rock areas of the state has been launched during current financial year. 4000 deep bore wells will be installed during the current year. Due emphasis has also be given on judicious utilization of water for crop production through promotion of micro irrigation systems like drip and sprinkler irrigation.

**6.** For accelerating the irrigation potential of the state, My Government has formulated a Five Year Perspective Plan in 2009-10 with an objective to bring an additional 9% of cultivable land that is 5.61 lakh hectares under irrigation coverage by 2014. Construction activities in major and medium irrigation projects have been scaled up and it has been targeted to complete all ongoing spillover of 10th Plan projects by 2014. System improvement work of selected major and medium irrigation projects have been taken up under ADB funding. Besides, 1761 minor irrigation tanks & water bodies to revive 88000 hectares have been sanctioned under RR&R scheme of Government of India. Other schemes such as BKVY are also under implementation to augment irrigation potential of the State.

An ambitious scheme for construction of 6000 Deep Borewells to provide irrigation to small and marginal farmers in blocks having less than

35% irrigation coverage has been launched during 2010-11. These 6000 borewells are targeted to be completed by the end of current financial year. Similarly, a novel scheme of Construction of Check Dams to conserve water at the end of monsoon for drinking water, ground water recharge and incidental irrigation has also been launched during 2010-11. 1000 Check Dams are targeted to be completed by end of year 2010-11. Besides, Government is now planning to take up mega-lift irrigation projects during 2011-12 to provide irrigation facilities to the up-land areas.

Command Area Development & Water Management (CADWM) activities have been scaled up, with a focus on the participatory process at all levels of development in water resources. By end of November, 2010, 13.47 lakh hectares of irrigated command has been handed over to 18628 Pani Panchayats for operation & maintenance.

7. The Cooperative Credit Structure plays a significant role in the dispensation of credit for agricultural activities and rural development through its short-term structures with their vast network, wide coverage and outreach extending to the remotest rural areas.

An amount of 1811.08 Crore has been disbursed as crop loan by the District Central Cooperative Banks during Kharif 2010 Season. It is programmed to disburse 1400 crore as crop loan during Rabi, 2010-11.

To avoid distress sale of Paddy, my Government has taken efforts to streamline the procurement during Kharif Season 2010-11. The Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) in the State are engaged as agents of Orissa State Civil Supply Corporation to purchase paddy directly from farmers. During the Kharif Season 2010-11, PACS have procured 605145 MT of paddy by 15.01.2011.

The National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) is being implemented in the State with effect from Rabi 1999-2000 to provide Crop Insurance coverage and financial support to the farmers in the event of failure of any of the notified crops due to natural calamities. The Scheme provides Crop Insurance coverage to both loanee and non-loanee farmers. The Gram Panchayat is the unit area for Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) to assess crop losses from Rabi 2010-11 Crop Season.

Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS) is being implemented in 5 selected districts namely, Balasore, Bargarh, Bhadrak,

Sonepur and Kalahandi of the State from Rabi 2010-11, for Paddy Crop on Pilot basis at Gram Panchayat Level.

The Cooperative Banks have issued more than 39 lakh Kisan Credit Cards to the farmer members of PACS so far.

Integrated Cooperative Development Project (ICDP) will be implemented in Angul & Dhenkanal districts for taking up comprehensive development of LAMPs such as infrastructure, capacity building of the members, strengthening the working capacity base etc. The Project Period of this scheme is 5 years with a total project cost of 1332.00 lakh for Angul & 1261.94 lakh for Dhenkanal district.

8. My Government has implemented various afforestation Programmes like National Afforestation Programme, Mangrove Action Plan, RLTA in KBK Districts, Economic Plantation, Plantation under Bamboo Mission, Industrial Plantation as well as Compensatory Afforestation.

My Government has set up seven Medicinal Plants Conservation Areas comprising 4400 hectares to improve the conservation status of 41 such plant species which have become rare or endangered in our forests. 465 hectares have been covered by plantation of the species like Ashok and 361 hectares by plantation of Dasmoola species, which have high medicinal value. A "Medicinal Plants Knowledge Centre" has been set up at Patrapada near Bhubaneswar to provide information on medicinal plants to the research fellows.

Extensive protection measures have been put in place for safety of Olive Ridley Sea Turtles in and around the nesting sites at Rushikulya, Gahirmatha and Devi River Mouth. Regular patrolling has been ensured with involvement of Coast Guards and local people. To reduce man-animal conflict in the State, it has been decided by the State Government to implement an Elephant Management Plan with a financial outlay of 53.60 crore for a period of five years. To provide protection to our coasts and for conservation and development of mangrove eco system, 340 ha. Mangrove plantation has been targeted during 2010-11. Similarly, there is also a programme for 225 ha mangrove plantation for the year 2011-12.

The State Government has also created an Environment Management Fund for combating pollution. Efforts are on for developing green belt around the industrial areas of Talcher and Jharsuguda.

Eco tourism initiatives have been taken up in the State. Eco-Tourism camps have been set up for the benefit of serious nature lovers at Anjar in Keonjhar district, Siddhamula in Nayagarh district. A beginning has been made in the Similipal National Park, Satkosia and Chilika. The infrastructure in Similipal, Bhitarkanika, Sunabeda and Kuldiha sanctuary have been improved to promote eco-tourism. The work has been extended to Hadagarh, Chandaka and Balukhand sanctuary. The Chilika Lake – A Ramsar Site – has drawn the attention of the international community as a success story of the wetland management.

Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan for protection and conservation of two coastal stretches namely – Gopalpur to Chilika and Paradeep to Dhamara of Orissa is being implemented with a financial outlay of 227.64 crore with the assistance of World Bank. This scheme aims at overall development of coastal area including mitigation of coastal erosion, conservation and improvement of archaeological and cultural assets and ensuring livelihood of the coastal community.

**9.** For constructing captive nursery at reservoir sites for quality Fish Production, a project at a cost of 342 lakh has been started with the help of National Fisheries Development Board. 175 lakh of Fingerlings have been stocked in 26 nos. of Reservoirs of the State benefiting 50,000 fishermen of Fishermen Societies.

Marine fisherman population have also been covered under different welfare schemes like Savings-cum-Relief, Group Accident Insurance Scheme and Motorisation of traditional crafts etc.

A record number of 15700 tanks are under execution at the rate of 50 per Block under MGNREGS across the State to promote pisciculture.

A novel programme under the banner of “KALYANI” has been launched by Government in 14 districts for cattle development and small animals development with the assistance of BAIF, Pune. Livestock development activities like Artificial Insemination, Fodder cultivation, vaccination through private AI workers etc., would be taken up at a project of 52.5 crore spreading over 5 years.

**10.** My Government has identified interventions in the areas of imparting quality education as one of the most crucial components in social capital development in the tribal areas. Keeping this in view, a number of



measures have been taken to ensure that the tribal children get access to quality school education.

To reduce the dropout rate of ST Girls and Boys from Schools, concerted efforts have been initiated by Government by up-scaling residential accommodation in schools for these children. 1328 hostels shall be operationalised in the academic year 2011-12 and this would provide about 132800 ST Girls and Boys with an opportunity to pursue and complete school education. Additional 1000 number of 100 seated hostels i.e. 700 for Girls and 300 for Boys will be constructed in 2011-12. In addition to these, ten numbers of 100-seated hostels in KBK districts are under construction at an estimated cost of 4.90 Crore.

The Government has decided to open Urban Hostel Complexes for tribal Boys and Girls in the Urban Centres of Bhubaneswar, Berhampur and Rourkela. About 1600 bright tribal children from different districts will be admitted to pursue studies in various good Public & Govt Schools and avail quality coaching facilities at these locations to prepare for admission in the premier Engineering and Medical Institutions in the country. This would go a long way in producing a large number of doctors, engineers & other professionals from ST communities.

The State has established itself as the number one State in the country in conferring individual titles under the Forest Rights Act, 2006. Till now 2,51,039 Scheduled Tribes have got titles over an area of 3,75,425 acres. About 90% of the Particularly Vulnerable tribal groups have been granted land under this Act. My Government is taking steps to develop the land and extend benefits under different on-going schemes to ensure creation of sustained livelihood opportunities for these ST households. This would go a long way in bringing them out of the poverty cycle.

11.36 lakh SC & ST students including 3.63 lakh hostellers have been provided with Pre-matric scholarship / stipends. The scholarship amount has been enhanced from 500 to 600 in case of boys & 530 to 630 in case of girls from 2011-12 onwards. Post-matric scholarship has been provided to 1,39,209 students during 2010-11. 70368 ST families have been benefited under SCA to TSP in 2009-10 and 1275 infrastructure projects have been completed. In 2010-11, 99.90 Crore have been provided to benefit 1,01,500 ST families.

**11.** My Government has formulated, and is implementing a number of plans and programmes for holistic development of Women and Children of the State.

The Flagship Programme, “The Integrated Child Development Services Programme” is being implemented in 60,918 Anganwadi Centres in the State covering 48,78,683 beneficiaries. The programme aims to cater to the nutrition requirements and other health, immunization and early education needs of the most vulnerable groups of population namely children under six years of age, pregnant and lactating mothers and adolescent girls, through providing a package of services in an integrated manner.

Under the ICDS Scheme, Supplementary Nutrition is being provided to children and to expectant & nursing mothers for a period of 300 days a year in order to supplement the daily nutritional intake.

In order to improve nutritional outcomes, my Government has initiated a Nutrition Operation Plan to address the nutrition condition of particularly those from most vulnerable sections of the society where malnourishment is highest. The Nutrition Operation Plan aims at targeting the most vulnerable by focusing interventions in 15 high burdened Districts of the State.

My Government has accorded high priority to help women achieve economic independence by enabling them to have independent employment and income. The Scheme “Mission Shakti” has been implemented aiming at promotion of Women’s Self-Help Groups and help in their capacity-building to take up income-generating and remunerative economic activities, by providing them with the necessary technical support, market linkages and credit linkages, where necessary. Till date, my Government has achieved formation of 4,46,615 Self Help Groups with 53,59,380 members having a saving of 288.93 crore.

**12.** All-round economic development of all sections of the society on the lines of self-help, empowerment & social justice through people’s participation have been the focus of my Government. Keeping these in view, my Government has devolved powers and responsibilities upon the 3-tier Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) as mandated in the 73rd Amendment of the constitution towards Self-Governance.

Provisions of Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA) have been implemented in the matter of strengthening Palli Sabhas, Gram Sabhas & reservations for Scheduled Tribes in the PRI structure.

The flag-ship programmes of the Government such as National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) & Backward Region Grant Fund Scheme (BRGF) are implemented with full vigour. In order to maintain transparency & to ensure prompt in wage payment, Government has signed MOU with a number of nationalized banks and funds are transferred to the beneficiaries through Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT). To deal with MGNREGS, 11 Ombudsmen have been appointed, out of which 10 have joined in their respective districts and they have been assigned work for the entire 30 districts. 19 State Level Monitors (SLMs) have been engaged to monitor proper implementation of MGNREGS work and to investigate the allegation.

19 Districts of the state are covered under the Backward Region Grant Fund Scheme. And the rest 11 districts are covered under the State funded Gopabandhu Gramin Yojana (GGY) scheme. The objective is to provide rural infrastructure primarily Bijli, Sadak and Pani to every village.

Further, to supplement the Centrally Sponsored Indira Awas Yojana, my Government has launched an innovative scheme called "MO KUDIA" under State Plan for providing pucca houses to the needy people of the State.

My Government has mobilized 48,006 rural households into 4066 new SHGs covering about 75% poor and extremely poor households. Efforts are being made to include all the identified left-out households into SHGs. Federations of SHGs are being promoted at cluster level including 5 to 15 SHGs. So far 1507 Cluster Level Forums (CLFs) are formed with the membership of 11836 SHGs that include both newly formed and earlier existing SHGs. This constitutes about 57% of the total SHGs of 20875.

**13.** My Government has accorded highest priority to generating employment and has accordingly formulated "State Employment Policy-2005." The Orissa State Employment Mission Society (OSEMS) is imparting Self Employment and Skill Up-gradation Trainings in various trades to unemployed persons to improve their employability. A Job Mela was organized in Baripada in 2010, in which 28 Companies and 68,000 candidates participated. Job offers were issued to 8,447 participants. Self &

Associated Wage Employment for more than 2,66,760 unemployed youth has been generated during 2010-11 with financial assistance provided by various Banks in the State. Besides, 1.94 lakh persons have been covered under various Self Employment Programmes (SEPs) implemented by a number of Departments.

My Government is emphasising on pre-recruitment coaching programmes, vocational guidance, career counseling and rendering logistics support to Army and Central para Military Organisations in conducting recruitment rallies in various parts of the State to facilitate induction of Oriya youth in Armed forces and Para Military forces.

**14.** Providing Food security to the poor & vulnerable sections of the society through an efficient public distribution system has been the focus of my Government. A total of 12,53,534 poorest of the poor beneficiaries covered under Antodaya Anna Yojana are being supplied with 35 Kg. of rice per month @ 2.00 per Kg. per family. The BPL families of the State and APL families in KBK district are being given 25 Kg. of rice at 2.00 per Kg. Under Annapurna Scheme, 64,800 senior citizens who, though eligible, but not covered under Old Age Pension Scheme are being provided with 10 Kgs. of rice per beneficiary per month free of cost. About 314953 boarders up to +3 level of S.C. & S.T. hostels in the State are being provided with rice @ 15 Kg. per head @ 2.00 per Kg. Besides monthly quota of 175.575 MT of rice is provided to 11,705 Nos. of inmates of orphanages, destitute homes & other Welfare Institutions of the State @ 15 Kg. per head per month @ 6.30 per Kg. and the scheme of “ 2.00 per Kg. rice” has been extended to the communal violence affected families of Kandhamal District.

As a measure of women empowerment, WSHGs are being given priority for issue of Retailership / Sub-wholesalership licenses for distribution of PDS goods. Women Self Help Groups, Primary Co-operative Societies and Pani Panchayats have been associated with paddy procurement operations to eliminate middle men & unscrupulous traders exploiting small & marginal farmers. In order to provide safeguard against starvation during natural calamities and lean seasons to the families under distress, 40 quintals of rice is kept with each Village Grain Bank to enable the families to borrow food grains at the time of need. 500 such Village Grain Banks are functioning in 30 Districts of the State and each Grain Bank covers about 30-40 BPL/AAY families.

In order to modernize the PDS and procurement operation system, Rayagada District has been covered with Bio-metric Based Ration Card System on pilot basis and it has resulted in an efficient delivery mechanism. It is planned to cover the entire State through Bio-metric Data Based Ration Cards soon after data is available from National Population Register.

**15.** The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 guarantees the right of every child in the age group of 6-14 years to Free and Compulsory Elementary Education and has come into force w.e.f. 01.04.2010. It mandates the provisions of inclusive, non discriminatory and child centered elementary education for every child. My Government has notified the Orissa Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2010 for effective implementation of the Act in the State. Orissa is the 2nd State in the country to notify the State Rules.

Similarly, Orissa is the 1st State in the country to institute School Students' Helpline with Toll free telephone number for redressal of problems of school students. In order to strengthen the school monitoring system and enhance effectiveness of the functioning of the school system, a supervision and monitoring package called "Samikshya" has been devised. Government has engaged district nodal officers in all 30 districts to track & check the problem of teacher absenteeism.

Drop out rate at elementary level has been reduced from 52.41% in the year 2002-03 to 5.51% in the year 2009-10. Govt. has decided to provide two sets of free uniform to all girls, SC, ST, BPL children studying in Government schools in Class- I to VIII. In order to meet deficiency of teachers, 1496 nos. of teachers on contractual basis have been engaged in different High Schools during 2010-11 and steps have been taken up to fill up 24,000 vacancies of Elementary level teachers in the state. The rate of LP merit scholarship & merit-cum-poverty scholarship has been substantially enhanced from 10 to 50 and 20 to 50 respectively alongwith enhancement of beneficiaries from 1000 to 2500 in the State in each case. Similarly, the UP merit scholarship & merit-cum-poverty scholarship has been increased from 20 to 100 and 40 to 100 respectively alongwith enhancement of beneficiaries from 2000 to 2500 and 1000 to 2500 respectively.

To make good quality secondary education available, accessible and affordable to all young students in the age group of 14-16 years, Govt. has

introduced Rastriya Madhyamika Sikshya Abhiyan in the state. 1087 new High schools have been opened in Gram Panchayats which had no High schools. To check drop out rate and for improvement of girls education, all girls students of class-X of Govt. and Govt. aided schools will be provided with free bicycles. Similarly, boys students of Class-X of Govt. & Govt. Aided schools in tribal sub-plan areas will be provided with free bicycles. Govt. has decided to start the "Pathani Samanta Scholarship" under the Rural Mathematics Talent Search and Nurture Programme to benefit students studying in Class-VI to XII from all the blocks of the State. The "Saakshar Bharat" scheme has been implemented in the State for promoting female literacy. Three (3) districts viz. Bolangir, Kalahandi & Sundargarh have been identified for the implementation of the programme in the First Phase.

**16.** With a view to making our State a hub of educational eminence, institutes of National repute like IIT, IIIT, NISER, National Law University in the State have been established and AIIMS is being set up.

During the year 2010-11, my Government has extended e-admission system to 109 Junior Colleges making it to a total of 169 Junior Colleges so far and also the system is introduced in 53 Degree Colleges. During the Academic Session 2011-12, it has been decided to extend this e-Admission process to all + 2 Colleges.

My Government has taken all possible measures to encourage establishment of Universities in Private Sector. Sri Sri University, ICFAI University and Centurion University of Technology and Management have been established. The Government has also agreed in principle to establish the Xavier University of Management and MAA Anand Mayee University. Besides, there are 12 more proposals for establishment of Universities in Private Sector, which are under consideration of the State Government.

To make higher education affordable for poor & meritorious students various scholarships are being awarded for pursuing higher studies including Technical and Professional courses. The State Government, has now enhanced the rates of Junior Merit Scholarship, Senior Merit Scholarship & P.G. Merit Scholarship substantially (which had not been enhanced for a few decades) from 40/-, 50/- & 60/- per month respectively to 300/-, 500/- & 1000/- per month respectively. The number of Junior Merit Scholarship for the +2 students has been increased from 2130 to 5000. The number of Senior Merit Scholarship for the +3 students has been increased from 600 to

1000 and the number of Post-graduate Merit Scholarship has been increased from 262 to 500 students so as to benefit more meritorious & poor students.

My Government is providing Technical Scholarship @ 10,000/- per annum to 10,000 number of students for pursuing the courses in MBBS, BDS, Engineering, Agriculture Science, Integrated Law, Integrated MBA, MCA, B.Pharm, B.SC (Nursing), BAMS & BHMS.

**17.** Our Sports Persons have achieved laurels in National & International field of Sports and Games. Nine Sports persons of Orissa participated in the XIXth Common Wealth Game ,2010 and among them K. Ravi Kumar-won-gold medal in Weight lifting, Probodh Tirkey got Silver in Men's Hockey and Srabani Nanda got Bronze Medal in Athletics. Similarly, in the 16th Asian Games held at Guang Zhou, China, Sri Prabodh Tirkey, Miss Pramila Prava Minz and Miss Pratima Puhan have made us proud by winning Bronze Medal in their respective fields.

During 2011-12, construction of ongoing projects, important works like completion of sports Academy, creation of Sports Infrastructure, establishment of new Sports Hostels, Extension of PYKKA scheme and supply of Sports equipments to Blocks shall be taken up on priority basis. Besides, the Tribal Sports Complex of State scheme and Urban Sports infrastructure, a Govt. of India sponsored scheme, are to be taken up during 2011-12.

**18.** My Government has been making constant and concerted efforts to formulate and implement schemes to ensure adequate health care services to the people of the State in line with the National Health Policy.

As vacancy of Doctors is a major problem, my Government has taken all out efforts to recruit more number of doctors to fill the vacant positions. 719 Medical Officers (408, during 2009-10 and 311 during 2010-11) have been recruited through Orissa Public Service Commission and posted to different medical institutions of the State. 155 number of "ad hoc" doctors have been posted by relaxing the recruitment procedure in addition to the contractual doctors being appointed by the districts. In order to attract doctors to work in inaccessible areas, KBK allowance has been provided. Remuneration for contractual doctors has been increased and promotional avenues created. To address the problem of stagnation & career

progression, as many as 1195 Medical Officers have been given promotion to higher rank in one year.

Under medical education, 87 post graduate seats have been increased in the three Government Medical Colleges of the State so that there can be more number of Specialists. Mental Health Institution at SCB Medical College has been selected to be upgraded to a Centre of Excellence, with four Departments. Two super specialization courses leading to Doctorate in Medicine in the discipline of Gastroenterology and MCH in Urosurgery have been opened. An Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences has been set up at SCB Medical College, Cuttack with state-of-the-art facilities including Cath. Lab facilities. To augment capacity of Acharya Harihar Regional Cancer Centre at Cuttack, Government has increased bed strength by 70 and commensurate teaching staff have been sanctioned. To get more nursing staff in remote districts, steps have been taken for opening two teaching centres at Boudh and Sonepur and one centre at Nowarangpur.

National Rural Health Mission, a flagship programme of the country, has been implemented in the State. 19.59 lakh mothers have benefited under Janani Surakhya Yojana (JSY) in the period from 2006-2010. 421 ambulances have deployed across the state for providing 2nd referral transport services. Besides, 286 "Janani Express" are engaged for promoting referral transport services specially to pregnant mothers to arrest maternal mortality. My Government has taken a lot of initiative to provide quality health care to people in outlying and inaccessible areas. KBK and KBK+ districts have been given priority. 214 Mobile Health Units (MHUs) have been operationalised and catering to the need of inaccessible areas. MHU – Arogya+, a new initiative in PPP mode is in place for naxal affected areas. 22 PHC(N) of 13 districts are being managed by NGOs. 40,526 (ASHAs) are in place. Around 45,000 village health and sanitation committees have been constituted in the State.

With a view to providing round the clock health care, 261 hospitals have been upgraded as 24X7 facilities. 62 facilities have been upgraded and operationalised as First Referral Units. Fourteen Special New Born Care Units & 234 New Born Care Corners have been established in various hospitals.

To address the issue of shortage of anesthetists 58 MBBS Doctors have been trained on Life saving Anesthetic skills (LSAS) and 27 MBBS



Doctors trained on Emergency Obstetric Care (EmOC). All 1675 tribal residential Schools have been covered under intensive school health programs through round the year interventions. Extensive School Health Programme has been introduced in 60,000 Schools to benefit 58 lakh students. 1273 AYUSH doctors, 17 Medical Officers, 760 Staff Nurses, 869 Adnl. ANMs, 123 LTs have been appointed under NRHM to address the man power shortage in the hospitals in the rural areas.

**19.** Rural connectivity plays a very important role in the socio-economic development of rural areas. Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) 17,529.60 KM of all-weather roads have been constructed till December, 2010 to provide connectivity to 5,992 unconnected habitations. Further it has been targeted to complete 4327 KM rural roads to connect 932 habitations during 2010-11. 245 bridges and 1354.920 KM roads have been constructed with NABARD assistance under RIDF till the end of December, 2010 and during 2010-11, target has been fixed to construct 45 bridges and 151.650 KM roads under this scheme.

With a view to enhancing the quality of life in rural areas, my Govt. is taking all out efforts in providing safe drinking water and better sanitary facilities. In total, 2,91,599 Spot Sources (Tube wells & Sanitary wells) and 6,272 Piped Water Supply Projects have been installed till 31.12.2010. For the year 2010-11, it is targeted to install 13,924 Spot Sources (Tube wells & Sanitary wells) and 1,708 Pipe Water Supply Projects. Additional 12,500 Spot Sources (Tube wells & Sanitary wells) and 1200 Pipe Water Supply Projects would be executed during the financial year 2011-12.

To provide safe & reliable drinking water to the families living in interior & isolated locations, schemes are being drawn up to provide Spot Sources (Tube wells & Sanitary wells) for each 10-20 families living in such isolation / smaller hamlets. Priority is being accorded to provide drinking water through Pipe Water Supply Projects to habitations having 500 or more population within Schedule Areas and 1000 or more population outside the Schedule Areas. Priority would also be accorded to the habitations having less population, if the village community agrees to bear 10 percent of the project cost supported by a written agreement to take the complete responsibility of managing the project along with a firm commitment to ensure construction of sanitary latrines for each household in the village.

Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) is being carried out in all the district of the State for improvement of rural sanitation. The total project cost is 1313.20 crore for this purpose. The objective of the programme is to provide sanitation facilities in all rural households as well as all Govt. schools and Anganwadi Centres for the welfare of young children. 33,20,426 individual household latrines (IHLs), 66,274 School toilets and 20,436 Anganwadi toilets have been completed under this programme till 31.12.2010. So far 155 GPs of the State have been awarded with Nirmal Gram Puraskar at National level. Further, 81 more GPs are going to be awarded very soon.

**20.** My Government has taken up a number of road and bridge projects in the State with a view to providing connectivity in backward regions for overall development of the State and to strengthen the infrastructural facilities to boost the rapidly progressing economic growth.

Under Economic Importance Scheme, 9 road projects at a cost of 333.69 crore have been taken up out of which 7 projects have already been completed and the balance 2 projects will be completed during the year 2010-11. An alternative road network from Keonjhar to Jajpur industrial hub and to Paradeep Port to cater to the growing needs of mining and industrial activities is also under construction at an estimated cost of 302 crore.

Under Inter State Connectivity Scheme, 7 projects have been taken up out of which 5 projects have already been completed and balance 2 projects are expected to be completed by March, 2011.

Under Central Road Fund, 19 bridges and 125 no. of roads have been completed and the construction of 6 bridges and 38 roads are in progress.

In order to provide round ribbon connectivity to Paradeep Port, improvement work of Cuttack Paradeep Road with a length of 82 km. with 10 mtr. wide at an estimated cost of 224.80 crore is in progress.

979.70 km. of State Road under Vijayawada-Ranchi Corridor which largely runs through Left wing Extremism affected tribal areas, are under implementation and targeted to be completed by 2015. On implementation of this project, a through connection will be available from Vijayawada to Ranchi with accessibility to vulnerable areas which will open new prospects of development.

Under World Bank assisted Orissa State Roads Project 461 km. of State road network is programmed to be improved to double lane standard with an investment of 1431.19 crore over a period of five years. Construction work of 204 km. of roads covering Berhampur-Taptapani Road, Bhawanipatna-Khariar Road, Chandbali-Bhadrak-Anandapur Road has been taken up.

For development of road connectivity in the Left Wing Extremism affected districts of the State, project proposals were submitted for improvement of 490 km. of State roads and sanction of Government of India has been received for 205 km. of roads. Construction work is under progress in Gajapati & Sambapur. Special attention is given to construct new roads & improve the existing roads in the LWE areas so that the benefit of development will reach the people living in the far flung areas & spread of Extremism is curbed.

**21.** The Industrial Policy Resolution (IPR), 2007 envisages a robust policy framework for industrial promotion and investment facilities including creation of an enabling environment. As a result, a large number of investment proposals are being received in the State for setting up of mineral based industries such as Steel, Power, Cement, Alumina and Aluminium.

So far 89 companies in different sectors have signed MoUs which inter alia covers Steel (50), Aluminium (3), Power (30), Cement (3), Auto Component (1), Oil refinery (1) and Titanium dioxide (1) plant with an investment of 4,61,236.00 crore.

Petroleum, Chemical & Petrochemical Investment Region (PCPIR) with an investment of 2,77,734 crore within an area of 284.15 sq.km. is going to be established at Paradeep covering the districts of Kendrapara (Marshaghai & Mohakalpara Blocks) and Jagatsinghpur (Kujang & Ersama Blocks).

Steps are being taken for establishment of Aluminium Park at Angul, Steel Park at Kalinganagar, Biotech Park at Andharua, Food Park & Apparel Park at Khurda and Infovalley project at Gouda Kashipur, Khurda. World Trade Organization (WTO) Cell has been constituted in IPICOL to create awareness and build capacity of Industrial Entrepreneurs and others concerned.

22 nos. of the new Polytechnics are in the process of establishment with financial assistance from Government of India with total cost of 270.60

crore alongwith establishment of Advanced Plastic Processing Technology Centre (APPTC) at Balasore, a satellite unit of CIPET, Bhubaneswar.

My Government has set up an ambitious target of opening an ITC/ITI in all the 314 Blocks of the State. 45 new Industrial Training Centres have been established in the private sector by the Industrial houses in the uncovered blocks taking the total coverage to 216 Blocks.

26 State PSUs / Industries have also signed MoU to set up ITC at 28 Blocks to provide skill training & boost employment ability in those areas.

My Government is keen to ensure providing employment to the people of the state more particularly to the local population which should be one of the main benefits of Industrialization. Accordingly, a policy has been made to provide for 90% employment in the unskilled & semi-skilled categories, 60% in the skilled categories & 30% in the supervisory & managerial level in the upcoming Industries.

A Bio-tech Pharma IT Park called Konark Knowledge Park is being developed in Bhubaneswar under Public Private Partnership mode.

Energy Plantation & Bio-Diesel production project has been taken up with joint collaboration of Government of India and State Government to produce Bio-fuel.

**22.** My Government is implementing e- Governance Projects in a mission mode. The 'e- District' initiative is being implemented to support the "District Administration" to enable content development of Government to Citizen (G2C) services, which would optimally leverage and utilize the three infrastructure pillars, i.e. the State Wide Areas Network (SWAN) for connectivity, State Data Centre (SDC) for secured & safe data storage, and Common Service Centres (CSCs) as the primary front-ends for service delivery to deliver services to the citizens at their doorstep. Ganjam and Mayurbhanj districts of Orissa have been identified for Pilot Implementation of 'e-District' Project, which will be launched by March-2011.

Orissa Secretariat Workflow Automation System (OSWAS) has been initiated to automate all the functions and working procedures of Secretariat and provide an effective method of storing, maintaining and retrieving the huge volumes of data with necessary process re-engineering.

e-Municipality is being developed as an integrated system for delivery of municipal services to the citizens at anytime, anywhere basis with efficiency and effectiveness, which is likely to be completed by March, 2011.

An Integrated Grievance Redressal System – “Sanjog Help Line” is functioning in the state to offer the citizens an improved access to information on government schemes and services and also to facilitate the process for redressal of grievances on the same. The project also aims to enhance transparency in government functioning and offer scope for improved service delivery by capturing and tracking of grievances on 24X7 Call Centre basis pertaining to several departments such as Rural Development, Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare, Labour & Employment, ST & SC Development, Higher Education, Panchayati Raj, School & Mass Education, etc.

**23.** My Government has undertaken various Public Enterprises reform programmes like Human Resource restructuring and Financial restructuring for better management of the state owned enterprises. Government has introduced a Corporate Governance Manual, as a policy to Institute a system of good Governance Practices in the state public sector undertakings to enhance transparency and accountability in their activities. Steps have been taken for categorization of state PSUs in line with central PSUs to delegate autonomy and more flexibility to State PSUs. Similarly, to continue the Public Enterprise Reform programmes, necessary restructuring proposals of selected state PSUs and apex Co-Operative societies are being undertaken. Process is under way for empanelment of independent Directors in the Board of State PSUs for efficient management as a follow up to the implementation of the Corporate Governance Manual. Steps are being taken for listing of viable State public sector undertakings in the Stock exchanges. Further, to strengthen the top management of PSU's, Public Enterprises Selection Board has selected professionals from the public and private sector.

**24.** Orissa Modernizing Government Initiative (OMGI) is a major initiative undertaken by the Government with the objective of ensuring better public services. In order to achieve administrative efficiency, the Government is carrying out different administrative reform measures such as Human Resources Management System (HRMS), Anti corruption Action Plan, Office Automation, Reforms in performance, e-Abhijoga System, District Modernization Plan through OMGI.

My Government has started the State Grievance Redressal & Monitoring System, “e-Abhijoga”, for speedy and transparent redressal of

grievances of the public by leveraging information technology. e-Abhijoga is based on Web technology, which primarily aims at submission of grievances by the aggrieved citizens from anywhere, any time basis. The system is now working in the Chief Minister's Grievance Cell and would eventually be available with other Government Offices which would standardize the grievance redressal process in the State.

**25.** My Government is committed to meet the challenge of increasing demand for better civic amenities and infrastructure facilities in the urban area.

Orissa Water Supply & Sewerage Board has successfully completed different Pollution Abatement Schemes in the river Baitarani at Chandabali, river Brahmani at Dharmasala and in the river Mahanadi and Kathajori at Cuttack.

Bhubaneswar and Puri have been selected by the Government of India under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). The City Development plans for both cities have been approved. Under the urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) component under JNNURM, Government of India have approved 7 nos. of projects with a total project cost of 83177.65 lakh i.e. Integrated Sewerage Project, Bindusagar Lake conservation project, Puri Water Supply Project, City Bus Service for Bhubaneswar & Puri, Storm Water Drainage Projects for Bhubaneswar and Puri and also different Slum Development Projects.

To make the city slum free, my Government is implementing Rajiv Awas Yojana in the Municipal areas like Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Rourkela, Sambalpur and Puri under 1st phase from this year onwards.

Under Revised Long Term Action Plan (RLTAP), Total 20 nos. of schemes have been approved for an estimated cost of 15563.85 lakh. Out of which 7 nos. of schemes have been completed (Augmentation of water Supply to Bolangir, Titilagarh, Nawarangpur, Jeypur, Khariar Road, Koraput and Rayagada) and 8 nos. of Schemes i.e. Augmentation of Water Supply to Bhawanipatna (Phase-I & II), Kesinga, Binika, Khariar NAC, Sunabeda, Kotpad and Jeypur (Phase-II) are in different stages of execution. There is budget provision of 1300.02 lakh during the current Financial Year 2010-11, which includes 5 nos. of new schemes namely Augmentation of Water Supply to Bolangir, Junagarh, Nawarangpur, Tarava and Malkangiri.

An Integrated Water Supply Project for Cuttack and Choudwar with JICA loan assistance has been initiated at a tentative cost of 324 crore.

City Bus services has been introduced under JNNURM in Bhubaneswar. 60 buses in six no. of routes are in operation in Bhubaneswar city.

**26.** Orissa is the first State in the country to undertake Power Sector reforms including Privatisation of Distribution Systems. Presently 4 private companies namely CESU, WESCO, NESCO & SOUTHCO in the distribution sector, 2 companies namely OHPC & OPGC in the generation sector, in Transmission sector and GRIDCO in Trading & Bulk Power Supply are functioning in the State.

Rapid progress made by our State in the last 10 years in the fields of industry, agriculture, communication, transport and other sectors has resulted in increased consumption of energy for developmental and socio-economic activities. This has posed various energy related challenges in the state. Recognising that efficient energy utilisation can significantly contribute towards reduction of the supply and demand gap and for climate change mitigation, Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency measures are given importance in the State Policy. Various steps have already been initiated at the State level for improving energy efficiency. Our pioneering effort in framing the Energy Conservation Building Code matching local requirement has been acclaimed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency of the Govt. of India.

In order to prevent & check theft of Electricity, 16 nos. of Special Police Stations in the State have been set up. Five Special Courts have also been set up to conduct trial of offences under the Act. The Aggregate Technical & Commercial loss has been substantially reduced from 60.31% in the year 2001-02 to 37.24% in the year 2009-10.

Two major programmes namely Rajeev Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana and Biju Gram Jyoti Yojana have been launched in the State for providing access to electricity to the people living in the rural areas. The State Government have launched a programme namely Biju Saharanchala Vidyutikaran Yojana to provide access to electricity to the people living in un-electrified urban areas. The BPL families living in such un-electrified urban areas will also be provided with power supply on Kutir Jyoti pattern. The programme also envisages system improvement. The allocation for electrification of such un-electrified areas will be to the tune of

1 crore for each Municipal Corporation, 50 lakh for each Municipality and 30 lakh for each NAC. This will go a long way in providing one of the basic amenities of life to the people living in the un-electrified urban areas.

With a view to providing system improvement, to establish reliable distribution system, to reduce Aggregate Technical & Commercial loss to a sustainable level & to improve quality of power supply to the consumers of the State, my Government has approved financial support to the distribution companies in the form of long term financial assistance through GRIDCO to substantially meet the CAPEX requirement of the distribution companies. An amount of 2,400 crore will be spent under this Scheme over a period of four years from 2010-11 to 2013-14, out of which Govt. of Orissa will provide 1,200 crore and the companies will invest 1,200 crore.

**27.** Orissa has rich reserves of high-grade iron ore, coal, bauxite, chromite and manganese, etc. The State Government is pursuing a policy of value addition of minerals like iron ore, bauxite and chromite etc., for industrialization in the State and generation of more employment and revenue.

Royalty from minerals is the second highest source of State's own revenue. This sector earned revenue of 2,020.70 crore during last year i.e., 2009-2010. By end of December, 2010 of the current fiscal year, a sum of 2281.87 crore has already been collected on account of efficient mineral administration. The mining revenue is likely to touch 3000 crore by the end of the fiscal year.

While the assessment of royalty on non-coal minerals has changed from the tonnage regime to ad-valorem regime with effect from 13.8.2009, the upward revision of royalty on coal is long over due, the Govt. of India is yet to revise it inspite of repeated requests from the State Government.

My Government has introduced a number of measures to streamline mineral administration and curb illegal mining such as Setting up a State Level Empowered Committee, Empowerment and Authorization to State Police in Mining Districts, Use of secured transit passes, Application of IT in mineral administration, Constitution of Inter State Committee with Jharkhand and Regulation of ore dumping at & despatch from railways sidings.

The State Government is concerned for the development of the mines impacted area and has accordingly decided in principle to constitute a Special Development Fund which will be utilized for bringing development in



such area. A high level committee has already been constituted to prepare a scheme for the purpose. It is proposed to utilize 5% of the mining revenue collected from an area for the development of the impacted area through the above fund.

**28.** Considering the potential of Orissa, my Govt. has identified Tourism as one of the focused areas of development. 320 places have so far been identified as Tourist Centers. Steps have been taken to make Orissa a most preferred Tourist destination and place it prominently on the National & International Tourist map.

By the end of 3rd year of 11th Plan period 22 projects have been sanctioned at an estimated cost of 119.54 crore, out of which 7 projects are under Destination Development, 10 projects under Circuit Development, 1 project under Mega Tourism Circuit and 4 projects under Rural Tourism Project scheme. Among the above projects, 8 have already been completed in all respects.

With a view to preserving our cultural heritage, preservation of 100 old Monuments and Buddhist sites of our State will be taken up at a cost of 65 crore. Action is being taken to set up one tribal museum shortly at Ghatagaon in the tribal district of Keonjhar.

**29.** My Government is going to enact the Orissa Maritime Board Act to control, manage and administer all the minor ports. Development of minor ports will give rise to many port based industries and attract investment in large scale. So far, concession Agreements have already been signed with the Developers for development of Dhamra Port, Gopalpur Port, Subarnarekha Mouth Port and Astaranga Port.

**30.** In road transport sector, the e-Payment System i.e e-DISHA Project has been introduced in the State. In this system services like application for driving license, payments of Fees & Taxes can be available online from homes & cybercafés. Orissa is the first state in the country to extend these facilities to the people of the state.

**31.** "NABA KALEBAR" festival of Lord Jagannath is going to be held during the year 2015 for which huge gathering of more than 50 lakh pilgrims is expected from all over the world. Advance preparatory actions have already been initiated to ensure that the festival is conducted in a befitting manner.

Steps are being taken for establishment of two Additional District Judge Courts, one Additional District & Session Judge-cum-Special Judge (Vigilance) Court and five number of Courts of Civil Judge in the State and more Gram Nyayalayas and Family Courts.

**32.** My Government has provided advanced training and qualitative raw materials to the weavers which has resulted in increase in the production of Handloom Fabrics of excellence to cope with present market demand. Government has taken various measures for socio economic development of weavers and has provided financial assistance to procure raw materials and loom accessories. Besides, the Govt. has also formed 31 handloom clusters and 75 project groups under Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme and earnestly working for employment generation and wage enhancement of the handloom weavers. Further additional funds of 7.00 crore has been provided for establishment of one Raw Material Bank for reliable & qualitative supply of raw materials to the weavers of the State during the current financial year 2010-11. An International Trade Fair has been proposed to be organized during the month of October, 2011 to give a boost to the production & export of fabrics & finished handloom & hand crafted products from the State. With the help of internationally reputed designers steps have been taken for production and sale of niche handloom products in the overseas market.

**33.** The State experienced multiple natural calamities like Heat-Wave, Flood, Drought and Unseasonal Cyclonic Rain etc. during the year 2010. The drought situation arising out of scanty and erratic rainfall from June to September, the flash floods in last July and August and the unseasonal cyclonic rain from 6th to 14th December were the most concerning for the state. Considering the alarming situation arising out of drought, the State Government declared 10991 villages under 1636 G.Ps and 104 Wards under 14 ULBs as drought affected. To manage the situation, the State Government, apart from seeking Central Assistance, has announced a comprehensive package and 81.73 crore has been released in favour of the concerned districts for disbursement to the affected people. Similarly, to manage the flood situation, the State Government released an amount of 619.33 lakh out of State Disaster Response Fund for initiating relief measures in the flood affected areas. Besides, 27.76 crore was also released for restoration of the damaged infrastructure. The unseasonal

cyclonic rain from 6th to 14th December caused heavy crop loss (both Paddy and Non-paddy) in 23 districts of the State. The State Government, apart from referring the situation to the Central Government, announced a Special Package of 900.00 crore out of which a sum of 105.00 crore has already been released in favour of the concerned districts for disbursement as agriculture input subsidy among the affected farmers. Thus, prompt and timely action initiated by the State Government has saved the State from a very disappointing situation.

In order to make acquisition process simpler, transparent and expeditious, a number of measures like (a) Revision of Land Acquisition Manual-1976 and (b) Consent Award Rules, 2010 for declaration of award with consent of land losers on the amount of compensation have been notified.

In order to strengthen the revenue administration, as many as 220 new R.I. Circles have been opened in 10 districts of the State during the year 2010. Similarly, digitization of settlement maps and hi-tech survey on pilot basis has been taken up in the State. All the registration offices have been computerized and the e-Registration programme, started in January, 2010, is running successfully.

**34.** Left Wing Extremism has been a major cause of concern in our State for the past several years. To effectively deal with this menace, my Government has constituted a State level Unified Command headed by the Chief Secretary to monitor the anti-Naxalite operations. Inter-state joint task force has been set up with neighbouring States of Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand. Joint and coordinated anti-Naxal operations have been conducted in inter-state border areas.

Due to effective deployment of forces and sustained police action, Naxal violence in Orissa has dropped significantly during the year, 2010. Compared to 469 incidents involving 275 deaths in Chhatisgarh and 386 incidents involving 110 deaths in Jharkhand during the year, 130 incidents involving 87 deaths have been reported in the State.

Anti-Naxalite operations have been intensified in the affected areas. Security Forces have arrested as many as 214 hard core Maoists. Huge quantity of modern weapons and explosives have been recovered from the militants.

My Government has continued to emphasize the need for augmentation and modernization of police force in Orissa. In the past four years, my Government has created more than 15,000 posts in the State and has taken effective steps for recruitment of Constables, armed Constables, Sub-Inspectors and Special Police Officers against the said vacancy. Steps have been taken to reintroduce direct recruitment to the OPS Cadre after a long gap of 28 years. Besides, my Government has taken steps to appoint 5600 Special Police Officers from among tribal youths.

The Fire Services Organization has now been made the First Responder for all types of calamities in addition to its earlier role of containing fire hazard. Therefore, the Fire Services Organization is being re-designated as Orissa Fire and Emergency Service. During the year 2010,18 new Fire Stations have been sanctioned thereby bringing the total sanctioned Fire Station to 215. So far, out of the same, 177 Fire Stations have been made operational. The remaining 38 Fire Stations shall be made functional during the year 2011.

I have taken this opportunity of outlining the policies and programmes of my Government in important areas of activity, and it will continue to implement all the programmes and fulfill the promises it has made for the welfare of the people of Orissa.

I now leave you to your deliberations and wish you all success.

**Jai Hind**