

Cabinet nod to State Tourism policy

ITRHD to conserve Maluti temples



Chandan Kumar

RANCHI: The Cabinet approved the much-awaited State tourism policy on Tuesday which will develop the significant tourist attractions like Netarhaat and Rajrappa under a Joint Venture company.

Tourism Secretary Avinash Kumar told media persons after the cabinet meeting that the government will avail fundamental infrastructure at the major tourist sites of the State in order to develop the religious, cultural and forest sites as ecological, cultural, adventure and mining

tourism spots.

Kumar stated that the heritage of Maluti temples in Dumka will be conserved and reconstructed. Indian Trust for Rural Heritage and Development (ITRHD), a specialist firm from Delhi, will undertake the revival work of the temples. He added that a MoU will be signed soon in this regard. The Tourism secretary asserted further that a consultant will be deputed for the process development of the tourist attractions and the sites will be developed in a PPP mode. A land bank will be constituted for the tourist sites and publicity will be

done through campaigns and electronic media.

A common portal of different Dak Bungalows will be created with improved lodging facilities for tourists. Private investors will get concessions in holding tax, stamp duty and other taxes for works pertaining to tourism development along with financial aid from the government. SC, ST, Women and handicap investors will get special exemption in this regard.

Kumar said that the tourism development will create employment opportunities in the State and a separate policy will be drafted for training facility for guides, taxi drivers and hotel staff. To keep the tourists safe, a tourist security force will be constituted and a high-level tourism board will be constituted to monitor the implementation of security procedures and other facilities. The government will bring a trade facilitating act to legalise the whole system.