

Online building plan nod soon

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Bhubaneswar, Oct 15: After rolling out an online Building Plan Approval System (BPAS) in Bhubaneswar, the state government has decided to extend the services to the entire state.

The government had rolled out the online process under the Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) area August 1. Now, the system will be extended to seven development authorities, seven regional improvement trusts and 42 special planning authorities functioning across the state, said the official sources Sunday.

The government has directed the implementing agency ILFS Environmental Infrastructure and Services Limited to execute the project in the purview of seven development authorities including Cuttack

Development Authority (CDA), Rourkela Development Authority (RDA), Berhampur Development Authority, and Sambalpur Development Authority, and in the towns of Bhadrak, Baripada and Balasore by October-end.

Subsequently, the online system will be rolled out in six regional improvement trusts and 40 special planning authorities by December-end, the sources said. The agency will post resourcepersons for three years in each office for necessary support.

The online system will put onus on other government agencies to provide 'no objection certificates' (NOC) to applicants within a stipulated time. At present, applicants have to seek support of multiple agencies for the NOC and then seek plan approval. **Continued on P4**

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Meanwhile, the government has decided to open 13 Aahaar centres in seven districts to provide food to 3900 poor people at the rate of ₹5 per meal.

The Aahaar outlets will be opened at 13 urban centres in the districts of Bolangir, Bargarh, Nayagarh, Cuttack, Bhadrak, Jharsuguda and Ganjam. Poll bound-Bijepur assembly constituency got two outlets which will be set up at Barapalli Notified Area Council (NAC) and Bijepur block.

The housing and urban development (H&UD) department has instructed the collectors of the seven districts to open the outlets as early as possible. If there is delay in setting up of a new outlet, then they will have to launch the centre in temporary accommodations, the collectors have been told. The government has sanctioned ₹4.30 crore for opening the centres, sources said.

Aahaar programme was launched April 1, 2015 with a view to providing cooked meals – steamed rice and dalma – to the poor and needy people at places of public congregation in the urban areas.

The programme was piloted in five municipal corporation areas of Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Sambalpur and Rourkela with 21 Aahaar centres. Currently, 110 such centres are operational in 30 districts covering 73 towns. It has been benefiting around 67,000 people in the state daily.