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Sub: Procedure for trading in KL by villagers in Kegaon and M.
Rampur(KL) Range in Bhawanipatna (KL) Division.

Government have been pleased to deregulate Kendu Leaf working by villagers of four villages i.e 1) Pipadi, 2) Nuapada 3) Dheknaguda and 4) Janguda in Kegoan and M.Rampur (KL) Range in Bhawanipatna (KL) Division. The villagers of these four villages in Kegaon and M. Rampur (KL) Range in Bhawanipatna (KL) Division are free to sell Kendu Leaves to anybody of their choice including KL Organisation as per the rights conferred under Section-3 (i)(c) of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act, 2006. In order to prevent exploitation of Kendu Leaf Pluckers and to ensure that they get remunerative price for their Kendu Leaf, the KL Organisation of the State Government will however continue to accept kendu leaf from persons who are willing to sell kendu leaf to it at the notified procurement price.

2. The DFO Bhawanipatna (KL) Division will provide adequate number of Transit permit Books to the Gram Sabhas of above four villages in Kalahandi District immediately as per their requirement. The authorized representatives of above Gram Sabhas concerned will issue the Transit Permits to the buyers of Kendu Leaf, other than the Kendu Leaf Organisation, which will be valid for all purposes of Transportation of Kendu Leaves.

3. In order to prevent the scope of exploitation of KL pluckers by unscrupulous traders, the Kendu Leaf Organisation will continue to operate its Collection Centres to Purchase Kendu Leaves from any pluckers interested to sell Kendu Leaves of his/her own volition. The payment for Kendu leaves will be made at the prescribed rate by the KL Organisation. Transit Permits in respect of buyers who purchased KL from the Odisha Forest Development Corporation (OFDC Ltd.) will continue to be issued by the DFO Bhawanipatna (KL) Division. The disposal of KL procured by the KL Organisation will be made by the OFDC in such manner as considered appropriate.

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4. The following procedure/modalities will be adopted in respect of the forest lands for collection and disposal of Kendu leaves under the areas selected under Community Rights under FRA:

i) The villages listed below shall be permitted to collect and dispose Kendu Leaves gathered from the assigned (KL) Range as under:

1) Pipadi, 2) Nuapada 3) Dheknaguda and 4) Jamguda in Kegaon and M.Rampur (KL) Range in Bhawanipatna (KL) Division.

ii) The concerned Range Officer (Territorial) of Bhawanipatana Division of Kalahandi (North) Division shall demarcate on ground the extent of forests land in respect of each village for which community forest right has been conferred to the village concerned.

iii) A joint enumeration will be carried out by Kegaon and M.Rampur (KL) Range and Kegaon and M.Rampur (T) Range wherein a systematic strip sampling of minimum 25% of the assigned forest land will be taken up, in order to assess the total number of Kendu Leaves bushes existing on the said forest land and anticipated production of Kendu Leaves from the said area. The villagers of the concerned village and members of adjoining Phadi Committee may be involved in the enumeration process.

iv) Range Officer, Kegaon and M.Rampur (KL) Range will inform the concerned Gram Sabha about the potential production of Kendu Leaves from the forest land assigned under F.R. Act, 2006.

v) The villagers shall have the option to collect and sale and Kendu Leaves plucked from the assigned area to the KL wing of the Forest Deptt. or to any other person/ organization.

vi) The private trading of KL by the concerned Gram Sabha, however, shall be limited to the amount of KL plucked from the community rights area, as communicated by concerned Range Officer in advance.

vii) D.F.O, Bhawanipatna (KL) Division will issue transit permit on receipt of request from Gram Sabha in favour of traders/ person recommended by the Gram Sabha, limiting to the maximum amount as estimated earlier.

viii) Kendu Leaves collected from the non-assigned forest land and non-forest land shall be sold by the concerned villagers to the Forest Department.

5. The KL Organisation will assist in providing a training to the KL Pluckers of the above four Villages on the technical aspects of the Kendu Leaf working in coordination with District Administration so as to ensure that persons willing to sell KL to agencies other than the KL Organisation do not face any difficulty.

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6. KL Organisation may continue the bush cutting Operations at its own cost as a welfare measure and cross-subsidies it from the overall revenues.

7. The above arrangements will be applicable from the crop year 2018, till further orders.

By Order of Governor

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Special Secretary to Government.

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