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OMBADC Projects put on Fast Track

Chief Secretary directed to ensure quality implementation through micro-monitoring

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The projects under Odisha Mineral Bearing Areas Development Corporation (OMBADC) being implemented through various departments have been put on fast track with Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy taking a review of the projects and setting time line for completion against each one in a high level meeting held in *Lokseba Bhawan* Conference hall today, wherein Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of OMDAC Smt Uma Nanduri outlined the issues for discussion.

Resolving the issues relating to ground level implementation of the projects, Sri Tripathy directed concerned administrative departments to ensure quality monitoring of the projects through third party supervision. Chief Secretary also asked the departments to undertake micro level monitoring and management through independent technical professionals. Further, Sri Tripathy advised that the furnitures, class room equipments and general materials necessary for modernization of educational and technical institutions be procured from local micro, small and medium enterprises promoted under Make in Odisha initiative. Target was set to complete infrastructure building civil work projects for by first quarter of 2021.

CEO Smt Nanduri placed the financial and administrative details of health, skill development, technical education, infrastructure development, primary and secondary education

projects for review. Additional Chief Secretary Health & Family Welfare Sri Pardeeptha Kumar Mohapatra appraised, “ Five category of projects like up-gradation of health infrastructure estimated around Rs.971.83 cr, improving access to health services estimated around Rs.95.31 cr, improvement in emergency care services estimated around Rs.19.06 cr, telemedicine care project in health institutions estimated around Rs.4.75 cr, and, special public health programmes estimated around Rs.207.90 cr” are being implemented in the OMBADC districts like Keonjhar, Sundargarh, Mayurbhanj and Jajpur. Apart from that a 150 bedded maternal and child care hospital building in Jajpur have also been taken up.

Secretary Skill Development and Technical Education Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh appraised, “The projects for modernization of Government ITIs and Engineering schools along with skill development of tribal youths have been taken up under OMBADC funding”. The specific activities include placement linked training programme for 1200 tribal youths estimated around Rs.8.80 cr , construction of 4 hostels and 2 skill development centers estimated around Rs.8.05 cr and pre-recruitment training camps in 4 OMBADC districts estimated around Rs.0.97 cr”. So far, 243 youths have been completed the training and out of them 132 have been placed in different sectors like plastic processing, electrical , housekeeping, food & beverage , sewing machine, beauty therapy, retail and general assistance. Another 267 youths are undergoing training. The construction of 2 hostels (one for boy’s and one for girl’s) has progressed up to roof level in Mayurbhanj district. Similarly, construction of one boy’s and one girl’s hostel in Jajapur district have been expedited. Further Secretary Sri Singh appraised that modernization of 4 ITIs namely Govt. ITI Rourkela, UGIE Rourkela, OSME Keonjhar and Govt ITI Barbil have been taken up with estimated cost of Rs.47.40 cr.

Principal Secretary School & Mass Education Sri Satyabrta Sahu appraised, “The projects for development of critical infrastructure and other facilities in elementary, secondary. Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya and Kasturaba Gandhi Balika Vikash schools have been taken up under OMBADC funding”. The specific projects include developing additional class rooms, fire fighting facility, drinking water, electrification, provision of science kits, ICT laboratories, smart classes , CCTV, Wi-Fi connectivity, science laboratories *etc.* The estimated cost of these projects is around Rs.1652.20 cr. All these projects have been taken up. Chief Secretary Sri Tripathy directed the department to constitute a technical committee for expediting the projects at ground level.

Development Commissioner Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra along with senior officers from concerned departments participated in the discussions.

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PRO to Chief Secretary.