RESOLUTION

Sub:- Constitution of Special Area Rural Connectivity Authority (SARCA).

The Government of Orissa as well as Government of India have accorded very high priority to the development of infrastructure in general, and rural connectivity in particular, in KBK districts and other backward districts which may be covered under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY). In consultation with Government of India, the State Government have conceptualised a Special Connectivity Programme, (hereinafter referred as "the Programme") for KBK districts. The programme is proposed to be implemented in two phases. In the first phase, all habitations with populations of 1000+ and all un-connected Gram Panchayat Headquarters are required to be connected through all-weather roads. In the second phase, all habitations with population of 250+ have to be provided with all-weather connectivity. The programme envisages convergence of funds from various sources including PMGSY, RLTAP, and special assistance from Government of India from time to time. A special drive is needed to complete this massive task within a period of 4 years beginning from the year 2003-04 to 2006-07.

2. With a view to ensuring expeditious and effective implementation, supervision and monitoring of the programme, it has been considered expedient to constitute a High Power Authority, called "Special Area Rural Connectivity Authority (SARCA)" (hereinafter referred as “the Authority”) under the administrative control of the Government of Orissa in P & C. Department. The Authority will be a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 with a view to ensuring necessary operational flexibility keeping in view the guidelines of Government of India and directions received from the State Government from time to time.

3. Constitution of Authority

The Authority shall be called “Special Area Rural Connectivity Authority (SARCA)”. Registered Office of the Authority shall be in the Orissa State Secretariat, At/PO- Bhubaneswar. The Government may, however, notify any other place as its functional office from time to time. Planning and Co-ordination Department would
facilitate the logistics. Its area of operation will be throughout Orissa. It will be an Autonomous Authority.

4. **Aims and Objectives of the Authority**

With a view to ensuring formulation, effective implementation, supervision and monitoring of the Special Connectivity Programme as well as achieving convergence of funds from various sources including PMGSY, RLTAP and special assistance from Government of India from time to time, it has been considered expedient to constitute a High Power Authority, called "Special Area Rural Connectivity Authority (SARCA)" under the administrative control of the Government of Orissa in P & C Department. The Authority will be a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 for ensuring necessary operational flexibility keeping in view the guidelines of Government of India and directions received from the State Government from time to time.

5. **Governing Body**

The Governing Body of the Special Area Infrastructure Development Authority shall be constituted as follows:

(i) Minister, in-charge of P & C. - President
(ii) Chief Secretary, Orissa - Vice-President
(iii) Development Commissioner / Additional Development Commissioner - Member
(iv) Chief Administrator, KBK - Member
(v) Secretary, Finance - Member
(vi) Secretary, Rural Development - Member
(vii) Secretary, Works - Member
(viii) Chief Engineer, Rural Works - Member
(ix) Engineer in Chief / CE (Roads), Works - Member
(x) Dr. G. C. Mitra, Retd. Secretary, Works - Member
(xi) Special Secretary, RLTAP - Member Secretary

6. **Executive Committee**

The Governing Body may by resolution constitute an Executive Committee to discharge the powers and functions as specified in the Rules of the Authority.
7. **Powers and Functions of Office Bearers**

(A) **President and Vice President**

(i) The President will preside over the meeting of the Governing Body and Executive Committee and in his/her absence the Vice-President will preside.

(ii) They will exercise such other powers as may be entrusted by the Governing Body.

(B) **Member Secretary**

All executive and financial powers of the Authority shall vest in the Member Secretary who shall act as Chief Executive of the Authority. He shall:

(i) Ensure formulation of district-wise / project-wise annual plans under Phase-I and Phase-II of the Special Connectivity Programme for approval by the Authority.

(ii) Monitor the progress and flow of funds for effective implementation of the programme.

(iii) Seek administrative approval of the competent authority for the projects as per delegation of powers from time to time.

(iv) Issue directions to the implementing agencies for accelerating the progress and ensuring quality.

(v) Monitor and review implementation of the Programme at the district level.

(vi) Be responsible for maintenance of accounts in respect of the funds allocated for Special Connectivity Programme, seek Utilisation Certificates from the Implementing Units / other agencies and ensure submission thereof to the relevant quarters.

(vii) Arrange to furnish Quarterly Progress Report to Government in P & C Department as well as Planning Commission, Government of India.

(viii) Implement policy decisions of the Government, the Authority and Government of India.

8. **Powers and Functions of the Authority**

The Authority shall have the following powers and functions:

(i) Receive and manage funds from different sources including RLTAP, special assistance and grant from Government of India and other sources for implementation of the Special Connectivity Programme in KBK and other backward districts.

(ii) Approve all Special Connectivity Proposals for KBK districts.

(iii) Select implementing Agencies and award contracts to the approved Agencies, Organisations and / or Registered Firms.

(iv) Superintend, control and command the implementing agencies working at the field level including field functionaries of Rural Development Department and Works Department in the KBK districts.
(v) Monitor and review the implementation of Special Connectivity Programme.

(vi) 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.

(vii) Exercise such other functions and powers as may be assigned to the Authority by State Government.

(viii) Devise its own rules of business and procedures for expeditious and effective implementation of the infrastructure projects.

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

**Order**

It is ordered that the resolution be published in the Extra ordinary 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 Governor

Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary and Secretary to Government
Memo No.____________/P., Dated.

Copy forwarded to the Director, Printing, Stationary and Publication, Orissa, Cuttack with request to publish the resolution in the next issue of Orissa Gazette and supply 100 copies to the Department.

Deputy Secretary to Government

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Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Deputy Secretary to Government.