

BOLANGIR, AGIR NO-351-2009-10

Para – 2 Unfruitful expenditure of Rs.12.84 lakh due to non rendering of intended Community listening and Community Viewing Services

The Senior Maintenance Officer (SMO) was declared as drawing and Disbursing Officer on 30.9.1992 consequent upon bifurcation of District Information and Public Relation Office (DIPRO). The functions of SMOs as communicated by the Govt. of Orissa in I & P.R.Department vide Letter No.6207 dated 04.02.86 states inter alia as follows.

- i. Survey, installation and Maintenance of Community Viewing TV sets and allied matters
- ii. Supervision over functioning of the Contractors when engaged for repair of CVTV sets.
- iii. Supervision over Community Viewing Centres for effective functioning and proper utilization of CV sets.
- iv. Supervise maintenance of CV sets, radio sets.
- v. Installation and maintenance of CL sets and related items etc.

Further, the Government of Orissa in I & PR Department Letter No.TC-11-94/97/11825(36)/I & PR/Bhubaneswar dt.19.4.97 instructed the SMOs and DIPRO to maintain and repair the TV sets of Gram Panchayats issued on cost shorting basis free of cost.

In course of audit it was noticed that the posts of SMO, Radio Inspector and TV helper were abolished consequent on their retirement/transfer w.e.f 01.4.2001, 15.3.2005 and 31.07.2003 respectively. Presently this organization is bereft of any technical staff since 1.4.2005. The principal duty of this organization i.e maintenance of community listening (CL sets) and Community Viewing (CV sets) could not be discharged. Although 200 TV sets were distributed to GPs, Schools, Libraries and Youth Clubs but could not be repaired/maintained due to want of technical hands. The information regarding proper functioning or non functioning of TV sets could not be furnished to audit. Scrutiny of fault call register revealed that no fault repair calls were attended since 16.01.2001 to date. Hence it is evident that duties and functions of SMO as envisaged vide order Nos. 6207 dt.4.2.86 and 11825 dt.19.4.97 were not discharged. The intended community listening and viewing facilities could not be extended to the public since 2005-06 to date. Hence payment of salary to other staff like Junior Clerk and Laboratory Attendant w.e.f 1.4.2005 amounting to Rs.12.84 lakh rendered in fructuous. Year wise payment of salary is given below.

2005-06	Rs.2,02,450/-
2006-07	Rs.2,49,724/-
2007-08	Rs.2,85,786/-
2008-09	Rs.4,07,902/-
<u>2009-10 (Upto 6/09)</u>	<u>Rs.1,38,465/-</u>
Total	Rs.12,84,327/-

This may be brought to the notice of the Government and effective steps may be taken either to post technical staff and revitalize the organization or to merge it with DIPRO Bolangir.

In reply to an audit query it was stated that due to abolition of technical posts two organization become virtually defunct.

3. Non-disposal of electronic and electrical materials of CV store.

Scrutiny of records as well as charge handing over and taking over reports revealed that huge quantity of electronic and electrical materials remained unsued in the Community Viewing (CV) store. The stores include repairing tools & equipments, spare parts of DRS TV, HE & TE Units, VHF converted TV sets Konark TV sets etc. The stores are lying since 2000-01. All those materials were supplied by the Government. Hence the cost of the same could not be ascertained. The Govt. of orissa in I & P.R Department instructed to dispose it off vide letter No.223 dt. 2.1.2008 and 6172 dt.15.2.08. But no action has yet been taken.

Moreover, no physical verification of stock and store was conducted since 2000-01 to date as required under Rule-111 of OGFR Vol.-I

Effective steps may be taken to dispose off the materials in order to avoid further loss of revenue.

In reply to an audit query it was stated to dispose off the material after obtaining approval from the competent authority.

4. Non-recovery of profession tax of Rs.2090/-

The Professional Tax was required to be deducted on the basis of gross salary received as per GO No.(TA-94/2000(PT)/46588(230) dt. 18.11.2000 and vide Memo No.47343/F dt.29.11.2000. Scrutiny of arrear pay bills consequent upon implementation of 6th pay commission revealed that differential professional tax was not deducted from enhanced gross pay to the tune of Rs.2090/- as detailed below.

Name & Designation of the employee	Gross salary as fixed w.e.f 1.1.06	Period	Rate of PT deducted	Rate of PT applicable	Difference	Amount required to be deducted
S.N.Bohidar Jr. Clerk	Rs.10,760/-	1/06 to 3/06 (3 months)	Rs.50/-	Rs.100/-	Rs.50/-	Rs.150/-
		4/06 to 5/08 (26 months)	Rs.75/-	Rs.100/-	Rs.25/-	Rs.650/-
G.R.Kalsai, NW	Rs.7150/-	1/06 to 8/06 (8 months)	Rs.30/-	Rs.50/-	Rs.20/-	Rs.160/-
		7/07 to 12/08 (18m)	Rs.50/-	Rs.75/-	Rs.25/-	Rs.450/-
Keshab Bag, LA	Rs.7830/-	1/06 to 4/06	30/-	50/-	20/-	80/-
		5/06 to 4/08	50/-	75/-	25/-	600/-
						Rs.2090/-

Effective steps may be taken to recover the differential professional tax of Rs.2090/- from the concerned employees under intimation to audit.