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HRAO Delegates met Sri R. Balakrishnan, IAS – Development Commissioner-Addl. Chief Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Odisha on 03.08.2016 at 6.15 p.m., at Secretariat Conference Hall regarding Pollution Control Board / National Green Tribunal matter



Members present ;

Mr. J.K. Mohanty / Mr. SrinibashSubudhi / Mr. Jonathan Raul / Er.B.C. Praharaj / Mr. Milan Ku.Sahoo & Mr. Milind Gupta

Minutes of the meeting with DC

a. Chairman HRAO, brought to the notice of Sri R. Balakrishnan, IAS, DC-cum-ACS and Chairman, State Pollution Control Board, that as per the order of the NGT, the State Government is to create an appellate authority urgently so that matters relating to the pollution control board permissions, approvals or any problems can be taken up at the state level and people will not have to go to Kolkata to appear before the NGT. The NGT court order was placed before Sri Balakrishnan, who immediately spoke to the Member Secretary of the State Pollution Control Board to take up the issue urgently and to stop harassment of the hoteliers until the appellate authority has been constituted by the State Government.

- b. Chairman, HRAO brought to the notice of the Hon'ble DC-cum-ACS that decisions which are being taken by the Tourism Advisory Committee and State Tourism Promotion Board are not being implemented and thus, tourism growth is hampered.
- c. Decision by Hon'ble DC-cum-ACS in February for creation of Land Bank for tourism projects has not yet been implemented.
- d. Eco Tourism projects are also dragging without any intimation of Eco tourism facilities accommodations etc., being available for tourists.
- e. Decision taken in 2012 under Chairmanship of Sri B K Patnaik, former Chief Secretary for production of good tourism films and publicity materials of international standards to project Odisha's rich tourism potential has not yet been implemented.
- f. Revision of the Tourism Policy of 2013 at par with Industrial Policy 2015 is still pending.

Further, the Chairman brought to the notice of the DC-cum-ACS that the State Excise Dept. has been collecting details of the land documents of bars situated on the land of the GA Department. Before any negative action is taken, Chairman requested the State Govt. to kindly intervene to ensure smooth operation of bars in the capital city.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Thanking you,
Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
SrinibashSubudhi
Secretary General