The Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) has been established by the Government of India since 1995-96 under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) with a view to giving an impetus to implementation of various projects/schemes in the States, mostly in the rural sector, which are languishing years together for want of funds. A large number of projects are being implemented in Orissa with financial assistance from RIDF.

1. Since the RIDF projects are being implemented in Orissa with short term loan assistance from RIDF under NABARD, it has become very much necessary to conduct periodic review of progress of work as well as completion of the projects by the scheduled dates allowed by NABARD and as per the estimated cost fixed for the projects.

2. For effective co-ordination and ensuring the implementation of the projects financed under RIDF, after careful consideration State Government have been pleased to constitute a High Power Committee. The "Project Secretary Committee" constituted as per Finance Department Order No.24674/8 dated 31.08.2000 and amended vide Office Order No.RIDF-7/02-27.160 F dated 15.05.2002 is hereby redesignated as "High Power Committee for the purpose of quarterly review of RIDF Projects in Orissa. The Committee shall consist of the following members:

1. Development Commissioner
2. Principal Secretary/Secretary, Finance Department
3. Secretary, Agriculture Department
4. Secretary, Water Resources Department
5. Secretary, Rural Development Department
6. E.I.C.-Cum-Secretary, Works Department
7. Secretary, Panchayati Raj Department
8. Special Secretary/Additional Secretary(RIDF), Finance Department
9. Special Secretary/Additional Secretary, P & C Department
10. C.G.M., C.G.M. Regional Office, NABARD

The terms of reference:

(i) Concerned Project Executing Departments/Line Departments shall forward project proposals to the P & C Department for posting before the Committee for appraisal and recommendation.
The Committee shall consider the strategic importance, cost benefit ratio of projects, maintaining parity among all the districts of Orissa and Socio-economic Development of backward areas.

(iii) The Committee shall select projects for various departments keeping in view the ceiling fixed by the Planning Commission of India for a year of non-negotiable loan from NABARD for RIDF projects.

(iv) The Committee shall consider the cost escalation proposals, project withdrawals and problematic projects for clearance of hindrances by various departments wherever necessary.

(v) The Committee shall review from time to time the progress of projects under implementation, sanction of funds, release of assistance, completion of projects in time etc.

5. This resolution will come into force from the date of its issue.

ORDER: This Resolution be published in the Orissa Gazette in its next issue.

By order of the Governor

Development Commissioner-Cum-
Additional Chief Secretary

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Additional Secretary to Government