

KL Grant will be given to the Panchayats of Western Orissa

The Orissa Kendu Leaf (Control of Trade) Amendment Bill has been approved in the Orissa Vidhan Sabha with full majority. Chief Minister Naveen Pattnaik presented the bill in the floor of the House. Elaborating the purpose of the bill, Chief Minister said that in the Kendu Leaf producing regions of Western Orissa, 72% grant would be given to the Gram Panchayats, 8% to the Gram Samiti and 10% to the Zila Parishad. Rest 10% will be in the hands of the Govt. There is a provision in the bill that this 10% will be distributed in the non-producing Kendu leaves districts. Earlier this decision has been taken in the Cabinet and the Panchayati Raj Departments have also given advertisement in this regard. From now onwards this grant will be regularly given to the Kendu Leaf producing districts and it will be taken care of that the interest of the Kendu leaf pluckers are safeguarded.

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