BIJU GRAM JYOTI YOJANA

"Biju Gram Jyoti" – a flagship programme of the Govt. of Orissa for attainment of the goal of providing access to electricity to all the habitations having population of less than 100. The scheme was launched on 26.09.2007. Altogether 10,000 habitations will be covered during the 11th Five Year Plan. In the first phase, the Government has allocated Rs.314.00 crore to 314 nos. of Blocks @ 1.00 crore to each Block. Collector of the district is the nodal agency for implementation of the Scheme. Funds have been placed with all the Collectors. A District Electrical Committee has been conceived in the Scheme under the Chairmanship of the Collector of the District to decide the list of habitations having population below 100 to be taken up for electrification, list of BPL households to be electrified and number of L.I. Points to be energized.

There are three components of the scheme- Village/ habitation electrification, Kutir Jyoti (BPL) connections and Energisation of L.I. Points. The maximum ceiling for electrification of a village/ habitation is Rs.3.5 lakh and Rs.1.5 lakh is earmarked for upgradation of capacity of distribution system. Rs.2000/- is earmarked for BPL household (Per household) connection. Thus out of Rs.1.00 crore released to a Block, Rs.75.00 lakh is meant for village electrification, Rs.10.00 lakh for Kutir Jyoti (BPL connection) and Rs.15.00 lakh for energisation of pump sets.

BIJU KRUSHAK KALYAN YOJANA (BKKY)

Odisha Government's Health Insurance Scheme

Biju Krushak Kalyan Yojana (BKKY), the ambitious health insurance scheme launched by the Government of Odisha for farmer families. As per provisions of the scheme all families living on agriculture, horticulture, sericulture, pisciculture, animal husbandry, fishing and allied activities except the Income tax payers or assessees are eligible to be enrolled under the scheme. The landless agricultural laborers are also eligible for enrolment.

The Biju Krushak Kalyan Yojana will provide insurance cover of Rs.1 lakh to five members of around 60 lakh farmer families each. An estimated 3 crore people belonging to 60 lakh families will be benefited under the scheme. A sum of Rs.100 crore has been allocated in this year's budget for the purpose.

All the cultivators will be covered under the insurance irrespective of their below poverty line (BPL) or above poverty line (APL) status.

The Krushak Sathi of Agriculture Department will identify the farmers and the Village Agriculture Worker / Agricultural Overseer who will work as FKO (Field Key Officer) will approve the list. The beneficiaries from animal husbandry, sericulture, fishing etc will be identified by concerned field officials. Smart cards are being provided to all the enrolled families.

The members of the farmer families enrolled under the scheme will be provided cashless treatment in the empanelled hospitals. The hospitals will provide the costs of treatment and surgery which will be reimbursed to them.