

# HOTEL & RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF ODISHA

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**EC Members,HRAO meeting with Hon’ble Chief Secretary,  
Govt. of Odisha on 30.05.2023 at 4.00 pm at 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Conference Hall of “Lokseva Bhawan”**



**Members present ;**

Mr. J.K. Mohanty, Lifetime Chairman  
Mr. Dipak S. Rathore, Advisor  
Mr. Raj Kishore Patra, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Umasankar Panigrahy, Vice Chairman  
Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Working President  
Mr. Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Milind Gupta, Secretary General  
Mr. Sarosh Bodhanwalla, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Sujit Kumar Mohapatra, Treasurer  
Mr. K. Mohanan, EC Member  
Mr. Priyanath Behera, EC Member  
Mr. Sanjeeb K. Patnaik, EC Member  
Md. Washim Naiyar, Jt. Secretary  
Mr. Sakya Singh Yadav, Jt. Secretary  
Mr. Biswajit Pattnaik, EC Member  
Mr. Rabindra Nath Sahoo, EC Member  
Mr. Sangram Kumar Das, Jt. Secretary  
Mr. Debasis Das, EC Member  
Mr. Debasish Patnaik, Member (Special Invitee)  
Mr. Debasis Mishra, Tour Operator  
Mr. Yugabrata Kar, Tour Operator

Lifetime Chairman, HRAO & Members welcomed the Senior Govt. Officials by presenting flower bouquet to them.

Lifetime Chairman asked Secretary General to read out the points of concerns related to the Tourism Policy.

In the new policy only 3 Star & above properties having 50 Keys are eligible for availing subsidy. HRAO recommended to same should be applicable for 2 Star & 3 Star & above hotels having more than 25 Keys. Shri Vishal Dev, IAS Principal Secretary Finance and Shri Hemant Sharma, IAS Principal Secretary Industries gave their views and Shri Hemant Sharma has said for smaller area we will study the feasibility of number of keys for eligibility in the Tourism Policy-2022. Shri Vishal Dev also said that in small tourist location 50 Keys properties may not be viable and hence the same can be looked into.

Regarding getting clearances from various Departments for Tourism projects Shri Hemant Sharma Ji informed that the version of single window clearance will include lot of statutory clearances also and the investors will not have to run around. Shri Surendra Kumar, IAS – ACS also informed that in case the project is not completed within the stipulated we can approach the Govt. with the reason of delay and on case to case basis

extensions can be provided. The Chief Secretary also informed that a time limit should be fixed for providing the necessary statutory clearances by the various Departments.

As regarding the demand of HRAO for increasing of subsidy in environment friendly infrastructure that Sri Surendra Kumar advised that these can be added in the capital cost of the project and accordingly subsidy can be availed. Shri Hemant Sharma was of the opinion that it should be looked into by the Tourism Department. As regards to Migration Policy Shri Surendra Kumar informed that the topic is under active discussion and consideration and once we reach a conclusion they shall informed the Chief Secretary very shortly. The Chief Secretary was also of the view that it is a genuine issue & hope-full to resolve the same.

Shri Surendra Kumar also raised a very important issue to the Chief Secretary which was most hotels not getting the Fire Clearance and to introduce a One Time Settlement for Fire clearance as was done previously. Shri P.K. Jena, IAS Chief Secretary informed that good practices of various Fire policies of different states are being studies by an NGO and city like Bangalore has come out with a very Industry Friendly Policy which is being studies and very shortly the solution for the same will be communicated. He said he is aware of the problem that most hotels do not have land to make underground / water storage tanks and many other factors as required in the Fire Clearance norms.

The Chief Secretary also confirmed that the **State Tourism Promotion Council** constituted under the Chief Secretary in the new Tourism Policy-2022 should have representation from HRAO.

The Chief Secretary also informed that the Recommendations of Tourism Conclave made by HRAO will be looked into for active consideration.

The Chief Secretary released the recommendations of the 5<sup>th</sup> Odisha Tourism Conclave represented by HRAO along with Senior Govt. Officials present which contains the recommendations made by Tourism Experts, Hoteliers, Travel Agents, Tour Operators, Airlines, Environmentalists etc. The recommendations would be helpful to the State Government and the stakeholders in the greater interest of pushing Odisha Tourism to the next level.



The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

Thanking you,  
Yours sincerely,

**J.K. Mohanty, *MHCIMA***  
**Lifetime Chairman – Hotel & Restaurant Association of Odisha**  
**Chairman – IATO Eastern Region**  
**Co-Chairman, FICCI Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Committee &**  
**Chairman, FICCI Domestic Tourism Committee**  
**Convener (Tourism & Hospitality Think Tank) – World Trade Centre, Bhubaneswar**