

## BIJU KANDHAMAL O GAJAPATI YOJANA

With a view to accelerating the development process and expediting poverty reduction in Kandhamal and Gajapati districts, the State Government have launched a Special Area Development Initiative called: "Biju Kandhamal O Gajapati Yojana (BKGY)" under State Plan effective from the year 2009-10 out of State's own resources. Each district shall be entitled to receive funds to the extent of Rs.1.50 crore multiplied by number of Blocks per annum. Accordingly, sums of Rs.18 crore and Rs.10.50 crore have been sanctioned in favour of Kandhamal and Gajapati districts respectively. The objectives of BKGY are as follows:-

- (i) Creating opportunities for economic, social and human development for the people of the districts,
- (ii) Accelerating poverty reduction and achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDG), and
- (iii) Improving the quality of life of the local people and reducing regional disparities.

With a view to achieving the aforesaid objectives, the BKGY shall focus on the following sectors (components) keeping in view local needs and flow of funds from other sources:

- (i) **Bijli** (i.e., village/rural electrification and street lighting),
- (ii) **Sadak** (i.e., construction of culverts, bridges, roads for improving inter-village and intra-village connectivity and other roads),
- (iii) **Pani** (i.e., creation of irrigation and drinking water sources),
- (iv) **Livelihood Initiatives** (i.e., support for sustainable income and employment generating activities, development of livelihood sectors, and SHGs),
- (v) **Social Safety Net Programmes** (i.e., support for programmes that address the needs of vulnerable groups of people).