

DRAFT PRESS BRIEF

Sub:- Amendment of the Odisha Pani Panchayat Act, 2002.

Amendment to five sections of the Odisha Pani Panchayat Act, 2002 such as Section 2 (1)(g)(i); Section 4 (1), Section 7 (5), Section 10 (2) and Section 32 (2) have been proposed.

- 1) Sect-2(1)(g) (i) :- Sub-Minor Canals are to be included in the definition of 'Distributary System'.
- 2) Sec -4 (1) :- Representation in the Executive Committee from amongst the Chak Committee members shall be on a rotation basis for different terms of election.
- 3) Sect - 7 (5) :- Secretaries and Treasurers of the Pani Panchayats of Medium & Minor (Flow) Irrigation Projects are proposed to be included in the General Body of the Project Committee. Presently only Presidents of Medium & Minor (Flow) Pani Panchayats were included in the General Body.

- 4) Section 10 (2) :- There are no Chief Engineer posts in Lift Irrigation Sector. Presently the provision is that if a no-confidence motion is carried out against a President of a Pani Panchayat, the Chief Engineer can remove him on receipt of the records of the proceedings. This provision becomes non-operative for Lift Irrigation projects.

It has been proposed that in case of Lift Irrigation Points the Executive Engineer concerned can remove the President, if a no confidence motion is carried out against him.

- 5) Section 32 (2) :- A provision has been inserted for Medium, Minor (Flow) and Lift Irrigation Projects that if a President of Executive Committee of a Pani Panchayat of Medium and Minor (Flow) Irrigation Project wants to resign from his post, he can tender his resignation before the President of Project Committee concerned and the President of Executive Committee of Pani Panchayat of L.I. Point can tender his resignation before Executive Engineer concerned.

This provision shall enable resignation of Presidents of Executive Committee of Pani Panchayats of Medium, Minor (Flow) and Lift Irrigation Projects.
