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### **Expedite recruitment process: CM Naveen Patnaik to departments**

BHUBANESWAR: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has directed Home, Higher Education, School and Mass Education, Forest, Revenue, Health and Family Welfare and Law Departments besides the Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC) to expedite the recruitment process.

At a review meeting, Naveen directed the Principal Secretary of Higher Education Department to speed up process of recruitment of lecturers by removing legal impediments in consultation with the Advocate General.

As the OPSC takes nearly 15 months for completion of Odisha Civil Services examination, the CM has asked it to follow UPSC model and reduce the duration to 10 months so that the State gets the required officers every year to smoothly run the administration.

The OPSC has been directed to take steps to complete the recruitment process and appoint Forest officers within the shortest possible time as recruitment to Odisha Forest Service has not been made since long, affecting administrative works.

It has also been asked to recruit assistant professors for Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (VIMSAR). Health and Family Welfare Department has been directed to issue appointment letters to the newly recruited assistant surgeons within a fortnight.

Since 9,647 posts of Sikshya Sahayaks and 1,955 posts of contract teachers could not be filled up due to non-availability of ST, SC and other eligible candidates, it was decided to issue fresh advertisements for the vacant posts.

As per the decision taken at the review meeting, the OPSC would complete the viva voice test for the posts of sub-inspector of police and sponsor the candidates to Home Department for issue of appointment letters by end of October, 2016.

The Government recruitment agency has also been directed to sponsor the selected list of Assistant Section Officers to Home Department which will expedite the issue of appointment letters by September 15.