

Government of Orissa
Planning & Co-ordination Department

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RESOLUTION

Subject: Constitution of District Planning & Monitoring Unit (DPMU) in each District

The 74th Constitutional Amendment has mandated constitution of District Planning Committee (DPC) in each district with a view to preparing and consolidating district plans that are required to be prepared in a consultative and participatory manner as per the guidelines issued by the Government of India in Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Planning Commission and the State Government. However, the existing planning apparatus at the district level is very weak and cannot provide the required support to the DPC. The question of strengthening the District Planning Apparatus has been attracting the attention of the State Government for some time past. Therefore, after careful consideration of all aspects, the State Government have considered it expedient to constitute a "District Planning & Monitoring Unit (DPMU)" in each district with a view to strengthening the district planning apparatus and providing secretarial and technical support to the DPC. The proposed DPMU shall be under the administrative control of the Planning & Co-ordination Department.

2. **Rationale and Need for DPMU**

2.1 The need for decentralized planning at district and sub-district levels has been stressed at various fora pursuant to the provisions of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments. The Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) guidelines, prepared jointly by Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Planning Commission, prescribe, among other things, that Rural and Urban Local Bodies (RLB & ULB) should be supported in preparing their perspective Five Year Plans and Annual Plans. The DPC has been mandated under Article 243ZD to prepare and consolidate district plans in a consultative and participatory manner. The aforesaid BRGF guidelines have laid specific emphasis on enhancing the capabilities for effective planning at the district and sub-district levels. In order that the aforesaid constitutional provisions and guidelines are followed in letter and spirit, it has been felt desirable to strengthen planning and monitoring capabilities at the district and sub-district levels.

2.2 The proposed DPMU is needed for the following purposes. **One**, DPMU is required to provide secretarial and technical support to the DPC for preparation and consolidation of district