

**SECRETARIAT OF THE ORISSA LEGISLATIVE  
ASSEMBLY**

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**No.6126/LA; Bhubaneswar, dated the 9th April, 2001**

**From**

**Shri J. P. Dash, I.A.S.,  
Secretary**

**To**

**The Development Commissioner &  
Secretary to Government.,  
Planning and Coordination Department.  
Orissa, Bhubaneswar**

Sir,

I am directed to say that the following Resolution moved by Shri Ramakrushna Patnaik, Minister, Planning and Coordination has been adopted in the meeting of the Orissa Legislative Assembly held on 9.4.2001.

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, acknowledging the increasing involvement of the Voluntary sector in the nation building process and the commendable work done by many such Organisations in recent times, the Orissa Legislative Assembly considers it desirable that an appropriate policy frame-work be devised to evolve a suitable collaborative working arrangement between the Government and the voluntary sector to ensure that they function in a complementary manner in furtherance of the overall development of Orissa and for bettering the lives of the people; with accountability of the Non-Government Voluntary Organisations to the State Government for their performance.

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to recognise the independent character and the distinctiveness of the goals and guiding philosophies of voluntary Organisations on the one hand and the statutory frame-work within which Government is accountable to the people on the other, and hence to ensure from these voluntary agencies proper accounting of the funds received by them from different sources and pose it to audit by the authorities prescribed by the Government.

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to evolve an effective working relationship between the two sectors based on mutual trust and appreciation of the constraints within which the two sectors operate;

AND WHEREAS there is need to promote ethical standards for the voluntary sectors and to devise; in consultation with the voluntary sector, appropriate norms for its operation in so far as it relates to the development and welfare activities, so as to help maintain the credibility of the voluntary sector and to enable Government to protect the public interests and to ensure fair play and appropriation of the funds received by the Voluntary Sectors in proper manner and for the purpose for which the grant or Aid is detailed up by the donor agency and for that purpose agreeing by the expending NGOs to audit by authorities prescribed by the State Government and the Voluntary Agencies to comply with the audit objections.

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the voluntary sector should make available to the public and other people's fora all information pertaining to its development and welfare activities so as to ensure transparency and public accountability in its operation;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to ensure, in the public interest ,that the good name of the State is not affected due to misutilisation of funds solicited or received as donation, in the name of assisting the people of the State by Voluntary Organisations, whether from domestic or foreign sources;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to streamline and strengthen legal and administrative remedies against misutilisation or misappropriation by the voluntary sector Organisations of any public funds and other funds received for the benefit of the public through appropriate measures.

Now, therefore this Assembly hereby resolves that Government will come up with appropriate Legislative proposals and/or issue necessary Executive instructions to work out a suitable policy frame-work for bringing about Government-Voluntary sector partnership in the nation building process.

Yours faithfully,

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**SECRETARY**