

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
COMMERCE AND TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) DEPARTMENT

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From

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To

All Collectors

Sub: **Modification in "Biju Gaon Gadi Yojana – Guidelines.**

Sir,

As you are aware, "Biju Gaon Gadi Yojana" scheme aims at providing transport facilities in the unconnected areas of the State having inadequate public transport infrastructure. The scheme was launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2014.

**1. Phase I & II:** In Phase-I, all the 118 ITDA blocks spread over 12 districts: Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Kandhamal, Kalahandi, Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Gajapati, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Sundergarh were included.

In Phase- II, BGGY was extended to 5 other districts namely Boudh, Bolangir, Nuapada, Sonepur and Deogarh.

**2. Phase III:** Subsequently, "connecting all the unconnected GPs of the State under BGGY" was identified as one of the 'Priority areas of the State'. Accordingly, it was decided to extend Biju Gaon Gadi Yojana to all the unconnected Gram Panchayats of remaining 13 Districts of the State:

(Angul, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Jharsuguda, Kendrapara, Khurda, Nayagarh, Puri & Bargarh)

and

to all the unconnected Gram Panchayats of Non-ITDA blocks of Phase-I Districts (Balasore, Sambalpur, Gajapati, Keonjhar & Kalahandi) under BGGY.

**3.** In this regard various instructions, guidelines, clarifications and timeline for implementation of the scheme have been issued by this Department from time to time. During review meetings, the feedbacks/suggestions put forth by the districts have also been placed before Government for consideration and accordingly, Government have been pleased to approve certain modifications in the scheme facilitating for its effective implementation.

**4.** I would urge the Collectors to take note of the below mentioned modifications and take all necessary actions to successfully implement BGGY.

- i) **All the Districts** are directed to **connect the unconnected GPs preferably by extending the existing routes permits (stage carriage) vehicles without bringing these vehicles under BGGY fold.** In case of non-availability of private operators, owing to geographical inaccessibility/ commercial viability/ socio-economic conditions etc., districts may connect the unconnected GPs by extending BGGY benefits. However, **the Districts covered in Phase III, as in para 2** above, may note that the incentives available under the scheme have been modified to the extent, as indicated below:

Sl. No.	Financial Incentives under BGGY	Financial provisions/ Incentives for Phase-I (ITDA blocks) and Phase II areas	Modifications in Financial provisions/ Incentives for Phase-III areas
1.	Exemption of Road tax up to 5 years	Allowed	Allowed
2.	Exemption of permit fees up to 5 years.	Allowed	<b>Not allowed for Phase-III areas</b>
3.	Interest subsidy @ 3% base subsidy + 2% addl. Subsidy.	Allowed	<b>Not allowed for Phase-III areas</b>

- ii) As per the request, the existing provision of covering maximum distance of 160 Kms (To & Fro) has been enhanced upto 240 Kms to meet the local demand and to encourage the private operators to participate in the scheme. When there is enhancement in covering distance, the operators may be allowed to provide only single assured service instead of two assured services in view of time constraints. However, all such cases shall be referred to Government by the District/ Sub-divisional/ Block Level Committee, as the case may be, for approval on case to case basis with proper justification.
- iii) The districts are now allowed to form committees at the Block/ Sub-division/ District level as may be felt suitable by the Districts to ease and expedite the process of implementation of BGGY, instead of mandatorily constituting committees, at the Block Level only.
- iv) Considering the geographical needs, improper infrastructure in the interior & inaccessible areas, low traffic demand, commercial viability of operators etc., Government have been pleased to accord approval for plying of vehicles **with minimum seating capacity of 7 (6+1)** including driver under BGGY.

All Concerned Sub Collectors, BDOs and RTOs may be sensitized accordingly about the modifications in the BGGY guidelines. As the scheme has been modified considering the ground level issues, I urge all the concerned officials to take necessary action to connect all the unconnected Gram Panchayats on priority basis and meet the target within the specified period.

I would again like to emphasize that the scheme is being monitored at highest level of Government as this is one of the Priority areas of the State.

Yours faithfully,

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Commissioner- cum- Secretary to Government

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