

Govindalaya

(A Public Trust to create positivity and possibilities in KBK region)

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Sri Vineel Krishna, IAS

Private Secretary to

The Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development

Government of India

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Proposal seeking partnership with Government of India

Sir,

KBK (Koraput-Balangir-Kalahandi) are three erstwhile districts of South-West Odisha, declared as most backward region by the Planning Commission. Backwardness of KBK region is multi-faceted including (i) tribal backwardness, (ii) hill area backwardness, (iii) backwardness due to severe natural calamities, and to some extent (iv) want of understanding of local needs by policy makers and implementing agencies of the State and Centre. We cannot live in peace if this part of India doesn't get access to basics of life.

GOVINDALAYA is formed recently as a Public Trust to ameliorate conditions of villagers living in KBK region. Today this initiative is an idea, a pious wish and embodiment of collective aspirations of a group of people. We have a website <http://govindalaya.org> which contains details about our organization. With this letter I am enclosing material such as our brief profile, basic information about us, our organization structure, focus area and vision. That apart I am enclosing few letters we have exchanged with some of the visionaries doing great job at national level.

We have noticed that District administrations in KBK region, Government of India, certain institutions and individuals have been doing great jobs in some pockets of this region in the fields of education, health, water, employment generation and general awareness. However, such works are not getting public attention and are remaining restricted to few areas. Such an observation is propelling us to document good practices in the region and make efforts to get the good job replicated in all parts of KBK. Problem of the region being common, we firmly believe sharing good practices amongst stakeholders and facilitating adoption of such good practices all over KBK would help the region immensely. You may appreciate that at this point of time no consultative mechanism exists for District Administrations or concerned groups of this region to share information, expertise and technical knowhow with each other. Office of the Chief-Administrator, KBK is only a monitoring agency to ensure implementation of certain programmes and is not equipped to undertake effective consultation amongst the 8 districts in the region.

It is in this context, we would like to partner with Government of India through Ministry of Rural Development and take up this holy task jointly with Government. For this purpose Sir, I request you to consider constituting a committee to debate on feasibility of our proposal. We would be happy to provide more inputs including the mechanism in our mind as and when you convene such a meeting. Look forward to your response

Regards,

Shanmuga Patro
Managing Trustee-cum-Chairman