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TOURISM DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 19th January, 2026

Sub:- Odisha Tourism (Amendment) Policy, 2026

Odisha Tourism, often described as “*The Best Kept Secret of India*,” possesses immense potential driven by its rich historical legacy, strategic geographical location, vibrant cultural heritage, and abundant natural assets. These strengths position the State as a compelling destination in the national and global tourism landscape.

In recent years, the tourism sector has experienced rapid transformation owing to evolving consumer preferences, technological advancements, sustainability imperatives, and intensifying competition from other states that have introduced more attractive and progressive tourism policies. Experience gained during the implementation of the Odisha Tourism Policy, 2022 has revealed certain gaps, particularly in investment thresholds, subsidy capping, and the categorisation and definition of tourism units, necessitating a review of the existing framework.

It has therefore become imperative for Odisha’s tourism policy to evolve in alignment with the strategic aspirations of Vision 2036 and Vision 2047, ensuring that tourism functions not only as a driver of economic growth but also as a catalyst for sustainability, cultural pride, and global competitiveness. Stakeholder feedback has further underscored the need for enhanced clarity, flexibility, and responsiveness within the policy framework to attract greater private sector participation.

Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Para. 17 (a) of the Odisha Tourism Policy, 2022 published in the resolution of Government of Odisha in the Tourism Department no. 9197-TCT-RC-MISC-0008/2022, dated the 30th November, 2022 and further published in the Extraordinary issue No. 3379, of the *Odisha Gazette* dated the 2nd December, 2022, the Governor of Odisha is pleased further to amend the Odisha Tourism Policy, 2022 in the manner specified below.

1. (1) **Short title and commencement:-**This policy may be called the Odisha Tourism (Amendment) Policy, 2026.
 - (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.
 - (3) The Odisha Tourism (Amendment) Policy, 2026 shall be co-terminus with the Original Policy, unless otherwise amended or superseded from time to time by the Tourism Department, Government of Odisha.
 - (4) Detailed Operational Guidelines shall be issued separately by the Department of Tourism to prescribe eligibility conditions, procedures for application, appraisal, and disbursement of incentives etc.
2. (1) In the Odisha Tourism Policy, 2022 (hereinafter referred as the said policy) in Paragraph1 of the Policy, the following paragraph shall be substituted, namely;-

“The tourist arrival to the State has increased manifold in last decades. In last 08 (eight) years (barring the COVID pandemic years i.e. 2020-21) tourist arrival to the State has shown an increasing trend which is a result of aggressive campaign undertaken by the State Tourism Department.”
 - (2) In the said Paragraph of the said policy, for the table the following table substituted, namely;-

“Tourist Visit in Odisha During Last 8 Years

Year	Domestic	Foreign	Grand Total
2016	1,28,42,899	76,361	1,29,19,260
2017	1,40,11,229	1,00,014	1,41,11,243
2018	1,52,08,540	1,10,818	1,53,19,358
2019	1,53,07,637	1,15,128	1,54,22,765
2020	46,22,273	10,206	46,32,479
2021	37,42,221	2,269	37,44,490
2022	78,67,909	22,121	78,90,030
2023	97,25,184	45,173	97,70,357

3. For Paragraph 2 of the said policy, the following paragraph shall be substituted, namely;-

“VISION: To become a world-class tourism destination celebrated for its vibrant culture, stunning natural beauty, and rich heritage, fostering sustainable growth and transformative experiences for visitors; and to position Odisha among the top five rated destinations in Asia for eco and cultural tourism, in alignment with Vision 2047: Think India, Think Odisha”

4. In Paragraph 4 of the said policy, after clause (l), the following clauses (m), (n), (o) and (p) shall be inserted, namely;-

“(m) To augment tourist footfall by targeting 5 Cr domestic tourist arrivals and 7 lakh foreign tourist arrivals annually by 2047.

(n) To increase the average length of stay for domestic tourists from 3 to 5 days and for foreign tourists from 9 to 12 days, while enhancing tourist expenditure through improved facilities, curated experiences, and seamless services, thereby boosting state revenue and generating large-scale employment opportunities.

(o) To expand high-quality accommodation infrastructure by establishing 15,000 star category hotel rooms by 2036 and 25,000 by 2047.

(p) To create 25 lakh direct tourism-related jobs by 2047 and open new avenues for livelihood through tourism-led economic growth pivoted on Responsible Tourism, Sustainability, and Inclusiveness.”

5. In clause (v) of Paragraph 5 of the said Policy, for the word “Yatch” the word “Yacht” shall be substituted”.

6. In Paragraph 7 of the said policy, for the words and figures “Odisha Tourism Policy 2022-2027” the words and figures “Odisha Tourism Policy 2022” shall be substituted.

7. In Paragraph 9 of the said policy, for the figure “50%”, the figure “25%” shall be substituted.

8. In Paragraph 10 of the said policy, the following paragraphs shall be substituted:-

“ Migration of Tourism Projects

a. Migration of Tourism Projects from Previous Policy

A Tourism unit, which has been approved under Odisha Tourism Policy 2016, but has not commenced Commercial Operation, may avail migration from Odisha Tourism 2016 to Odisha Tourism 2022 Policy, subject to the following conditions; namely

- (i) The proposal to set up the unit must have obtained the approval of the Special Single Window Clearance Committee (SSWCC) or State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) or High Level Clearance Authority (HLCA), as applicable.
- (ii) The migrated unit must undertake to commence commercial operation within three years from the date of approval of the project or must receive approval/ condonation from Department of Tourism (DoT) for any delay in commercial operations beyond the specified period.
- (iii) If any project which was under implementation as on dated 1st December, 2022 and fulfils terms and conditions shall be eligible to opt under the Tourism Policy 2022-27 provisions. However, the investment made only after dated 1st December, 2022 shall be considered for calculating eligible capital subsidy.
- (iv) Any eligible Tourism projects which may have obtained first disbursement of term loan or development/ construction permission during the currency of the previous policy, i.e. between dated 1st November, 2016 and dated 30th November, 2022 and may have commenced the commercial operations, during the operative period of the present policy, shall be eligible for the incentive as per provisions of previous Odisha Tourism Policy 2016.

b. Projects approved under OTP-2022 but has not commenced Commercial Operation as on date of publication of this amendment.

A Tourism unit, which has been approved under Odisha Tourism Policy 2022, but has not commenced Commercial Operation, may avail revised incentives under this amendment to Odisha Tourism Policy 2022, subject to the following conditions;

- (i) The proposal to set up the unit must have obtained the approval of the Special Single Window Clearance Committee (SSWCC) or State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) or High Level Clearance Authority (HLCA), as applicable.
- (ii) The units under this category must undertake to commence commercial operation within three years from the date of approval of the project or must receive approval/ condonation from Department of Tourism (DoT) for any delay in commercial operations beyond the specified period.
- (iii) Any approved project which is under implementation as on the date of publication of this amendment in Official Gazette shall be eligible to opt for

incentives under Odisha Tourism Policy-2022 or revised incentives under this Amendment to Odisha Tourism Policy-2022. However, for availing incentives under amendment to Odisha Tourism Policy-2022, the investment made only after the date of publication of this amendments in Official Gazette shall be considered for calculating eligible capital investment subsidy subject to approval from Special Single Window Clearance Committee (SSWCC).”

9. In the said policy, in paragraph 11,

(I) **For clause (f)**, the following paragraph shall be substituted, namely;-

“The State Government shall endeavor to have direct air connectivity to important cities and major tourist destinations of the country. From a single international airport “Bhubaneswar” till 2016, State Government has added another two airports viz. Jharsuguda and Jeypore in its list. The State shall encourage further explore the possibilities of developing small air strips inside the state on PPP mode. The State Government has approved the New Destination Policy to stimulate and facilitate the establishment of air services to new destinations from Airports in Odisha by providing Viability Gap Funding (VGF) / incentives to kick-start the operations.”

(II) **For Clause (n)** of the Policy, the following paragraph shall be substituted, namely;-

“Post the success and wide publicity of the ‘Odisha by Road’ campaign of Tourism Department and in view of the excellent road infrastructure within the State, Tourism Department intends to promote Caravan Tourism in the State. Tourism Department will create/ promote development of the necessary infrastructure for parking and night-stay, along with provision of utilities such as fresh water, power connection, sewage disposal etc. Such infrastructure will be created at various key tourist destinations, scenic locations and strategically located WACs within the State. Caravans will be able to use the facilities on payment of user charges. To start with OTDC run Panthanivas and the Eco Tour/ Nature camps operated by Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Government of Odisha shall be designated as Caravan Parks”.

(III) **For clause (o)** of the Policy, the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“To ensure that the entire 574.7 Km coastline of the State, along with its various water bodies such as Chilika, Tampara and various Lakes, Dams, Rivers, Tourism Department will promote various water-based tourism infrastructure such as Houseboats, Yachts, Cruises, Floatels, Water Parks etc.

DoT has already handed over four catamarans in Bhitarkanika for refurbishment and operations as Houseboat to a private operator. The State already has houseboat operations in Chilika by a Private Operator.

DoT is in the process of developing two world-class boat clubs at Cuttack and Hirakud and similar such infrastructure shall be developed at key tourist locations. Additionally, marinas (for use by Yachts, Cruise boats etc.) shall be developed at key strategic locations by DoT. Private Operators will be able to use the facilities on payment of user charges.

DoT will also work with Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Ministry of Tourism or Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India to introduce Inland River Cruises (Overnight or Day Cruises), Coastal Cruise Ships (connecting Islands and Destinations within India) as well as promote docking of International Cruises in the State.”

10. In the said policy, in paragraph 12,

(I) **For clause (a)** of the Policy, the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“ “Tourism Unit” means a unit, engaged or to be engaged in providing any service related to travel and tourism and includes:

(i) Hotel and Resorts

- Star Category Hotels of 3 star and above category
- Resorts
- Apartment Hotels

(ii) Health and Wellbeing

- Wellness Centers
- Wellness Resorts

(iii) Nature based tourism

- Eco Resorts/ Eco-Cottages (and other similar developments)
- Tented Accommodation (Economy & Luxury)
- Camping

- Caravan
- Caravan Parks

(iv) Water based Tourism

- Cruises
- Houseboats
- Yacht
- Flotels

(v) Heritage Properties

- Heritage Hotels
- Heritage Museums
- Heritage Restaurants / Cafeterias
- Heritage Banquets.

(vi) Road side Tourism Infrastructure

- Motels
- Wayside Amenities

(vii) Odia cuisine Restaurant

(viii) Museum

(ix) Convention Centre

(x) Skilling institutes

- Tourism & Hospitality Training Institute

(xi) Adventure Tourism

- Aero / Air Based Tourism
- Water based Adventure Sports
- Land Based Adventure Sports

(xii) Theme Parks and theme villages

- Theme Parks
- Amusement Parks
- Water Parks
- Theme / Art & Craft Villages

(xiii) Golf Course ”

(II) **For clause (c)** of the said policy, the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“A ‘New Tourism Unit’ means a Tourism Unit which is set up and which commences commercial operation during the operative period of this Policy.

Explanation: The term "set up" mentioned above means the date on which the approval of the Bank or Financial Institutions is received by the promoter for the project OR the plan of the project is approved by the Local Competent Authority or Development Authority OR the date on which the first capital investment is made on the project (date of Purchase or Work Order). The applicant applying for incentives shall submit documents for establishing any of the three as proof of date of set-up."

(IV) **For Clause (d)** of the said policy the following paragraph shall be substituted, namely;-

"Existing Tourism Unit undertaking expansion of more than 25 (twenty five) per cent of its existing capacities (e.g., Rooms or Rides or Tents, etc.) after the effective date shall be treated as a New Tourism Unit. Only one expansion project of an existing tourism unit will be eligible for incentive during the operative period of the Policy."

(V) **For clause (f)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

"Eligible Tourism Unit" means a New Tourism Unit, Existing Tourism Unit undertaking Expansion and Migrated Tourism Units during the operative period of this Policy would be considered as Eligible Tourism Units.

Note: In the case of Cruises, Houseboats, Yachts, Flotels, camping units, Caravans, equipment related to adventure tourism, and equipment or machinery related to Theme Parks and Theme Villages, only newly purchased units or equipment shall be considered as Eligible Tourism Units."

11. In the said policy, in Paragraph 13,

(I) The following paragraphs shall be inserted before 13(a), namely;-

"The units below refer to tourism Infrastructure that is eligible for Capital Investment Subsidy (CIS) under this Policy and shall be used for Tourism purpose i.e., for tourists and not to be used for individual/ personal capacity.

The minimum investment criteria mentioned in the definition of tourism units shall be considered for basic eligibility criteria to avail OTP benefits.

The minimum land area stated in the definitions is only for investor reference and for determining eligibility for Government land allotment."

(II) **For clause (a)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Apartment Hotels: An Apartment Hotel shall comply with the prevailing Guidelines for Apartment Hotels issued by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. Such establishments must obtain a minimum 3-star category certification under the applicable classification norms. Apartment Hotels are intended to offer extended-stay accommodation with in-room kitchenettes or living areas, laundry facilities, and hotel-style services and amenities

However, for the three urban areas (Development Authority areas) of Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri only, Apartment Hotels of 4 star and above classification, as per the prevailing guidelines of the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India shall be eligible for incentives under this policy.”

(III) **For clause (b)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“ Tented Accommodation (Economy & Luxury)

“Tented Accommodation” unit should have facilities as per the prevailing guidelines for Tented Accommodation as laid down by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. Such Tented Accommodation should obtain necessary category certification from the Competent Authority. The tented accommodation shall be mandatorily developed in tourist potential areas as decided by the single window committee, where the operator can provide added tourism activities apart from staying facilities.

Private Investors will be encouraged to set up tented accommodations on private land or plots as well as leased out land parcels.

The broad 02 categories which will be incentivized are:

- Economy - A minimum 15 number of tents to be set up in a plot measuring at least 1 Acre involving minimum investment of INR 1 Cr, minimum size of each tent must be 10 ft X 10 ft, including basic facilities like bed, linen, pillows, illumination, meals, potable water. The overall tented facility must mandatorily have dining area, kitchen with store, washrooms, parking, staff dormitory, security, fire-fighting equipment etc.
- Luxury - A minimum 20 number of tents to be set up in a plot measuring at least 1.5 Acre involving minimum investment of INR 3 Cr, minimum size of each tent must be 12 ft X 15 ft with attached washroom, including basic facilities like bed, white-linen, pillows, tea-maker, toiletries, illumination,

meals, potable water. The overall tented facility must mandatorily have reception with waiting lounge and washrooms, dining area, kitchen with refrigeration and store facility, parking, illuminated pathways connecting each tent unit with common spaces, staff dormitory, security, fire-fighting equipment etc.

The Department of Tourism will identify and earmark suitable locations across various tourist destinations spread across the State for tented accommodation and develop necessary trunk infrastructure (such as fencing/ boundary, access road, land development, water, power, sewage and solid waste management) to enable various operators to set up tented accommodation facilities at the earmarked locations.”

(IV) **For clause (c)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Tourism & Hospitality Training Institute: “Training Institutes or Universities” shall be encouraged to offer tourism or hospitality courses that are recognized or certified by regulatory authorities.

The institute should be located on a plot measuring at least 1.0 acres within Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation limits and 2.5 acres in other areas of the state. It shall involve a minimum investment of INR 5 Cr.”

(V) **For clause (d)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Star Category Hotels of 3 and 4 star and above category

“Hotel” projects should have facilities of minimum 3 star and above categories hotel as per the prevailing guidelines of the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India.

However, for the three urban areas (Development Authority areas) of Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri only, Hotels of 4 star and above classification, as per the prevailing guidelines of the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India shall be eligible for incentives under this policy.”

(VI) For clause (e) of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“ Resorts:

- A “Resort” project should have facilities of minimum 3-star category as per prevailing guidelines of Ministry of Tourism.

- However, for the three urban areas (Development Authority areas) of Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri only, Resorts of 4 star and above classification, as per the prevailing guidelines of the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India shall be eligible for incentives under this policy.
- The maximum allowable built form shall be Ground plus One (G+1). Construction beyond G+1 is not permitted for resort projects under this policy.
- The plot on which resort is located should admeasure at least 2800 sq.mt. It should have on its plot, a minimum 50% open space (unbuilt area). It should have at least any 4 (four) of the following facilities, namely;
 - i. Indoor games (e.g., Table – Tennis, Squash, Billiards, Bowling Alley, etc.) with a minimum built up area of 25 sq.mt.
 - ii. Conference room (Minimum Carpet area of 30 sq.mt.)
 - iii. Swimming Pool
 - iv. Tennis or badminton court or golf or other outdoor games area.
 - v. A health club (minimum built-up area of 20 sq.mt.)
 - vi. A lounge (admeasuring at least 35 sq.mt.)”

(VII) **For clause (f)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“**Motels:** The “Motel Project” should be located on a National Highway, State Highway or Main District Road (MDR). It should have at least 4 lettable rooms and a maximum of 10 lettable rooms and all the lettable rooms should have bathrooms attached.

The plot on which the motel is located should admeasure a minimum of 1,500 sq.mt. with minimum investment of INR 1 Cr. It should have restaurant or dining hall with sitting area of minimum 30 sq.mt. (excluding kitchen & storage). The double rooms and single rooms should have minimum carpet areas of 12 sq.mt and 10 sq.mt respectively. The bathroom carpet area should admeasure at least 3 sqmt. It should have public toilet and first aid centre. It should have car parking area @ 5 sq.mt per room. The rooms should have adequate furniture, fixtures and linen. The ownership or lease of land and land use should be in order. The Motel should have adequate parking to accommodate at least 20 (twenty) 4-wheeler vehicles”

(VIII) **For clause (g)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Wayside Amenities: A “Wayside Amenities” will be a common facility centre on the National Highways, State Highways, and Major District Roads, setup on a minimum land requirement of 1000 sqm with minimum investment of INR 0.25 Cr. They should ideally have

- (i) Food Plaza;
- (ii) Public Convenience;
- (iii) ATM or Banking
- (iv) Emergency or Medical Facilities;
- (v) Parking for minimum 10 (ten) 4-wheelers
- (vi) Petrol Filling Station and Auto Services
- (vii) EV Charging Station
- (viii) General provision store.

For wayside amenities to be eligible for these incentives, they must have (i), (ii), (iv) and (v) among the facilities mentioned above. ”

(IX) **For clause (h)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Water based Adventure Tourism: “Water” based adventure tourism projects should be set up at a beach or lakeside or riverside along with a pontoon or jetty. It should offer at least two water sports. Parasailing, water-scooters, hovercraft and water-skiing are examples of such facilities. In addition to investment in boats and outboard motors, it should make an investment of at least INR 0.50 Cr in water sports equipment. It should have adequate changing rooms, showers, lockers and separate toilet blocks for ladies and gents. It may have a food plaza. It should have trained staff for implementation of safety norms prescribed by the Government of Odisha. The Department of Tourism may, on case-to-case basis, recommend permissive possession of land for onshore infrastructure and/ or storage of equipment for such projects.”

(X) **For clause (i)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Houseboats/ Catamarans: “Houseboat/ Catamarans” should be set up at backwater, lakeside, reservoir, riverside location identified by Department of Tourism. It should offer at least one room facility, with on board washrooms, kitchen, restaurant or dining area in motorized boat, preferably using clean fuel

such as CNG or solar power and satisfying the safety norm prescribed by appropriate authorities. Houseboat project includes provision of jetty or pontoon, parking, and off-shore infrastructure. It should have trained staff for implementation of safety norms prescribed by the Government of Odisha. Houseboat/ Catamaran projects with a minimum investment of INR 0.5 Cr will be considered eligible Tourism Units under this policy. The Department of Tourism may, on a case-by-case basis, recommend allotment or permissive possession of land for related onshore infrastructure or equipment storage.”

(XI) **For clause (j)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Art & Craft Theme Complex/ Park/ Experience Centre: “Art & Craft Theme Complex/ Park/ Experience Centre” promoting Odisha art and craft forms, provides interactive experience to the tourists and supports artisans. The project must be on a minimum 1 acre of land for urban areas and 2 acre for rural areas with facilities like space to work for at least 10 artisans including one master artisan, an exhibition area of not less than 300 sq. m. to display different crafts, a multipurpose hall/ open theatre for folk shows, performing arts and film screening etc. A thematic restaurant, minimum of one emporium cum Souvenir shop and toilet blocks shall be provided. This project shall involve minimum investment of INR 1 Cr ”

(XII) **For clause (k)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Golf Course: A “Golf Course” project shall consist of a minimum of 9 holes with an investment of at least INR 25 Cr on a land parcel not less than 25 acres. The design and drainage must ensure that there is no water logging, supported by a reliable system for adequate water supply. A well-equipped clubhouse which may include accommodation rooms (3 star or above category for specific purposes such as changing rooms, shower area, massage rooms, sauna, cloak facility etc.), modern amenities for players and visitors shall form an integral part of the development. The facility should allow easy access to tourists, including non-members, for playing golf and using other amenities, with charges that are transparent and consistent. Adequate parking space for at least 50 vehicles and clean public toilet facilities must be provided. Further, the golf course shall obtain necessary certification or recognition from the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) or the Indian Golf Union (IGU).

The project may also include a minimum of 10 rooms of three-star category or above, in line with the Ministry of Tourism guidelines.”

(XIII) **For clause (l)** of the said policy, the existing provision shall be omitted, as the subject matter is being merged with **Paragraph 13(b) – Tented Accommodation (Economy & Luxury)**

(XIV) **For clause (m)** of the Policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Amusement Parks: An Amusement Park is a recreational facility offering rides, games, and entertainment attractions for leisure, without necessarily being organized around a unifying theme. For tourism purposes, it shall mean a project with at least 8 amusement rides, a minimum investment of INR 10 Cr in equipment, and a minimum area of 20,000 sq. m. It may also include ancillary infrastructure such as accommodation, changing rooms, restaurants, food courts, parking, and medical/first aid facilities, and may further provide a minimum of 10 rooms of 3-star category or above as per Ministry of Tourism guidelines”

(XV) **For clause (n)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Theme Parks: A Theme Park is a large, purpose-built entertainment complex organized around a specific theme or set of themes and integrating rides, shows, attractions, and amenities. For tourism purposes, it shall mean a recreational project, new or expansion, with amusement/ adventure/ water rides/ craft and cuisine or any other experience, accommodation units, and related infrastructure, having a minimum capital investment of INR 10 Cr and a minimum area of 20,000 sq. m.

Facilities within commercial malls or multiplexes shall not be treated as Theme Parks. Each project shall provide basic tourist amenities such as reception, information booth, toilets, medical services, parking, baby feeding room, drinking water, and solid/liquid waste management, and may also include a minimum of 10 rooms of 3-star category or above as per Ministry of Tourism guidelines ”

(XVI) **For clause (o)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Aquarium: An “Aquarium” should have minimum 1,000 cubic meter water holding capacity and should have at least 10 exhibits. These projects shall have a minimum investment of INR 10 Cr and land area should not be less than 2000

sqm. It should be open to public. It should have trained supervisors for operation and maintenance of the housed aquatic animals and plants. It should have restaurants, adequate parking, and separate toilet blocks for ladies and gents”

(XVII) **For clause (p)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Water Parks: A “Water Park” project should have minimum 20,000 sqm land area and minimum of five water rides. It should have the capacity to handle at least 100 slides simultaneously. It should have trained supervisors for implementation of safety norms.

There should be a minimum investment of INR 5 Cr in amusement rides. This pertains to the cost of equipment alone. It should have restaurants and adequate changing rooms, lockers, showers and separate toilet blocks for ladies and gents among others.

The facility may also include minimum 10 rooms (3 star category and above), as per Ministry of Tourism guidelines.”

(XVIII) **For clause (q)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Ropeway: A “Ropeway” should be mechanized and motor driven. The horizontal length may be 250 meters or more (but can be slightly less if the location demands so) with minimum capital investment of INR 10 Cr.

It should be comfortable for the passengers and noise should be within permissible limits. It should have capacity to carry minimum 200 passengers per hour. The cabins should leave at brief intervals so that transportation is continuous and waiting time is minimum. It should have thyristor control of main drive motor or comparable device to ensure smooth acceleration and deceleration. It should have an emergency brake in addition to the normal brakes. The cabins should be sturdy and aesthetic. It should have full capacity generator set to drive the ropeway in case of power failure.

The facilities should be created in compliance with the applicable rules or guidelines of Government of India or Government of Odisha and applicable security norms.”

(XIX) **For clause (r)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Heritage Properties (Heritage Hotels, Heritage Museums, Heritage Restaurants / Cafeterias, Heritage Banquets.)

“Heritage Hotel” is a hospitality unit with minimum 5 lettable rooms operated in palaces or castles or forts or havelis or hunting lodges or residences of any size built prior to 1950.

The facade, architectural features and general construction should have the distinctive qualities and ambience in keeping with the traditional way of life of the area. The architecture of the property to be considered should not normally be interfered with.

Heritage Property – Apart from Heritage Hotels, Heritage properties such as Heritage Museums, Heritage Restaurants / Cafeterias, Heritage Banquets located inside a Heritage Building shall be considered as a separate tourism unit, provided it fulfills minimum eligibility requirements, such as-

Heritage Museums - Any new or existing Heritage Museum owned by individuals, institutions, voluntary organizations or autonomous body or trusts, etc. registered under the Indian Societies Act or Indian Trust Act in the State of Odisha and displaying objects of tourist interest, historical and cultural importance. Such Heritage Museums must be located within a Heritage property.

Heritage Restaurants / Cafeterias - A Heritage Restaurant / Cafeterias (open/ closed area), operating in heritage buildings, having heritage features and ambience. The unit must have a hygienically maintained kitchen with modern equipment in the premises for preparing food. Also, well- maintained separate toilet facilities for ladies and gents are compulsory. The Restaurant should have a minimum seating capacity of 30 guests at a time.

Heritage Banquet - means enclosed space operating in heritage buildings having heritage features and ambience developed for hosting guest's ceremonies/ corporate functions and other events, etc., with minimum 1 lettable room for guests, a minimum capacity of hosting 20 guests and having a minimum area of 500 square feet within the Heritage Building. Also, a well-maintained separate toilet facility for ladies and gents is compulsory.

Any extension or improvement or renovation/ change in the existing structures should be in keeping with the traditional architectural styles and constructional techniques harmonising the new with the old. After such change, the newly built-up area added should not exceed 50% of the total built up (plinth) area including the old and new structures. For this purpose, facilities such as swimming pools, lawns etc. will be excluded.”

(XX) **For clause (s)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“A “**Convention Centre**” should be located on a plot admeasuring at least 5,000 sq.mt with a minimum investment of INR 20 Cr. It should have capacity to seat at least 750 persons in the central column less hall. The capacity should be so organized (partition-able) that it is possible for at least 5 separate conference events to run simultaneously. At least 75% of the convention Centre’s capacity should be air-conditioned. The Convention Centre should have sufficient parking facility (minimum 2 sq.mt per person). All conference or convention areas should be equipped with state-of-the-art convention facilities including modern public address system, slide projection, video screening and such other facilities. It should possess its own equipment. It should have adequate arrangement for secretariat support with Fax, e-mail and photocopying facilities and first aid Centre. It should have a restaurant, cafeteria with adequately covered, comfortable area to cater to at least 500 persons simultaneously. The area excluding kitchen, should admeasure at least 500 sqmt. The quantum of such facilities should be consistent with the size of the complex.

For Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation limits, only those convention centre projects having capacity to seat at least 3,000 persons will be eligible for incentives and land allotment under this policy.

The facility may also include a minimum of 10 rooms of three-star category or above, as per Ministry of Tourism guidelines.”

(XXI) **For clause (t)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“**Caravan Park:** A “Caravan Park” should be developed over a minimum area of 0.5 acre and accommodate minimum 05 parking bays, up to a maximum of 60 bays per hectare. It should operate for at least three months a year.

Projects and units under caravan Parks should comply with the basic specifications detailed under the extant Policy of Govt. of India for “Policy for development and promotion of Caravan and Caravan Camping Parks”. Caravan Park with a minimum investment of at least INR 2 Cr, shall be considered an eligible Tourism Unit under this policy

Caravan: "Caravan or Campervan or Camping-van" is a specially designed vehicle constructed to include living accommodation which contains facilities as

per prevalent MoT Guidelines “Policy for Development and Promotion of Caravan and Caravan Camping Parks”

Caravan or Campervan or Camping-van must have been registered under the Motor Vehicle Act 1988 and the rules framed there under and must be fit for the purpose of travel, leisure, and accommodation. A minimum investment of at least INR 0.3 Cr, shall be considered an eligible Tourism Unit under this policy. ”

(XXII) **For clause (u)** of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“ **“Adventure Tourism”** projects should have required equipment and trained staff to maintain and run the activity. All required permissions from various authorities must be obtained. Minimum facilities like restaurant (wherever required), drinking water supply, staying arrangements (wherever required), toilet etc. should be provided.

13 (u.1) Aero / Air Based Tourism: “Aero” or Air-Based Sports Projects refer to adventure tourism activities involving flight or aerial movement, including but not limited to paragliding, paramotoring, hot air ballooning, ultra light aircraft flying, and skydiving. Such projects may be set up at suitable hilltops, open ground areas, or other designated airspaces approved by competent authorities. A minimum investment of INR 50 lakh should be made in aero-sports equipment, including safety gear, launching equipment, harnesses, communication tools, and related systems

13(u.2) Water based Adventure Tourism: “Water” based adventure tourism projects should be set up at a beach or lakeside or riverside along with a pontoon or jetty. It should offer at least two water sports. Parasailing, water-scooters, hovercraft and water-skiing are examples of such facilities. In addition to investment in boats and outboard motors, it should make an investment of at least Rs.50 lakh in water sports equipment. It should have adequate changing rooms, showers, lockers and separate toilet blocks for ladies and gents. It may have a food plaza. It should have trained staff for implementation of safety norms prescribed by the Government of Odisha. The Department of Tourism may, on case-to-case basis, recommend permissive possession of land for onshore infrastructure and/ or storage of equipment for such projects.

13 (u.3) Land Based Adventure Sports: Land-Based Adventure Sports” refer to adventure tourism projects offering recreational and adrenaline-inducing activities on land, such as rock climbing, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, trekking

trails, ATV biking, obstacle courses, ropeway walks, bouldering, and similar activities. A minimum investment of INR 50 lakh must be made in land adventure equipment and infrastructure, including harnesses, safety gear, bikes/ATVs, course elements, obstacle structures, zipline hardware, and surveillance systems.”

(XXIII) For clause 13(v) of the Policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Other projects not falling into any of the above categories will be considered as tourism project subject to their approval by the State Tourism Promotion Council (STPC).”

(XXIV) After Paragraph 13(v), the following paragraphs shall be inserted, namely;-

12. After paragraph 13(v) of the said policy, the following paragraphs shall be inserted namely;-

(I) Paragraph 13 (w)

“**Wellness Centre:** A facility comprising a minimum of 5 therapy rooms, offering specialized treatments and therapies based on alternative systems of medicine, such as AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homoeopathy), specifically designed to cater to the wellness needs of tourists. The project shall involve a minimum investment of INR 1 Cr and must employ trained and duly qualified personnel such as registered AYUSH doctors, certified masseurs, yoga instructors, nutritionists, physiotherapists, and other relevant support staffs certified in their respective systems of therapy”

(II) Paragraph 13(x)

“**Wellness Resorts:** Resorts promoting holistic healing through AYUSH therapies, yoga, meditation, panchakarma, and similar wellness practices shall be eligible for incentives, provided they have a minimum of 10 rooms conforming to 3-star category standards as per the prevailing Ministry of Tourism guidelines and employ skilled manpower with requisite certifications in relevant wellness disciplines.

- However, for the three urban areas (Development Authority areas) of Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri only, Resorts of 4 star and above classification, as per the prevailing guidelines of the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India shall be eligible for incentives under this policy.
- The maximum allowable built form shall be Ground plus One (G+1). Construction beyond G+1 is not permitted for resort projects under this policy.

The plot on which the Wellness resort is located should admeasure at least 2,800 sq.mt. It should have on its plot, a minimum 50% open space (unbuilt area). The wellness centers offer services for - 1. Ayurveda 2. Yoga & Naturopathy 3. Unani 4. Siddha 5. Homeopathy, to achieve, promotes, and maintains maximum health and a sense of well-being.”

(III) Paragraph 13(y)

“Eco Resort/ Eco-Cottages (and other similar developments): An Eco Resort/ Eco Cottage is a sustainable hospitality unit located in natural settings, built and managed using vernacular design, renewable materials, and eco-conscious operations. It supports environmental conservation, fosters local community involvement, and provides low-impact tourism experiences.

These projects shall have a minimum of 10 rooms or cottages with minimum investment of INR 1.2 Cr is required for such projects. The star rating for these eco-friendly tourism units shall be conducted by a State-level agency designated by the Government of Odisha since star categorization by the Ministry of Tourism is not mandatory for such properties.

The maximum allowable built form shall be Ground plus One (G+1). Construction beyond G+1 is not permitted for resort projects under this policy.

The resort must be located on a plot measuring at least 2,500 square meters, with a minimum of 50% open (unbuilt) area.”

(IV) Paragraph 13(z)

“Cruises: “River Cruise” means a water transport facility having registered and obtained license and operational certificate from District Collector or Odisha Maritime Board or any other relevant competent authority and utilized for the purpose of leisure and entertainment of tourists along the river or any inland water body in Odisha. The minimum requirements for the River Cruise are as follows:

- Capacity to host a minimum of 40 passengers + Crew members
- Facilities for refreshment, entertainment, and recreation
- Accommodation facilities may be provided
- Cruise with a minimum investment of at least INR 1.5 Cr, shall be considered an eligible Tourism Unit under this policy.

Inland Water Vessels used for the purpose of regular transport of goods or raw material or public are excluded from this definition.”

(V) Paragraph 13(aa)

“Yacht: A Yacht refers to a privately owned or commercial leisure vessel, typically motorized or sail-powered, designed for luxury recreation, charter tourism, or coastal cruising. To be eligible under this policy, the vessel must have a minimum length of 33 feet (10 meters) and must be operated or moored in approved coastal, backwater, or inland water locations as identified by the Department of Tourism

A minimum investment of INR 2 crore, along with the operation by a qualified crew trained in safety and hospitality standards, shall be required for a yacht project to be recognized as an eligible Tourism Unit under this policy.

The Department of Tourism may, on a case-to-case basis, recommend allotment or permissive possession of land for the development of jetties, mooring infrastructure, or other required support services for such projects.”

(VI) Paragraph 13(bb)

“Flotels: “Flotels” should be set up at backwater, lakeside, reservoir, riverside location identified by Department of Tourism. A minimum of 10 nos flotels with minimum investment of INR 3 crore shall be considered as eligible Tourism Unit under this policy.”

(VII) Paragraph 13(cc)

“Odia cuisine Restaurant: “Restaurant Serving Odia Cuisine”- Restaurants/ Cafeteria/ eateries/ food outlets/ any other similar set up known or called in other name promoting authentic Odia cuisine, primarily serving traditional Odia dishes, with having minimum seating capacity of 25 guests (25 Pax) a hygienic kitchen and having clear land ownership or lease agreement.

The restaurant should involve minimum investment of INR 0.2 crore (excluding cost of land and Building). The restaurant must reflect Odisha’s cultural identity through its design and ambiance and should engage trained staff in traditional Odia culinary practices. It should preferably have clean public conveniences, and an adequate parking space as per building bye-laws.

The incentives shall be available to such restaurants inside Odisha (DoT notified Tourist destinations), outside Odisha in five metro cities (Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai and Kolkata) and top five tourist destinations (Agra, Varanasi, Goa, Kochi and Jaipur). The STAC/ STPC may decide to add, modify, alter, or change this list as deemed appropriate.”

(VIII) Paragraph 13(dd)

“Museum: Museums showcasing artefacts of Odisha, its heritage, crafts including both tangible and intangible tourism assets shall be considered as tourism unit. A minimum area of 5000 sq. ft. must be developed for tourism purpose involving minimum investment of 0.5 crore as a museum and must be in the State of Odisha.”

13.(1) For Paragraph 14.6(b) of the said policy, the following paragraph shall be substituted, namely;-

“The new project should have separately identifiable capital investment and should not be an extension of the existing project. The new project will not lose its eligibility, if the utilities of existing units for water, electricity, steam, pollution control, central facilities etc. are extended to the new projects. Expansion of existing project will be eligible for incentives, provided the existing tourism unit increases its investments in fixed capital or capacity by at least 25%, as prescribed in Para. 12(d).”

(2) For Paragraph 14.6 of the Original Policy, the existing paragraph starting with “The existing tourism properties to be developed on PPP mode....” is substituted with the following paragraph, namely;-

The existing tourism properties to be developed on PPP mode will be eligible for fiscal incentives provided, the private partner fulfils the minimum development plan prescribed in the Lease-cum-Development Agreement and if the property is otherwise eligible under this policy.”

14.For Paragraph 14.8 of the said policy, the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“ Eligible Capital Investment for incentives:

The following investment shall be considered eligible for incentives, namely

- (i) Payment made towards registration charges of land.
- (ii) Building constructed for providing specific tourism facilities or services. The actual expenditure incurred and paid for construction of building as per the norms will only be considered.
- (iii) Other construction such as boundary wall, landscaping and any other project specific construction. Buildings for ancillary services, including staff accommodation and other essential support facilities.
- (iv) Plant and machinery
- (v) Interior furnishing

- (vi) Electrical installation or renewable energy installation
- (vii) Furniture and fixtures
- (viii) Kitchen equipment
- (ix) Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)
- (x) Generator and Air Condition plant or AC unit
- (xi) For eligibility of Heritage buildings, whole complex barring structures being used for private purposes by the owner.
- (xii) In the case of museums, only the heritage building or structure itself including integral artefacts, features, and elements of historical or architectural significance shall be considered.”

15. For Paragraph 15.1.2,

- (l) **For Clause (a)** of the said policy, the following table and note shall be substituted, namely;-

“

Eligible Capital Investment (excluding the land cost)	Special Incentives							
	Normal		Owned and managed by Women, SC/ST and Differently abled		Special Zones**, Museums & Heritage Properties		Electric Boats and Electric Caravans, Art & Craft Theme Complex/ Park/ Experience Centre	
	Admissible Subsidy *	Max Subsidy (INR Cr)	Admissible Subsidy *	Max Subsidy (INR Cr)	Admissible Subsidy *	Max Subsidy (INR Cr)	Admissible Subsidy*	Max Subsidy (INR Cr)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Investment up to INR.200 crore	30%	50.00	40%	60.00	40%	60.00	50%	60
Investment above INR 200 Cr.	30%	100.00	40%	120.00	40%	120.00	50%	120

Note:

- (i) The valuation of the expenditure, claimed by the project proponent, will be done by a Government approved valuer or agency approved by Government of Odisha. Only after such valuation report, the CIS will be calculated and disbursed.
- (ii) Admissible Subsidy*: Subsidy as a percentage of eligible capital investment
- (iii) Special Zones** are defined as follows:

- All Districts of KBK, Kandhamal, and Gajapati District
 - In and around Chilika Lake, Hirakud Dam, Satkosia, Similipal, Gandhamardhan Hill of Balangir and Bargarh District, Ratnagiri-Udayagiri-Lalitgiri (RUL), Bhitarkanika
 - Any new places or districts as may be necessary to be notified by the Government from time to time on the recommendation of STPC.
- (iv) For Special Zones such as Chilika Lake, Hirakud Dam, Satkosia, Similipal, Ratnagiri-Udayagiri- Lalitgiri (RUL), and Bhitarkanika, tourism projects shall be eligible for incentives if located within a 5 km zone of influence or as specifically determined by the STPC based on ecological and site-specific considerations.
- (v) New Tourism Projects owned and managed by women entrepreneurs (with minimum equity participation of 51% in the entity), those belonging to SC/ST categories and the differently abled will be entitled to a special subsidy as specified in the above table.”

(II) **For Clause (b)** of the said policy, the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

- “(i) If an applicant qualifies under multiple categories of CIS, only the highest applicable subsidy percentage (Special Incentives) shall be granted, and benefits will not be combined or repeated.
- (ii) Integrated Tourism Infrastructure: In scenarios where the applicant has planned to develop different tourism related infrastructure such as hotels/ resorts/ banquet/ theme parks/ amusement park/ museum/ water park or any other eligible tourism unit at one place i.e., confined at one site/ land parcel, in such scenarios, the project shall be eligible for a combined Capital Investment Subsidy (CIS) at the applicable rates indicated in the subsidy table, subject to the maximum ceilings prescribed therein (including special incentive categories, wherever applicable). ”

16. In the said Policy, after Paragraph 15.1.2(b) the following paragraphs shall be added namely;-

(I) Paragraph 15.1.2 (c) ;-

“ Incentives to the restaurants serving Odia cuisine:

To promote authentic Odia cuisine at both national and international levels, the Department of Tourism (DoT) shall provide targeted Capital (CAPEX) and Operational (OPEX) incentives to Odia cuisine restaurants located at the following locations:

- Inside Odisha- Repair, Renovation of existing Restaurants/ New Construction located at DoT notified Tourist Destination.
- Outside Odisha- Five (5) metro cities namely Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai and Kolkata subject to a maximum of five (5) units per city and top five (5) tourist destinations namely Agra, Varanasi, Goa, Kochi, Jaipur subject to a maximum two (2) units per destination.

(a) Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) support: Reimbursement of up to 30% of expenditure incurred towards the following components subject to maximum incentive of INR 5 Cr:

(i) For Restaurants located inside Odisha

- Furnishing
- Interiors
- Kitchen equipment
- Repair and Renovation of existing restaurants and
- Civil Works

(ii) For Restaurants located outside Odisha (at five metro cities and five top tourist destinations specified above)

- Furnishing
- Interiors and
- Kitchen equipment

(iii) The reimbursement of Capex support in form of CIS shall be paid in 3 instalments, first instalment- one year after CoD (50%), second instalment- completion of 2nd year after CoD (25%), third instalment- Completion of 3rd year after CoD (25%).

(b) Operational Expenditure (OPEX) support:

For Restaurants located inside Odisha

- Reimbursement of two times of monthly electricity charges shall be provided for the first year.
- Reimbursement of monthly electricity charges and SGST shall be provided for Second and Third year.
- Total reimbursement shall be limited to a maximum of INR two (2) Lakh per unit per month.

For Restaurants located outside Odisha (at five metro cities and five top tourist destinations specified above)

- Reimbursement of two times of monthly electricity charges shall be provided for three years.
- Total reimbursement shall be limited to a maximum of INR two (2) Lakh per unit per month.

(c) Promotion of Odia Cuisine

- DoT shall undertake various efforts to promote and create more demand for Odia cuisine such as engaging Brand Ambassador, other influencers for Odia cuisine, conducting Odia cuisine festivals, documentation and cuisine awards etc.

(d) The STAC/STPC may, from time to time, decide to add, modify, alter, or revise the list of eligible destinations and applicable incentives, as deemed appropriate.

Incentives shall be disbursed quarterly upon approval by the Department of Tourism.”

(II) Paragraph 15.1.2 (d):-

“Incentives to MICE Industry

Department of Tourism will incentivise the MICE Organisers/ Event Managers / DMCs / Tour Operators & Hotel owners who are bringing in or organising large scale events, conferences, weddings, concerts etc. in Odisha.

The incentives provided will be as follows:

- (i) Lean / Off-Season (1st April to 30th September): An incentive of INR 1,000 per room per day shall be provided for events achieving a minimum booking of 100 rooms per day in 3-Star or above category hotels as notified by the MoT/ DoT, provided that a minimum of 50% room bookings per day are done for participants/ occupants which are from outside Odisha.
- (ii) Incentive specified above for lean season only shall be provided only for those numbers of rooms which are occupied by participants/ occupants from outside Odisha.
- (iii) Promotion and marketing: Collaborate with event managers to promote Odisha as a destination for events, leveraging social media, and tourism campaigns.
- (iv) Streamlined regulations: Simplify and streamline event-related regulations and permits to make it easier for event managers to plan and execute events in Odisha, through single window clearance mechanism.

- (v) The STAC/STPC may, from time to time, decide to add, modify, alter, or revise the eligibility for MICE events and quantum of incentives, as deemed appropriate.”

(III) Paragraph 15.1.2 (e):-

“Incentives for Destination Wedding

Department of Tourism will incentivise the applicants for Destination Weddings in the State of Odisha. Incentives will only be provided where both the families (i.e., Bride and Bridegroom) are not permanent residents or normal/ ordinary resident of Odisha.

The incentives provided will be as follows:

- i. Lean / Off-Season (1st April to 30th September): An incentive of INR 1000 per room per day shall be provided for Destination Wedding events achieving a minimum booking of 50 rooms per day in 3-Star or above category hotels notified by the MoT/ DoT.
- ii. Incentive specified above for lean season only shall be provided only for those numbers of rooms which are occupied by participants/ occupants from outside Odisha.
- iii. The STAC/STPC may, from time to time, decide to add, modify, alter, or revise the eligibility for Destination Wedding events and quantum of incentives, as deemed appropriate.”

17.Paragraph 15.1.3 of the said policy is omitted.

18.Paragraph 15.1.5of the said policy is omitted.

19.In Paragraph 15.1.6 of the said policy, for the words “for a period of 5 years” are the words “for a period of 7 years shall be substituted”.

20.Paragraph 15.1.7of the said policy is omitted.

21.Paragraph 15.1.9of the said policy is omitted.

22.For Paragraph 15.1.11 of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“15.1.11 (a) DoT shall provide incentives to the tourism service providers of State for participating in overseas tourism events.

- The incentive shall be limited to 80% of the space rent actually paid and 80% of travel expenses incurred by the tourism service provider of the State subject to maximum Rs. 3,50,000/- for each event. Such concession shall be limited to two events in one financial year for any agency.

- The tourism service providers approved by Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India, shall be eligible to get reimbursement of travel expenses up to 3 (three) additional events in one financial year.

15.1.11(b) Incentives to Homestay owners for Domestic Tourism Events:

DoT shall provide incentives to the registered Homestays Owners of the state for participating in domestic tourism events.

The incentive shall be limited to free exhibition space (where Odisha Tourism is participating) and up to 80% of travel expenditure actually incurred by the Homestay owner of the State, subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,000/- for one event in a financial year. Homestay owners may avail this incentive once every year.”

- 23.**For Paragraph 15.4.1 (i) of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Tourism Department shall give Provisional Registration Certificate in the first instance up to 3 years to the Eligible Units. In case of allotment of Government land, the time frame of 3 years shall start from date of handover of land by IDCO or any other Govt. agency.”

- 24.**For Paragraph 15.4.1 (iii) of the said policy, for the words “tourism advisory committee” the word “STPC shall be substituted.”

- 25.**For Paragraph 15.4.2 of the Policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“Illustrative procedure for claiming incentives:

The Eligible units along with the provisional Certificate shall apply to DoT, within 180 days after the commencement of commercial operation of the project, for permissible benefits along with necessary documents. Department of Tourism on receiving the information and documents will scrutinize it and issue Eligibility Certificate and the Certificate of Entitlement and put proper date of effect so as to enable the unit to avail the incentives.

Step-I Eligible Units will apply for the incentive to Department of Tourism

Step-II DoT will scrutinize the applications and issue a Provisional Registration Certificate (PRC).

Step-III PRC shall be valid for up to 3 years in the first instance

Step-IV If a unit is not in a position to complete the project during 3 years, it may apply for extension.

Step-V If agreed, Tourism department may grant an extension, (maximum up to 2 years). Further time extension by STPC.

Step-VI The Eligible Units shall inform Tourism Department within 180 days of the commencement of commercial operation of the project

Step-VII Tourism Department shall scrutinize the documents and after field visit shall issue Eligibility Certificate, if eligible.

Step-VIII Based on the Eligibility Certificate, the Department of Tourism shall in turn issue Certificate of Entitlement and put proper date of effect for availing benefits.

The unit shall remain in commercial operation continuously for a minimum of 5 years from the date on which benefits have been availed. In cases, where the operation has been discontinued due to any reason within the period of 5 years mentioned above the unit shall be required to refund the incentives along with interest @ of 2% per month or any other penal interest prescribed by the DoT.

In the event that the tourism unit is leased, sold, or transferred to another owner within 5 years from the date on which benefits have been availed, the new owner shall be liable to refund the recoverable amount in accordance with the provisions above.

The unit, after getting the eligibility Certificate, must submit quarterly progress details to the DoT of the incentives availed during the eligibility period. Any excess claim of incentives will be recovered with interest of 2% per month or any other penal interest prescribed by the DoT.

In case of applications submitted after 180 day period, the decision shall be taken by the Department of Tourism.”

26. In the said Policy, before Paragraph 16.1, Paragraph 16.0.1 is inserted namely;-

“ State Tourism Advisory Council (STAC):

An empowered council shall be formed under the Chairpersonship of Hon’ble Minister Tourism for Industry consultation.

i	Hon’ble Minister, Tourism	Chairperson
ii	Secretary, Tourism	Member
iii	Director, Tourism	Member Convenor
iv	Representative from IATA / HRAO	Member
v	Representative from IATO / TAAI	Member
vi	Principal IHM	Member

vii	Principal SIHM	Member
viii	Principal IITTM	Member
ix	Representatives from OLLC, DoFE&CC, Handloom, Textiles & Handicraft Dept. or any other Dept. may be nominated by the Govt. from time to time.	Member

The State Tourism Advisory Committee (STAC) shall meet at least once a year to review tourism growth, assess policy implementation, and provide strategic inputs on trends, opportunities, and measures to enhance the visitor experience, serving as an advisory forum for Government–industry dialogue.”

27. For Paragraph 16.1 of the said policy, the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“ State Tourism Promotion Council:

The State Tourism Promotion Council (STPC) shall be constituted, as follows to act as the Apex Body to guide and monitor the development of Tourism in the State, namely;

Chief Secretary Chairman

Development Commissioner Member

Secretary, Home Member

Secretary, Finance Member

Secretary, Tourism Member-Convenor

Secretary, Forest & Environment Member

Secretary, Commerce & Transport Member

Secretary, Handloom, Textile & Handicrafts Member

General Managers of Railway Divisions covering Odisha Member

Senior representative from FICCI Member

Senior representative from CII Member

Representative from Airport Authority of India Member

Representative of ASI Member

Director Tourism Member

- The STPC shall meet at least twice a year. The State Tourism Promotion Council will review & monitor the implementation of the Policy and suggest changes in the Policy Framework.
- The STPC shall determine, from time to time, any new places or districts to be declared as Special Zones for additional incentives.

- Any projects not covered under the existing categories of eligible tourism projects will be reviewed and considered as tourism projects only upon approval by the STPC”.

28. For Paragraph 16.2 of the said policy the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely;-

“ Local Tourism Promotion Council (LTPC):

State Government may notify Local Tourism Promotion Council at such identified tourism destinations for the objective of operation and maintenance of tourism facilities or units, where such facilities or units have been set up out of Government funds and the Government is satisfied that such Council may be the most effective way of management of such facility.

The functions of Local Tourism Promotion Council LTPC are as follows:

- Identify land parcels for tourism development in the district.
- To act as the nodal agency related to tourism at the district & sub-district level.
- Facilitate convergence of resources of various agencies for the development of tourism infrastructure.
- Development and updation of tourism information for districts which may also be uploaded in the district websites.
- Skill profiling of local population to create lists for guides, freelancers, photographers, homestay addresses and develop a tourism service provider database and clear awareness among the general public on tourism related matters.
- Facilitate the formation of local tourism destination development bodies with local community participation for development of tourism assets.

The Local Tourism Promotion Council (LTPC) will have following members:

i.	Sub Divisional Magistrate	Chairman
ii.	Block Development Officer	Member
iii.	Sr. Engineer (Block)	Member
iv.	Sarapanch of concerned G.P. / Representative of the concerned Municipal Corporation (where applicable)	Member
v.	O.I.C. of concerned P.S.	Member
vi.	President, Local Hotel Association	Member
vii.	President, Local Travel Agent Association	Member
viii.	Any other member or members nominated by the Chairman who would be helpful in realizing the objectives of the body	Member

ix.	Tourism Development Officer for the District	Member Secretary
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