



Government of Odisha  
ST & SC Development Department

# Comprehensive Programme on Land Rights to Tribals

using Community Resource Persons/ Bhumi Sanjojaks  
in the Tribal Sub-plan (TSP) blocks of Odisha – 2012-2017



Odisha Tribal Empowerment and Livelihoods Programme



## Comprehensive Programme on Land Rights to Tribals in the Tribal Sub-plan (TSP) blocks of Odisha



Recognition of tenurial rights of the Tribals has been a priority area of concern for the State Government. Though, with successful implementation of Scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006, in the State the tribals occupying the forest land have been provided with land rights, there are still many deserving cases of landlessness among the Tribals, particularly in TSP (Tribal Sub-Plan) areas, which needs to be addressed urgently. There is thus a need to evolve a proper strategy for identifying such landless ST families in TSP blocks and to provide leasable land in their favour in a time bound manner.

Keeping this in mind, Odisha Tribal Empowerment and Livelihoods Programme (OTELP) has initiated the process to provide Land to Landless within its project area in select TSP Blocks of seven districts i.e. Koraput, Kandhamal, Kalahandi, Gajapati, Rayagada, Malkanagiri and Nawarangpur covering 1042 villages. This programme is being implemented in collaboration with Landesa (Rural Development Institute), an international NGO working towards securing tenurial rights; and duly supported by a literate and trained village youth, known as Community Resource Person (CRP) or Bhumi Sanjojak.

After careful consideration and looking at the potential of the programme, Government is extending the land allocation programme to additional 17974 villages in all the 118 TSP blocks of 12 districts of the state, using CRPs/Bhumi Sanjojaks. The villages shall be covered under three overlapping phases and shall be covered within next 5 years. The 1st phase from 2012 and end by 2013, shall cover 6,094 villages in addition to 1042 villages already taken up under OTELP, the 2nd phase will be from 2014 to 2015, to cover 3970 villages, and the 3rd phase covering 7910 villages shall start in 2016 and end by 2017. The first two phases with 61TSP blocks, shall saturate the current 7 OTELP project districts and the third phase shall be implemented in all 57 TSP blocks of 5 non-OTELP districts, viz Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Sambalpur, Balasore and Sundergarh.

	Year	Districts	Blocks	Villages	Notes
Phase I	2012-14	07	30	6,094	Saturation of all villages in OTELP blocks
Phase II	2013-15	07	31	3970	Saturation of all villages in non-OTELP blocks in OTELP districts
Phase III	2014-16	05	57	7910	TSP blocks in Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Sambalpur, Sundergarh and Balasore
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>17974</b>	(Excluding the current OTELP project villages)



## Modalities:

- For the implementation of the programme, a landless or homestead-less shall be identified as per definitions provided in the Odisha Government Land Settlement Act, 1962 and Odisha Prevention of Land Encroachment Act, 1972.
- The programme will be implemented by Project Administrator (PA), ITDAs with the support of Facilitating Non Govt. Organization (FNGO) at the district/ITDA level.
- FNGOs shall be responsible for overall facilitation and handholding support in implementation of the project.
- A CRP/Bhumi Sanjojak has to be a local literate boy or girl who shall be engaged by the facilitating NGO (FNGO), with the primary deliverable of identifying accurate landless figures to the Revenue Inspector to initiate settlement process.
- Each CRP/Bhumi Sanjojak shall be engaged to support the process in 3 to 4 villages
- The CRP/Bhumi Sanjojak shall be trained by the FNGO on the Job facilitation for the identification of homestead less/landless and the settlement process. The training will enable the CRP regarding basic understanding of the Revenue map/Records and sufficient skills for identification of leasable land.
- CRP/Bhumi Sanjojak shall work in close coordination and under the guidance of the Revenue Inspector and will help in community mobilization, training etc.
- The CRP/Bhumi Sanjojak shall undertake the household survey and necessary data collection to



identify landlessness and then submit the list to the tahasil.

- Post Land allocation, the CRPs/Bhumi Sanjojaks shall work with line departments and extension services for livelihoods convergence including homestead development and housing support to beneficiaries.
- The District Administration shall be the key implementer of the land allocation programme who would be responsible for planning, monitoring and review of the programme on a monthly basis and issue necessary instructions as and when required.





- The role and responsibilities of the facilitating NGOs will be clearly set out in the MoU to be signed with them. Lump sum payment shall be made to the FNGO for performing and delivering the task assigned under MoU.
- Engagement of facilitating NGOs shall be for two years and their deliverables shall be clearly verified and measured and payment would be linked to the performance of deliverables.

- OTELP and Landesa (Rural Development Institute) shall provide technical assistance, capacity building and facilitation support to the programme at the state and district/ITDA level.



## Government of Odisha ST & SC Development Department



**Programme Support Unit**  
2nd Floor, TDCCOL Building, Bhoi Nagar,  
Bhubaneswar – 751 022  
Ph: 0674 – 2542709, Fax: 2541772  
[www.otelp.org](http://www.otelp.org)



**Technical Support**  
**Landesa**<sup>TM</sup>  
Rural Development Institute

