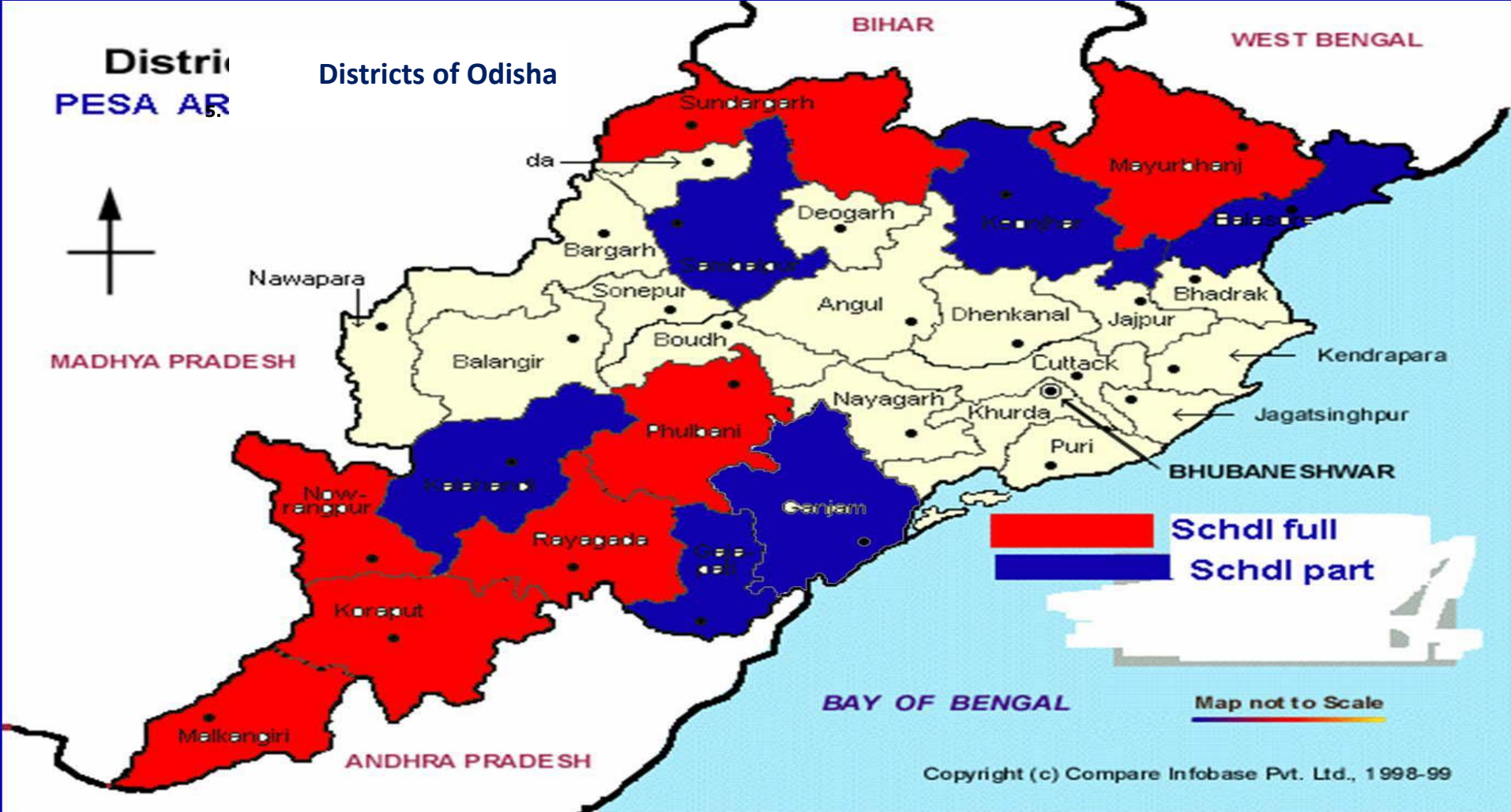




# “Implementation of PESA in Odisha”

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**Total Population: 4.20 crore (As per Census-2011)**

PRIs	Total	Scheduled Area
No of ZP	30	13 (7 Full + 6 Partly)
No of PS	314	122
No of GP	6794	2069

# Scheduled Areas in Odisha (2011 Census)

➤ Scheduled areas of the State : (% of to that of the State):	69,613.80 sq. kms (44.71%)
➤ Total ST Population in the State:	95,90,756
➤ Total ST Population in the Schedule Areas:	64,77,069
➤ % of ST Population in Sch. Areas to ST Population in the State:	67.53%

# **Amendments to the Odisha Panchayati Raj Acts and Subject Laws:**

**Amendment of following Panchayati Raj Legislations and other related laws and Rules applicable for Scheduled Areas was done in the year 1997 in consonance with Central PESA Act, 1996 (Sec. 5).**

**Amendments made on 22 December, 1997 in:**

- 1. Orissa Gram Panchayat Act, 1964**
- 2. Orissa Panchayat Samiti Act, 1959**
- 3. Orissa Zilla Parishad Act, 1961**

# The Amendments of Acts and Rules

1. Panchayati Raj Deptt. Resolution No.8131 dated 26.5.2000 & **Forest & Env. Deptt.** Resolution No.5503 dated 31.3.2000 has given the necessary powers to Gram Sabhas.
2. Revenue & Excise Deptt. vide No.22977/R dt.22.4.1999 amended the **Bihar & Orissa Excise Act 1915.**
3. Orissa (Scheduled Areas) **Money-Lenders Amendment Regulation, 2000,** w.e.f. 30th August, 2001
4. The **Mines & Minerals (Dev. & Regulation) Act** of 1957 (67 of 1957) has been amended on 31.8.2004.
5. The Orissa Schedule Areas **Transfer of Immovable Properties (by STs) Regulation 1956** has been amended by Regulation 1 of 2002 which has come into effect from 4.9.2002.
6. OGP (**Minor Forest Produce Admn. Rules, 2002**)
7. Govt. of Orissa in Panchayati Raj Deptt. has issued circular vide letter No.6886, dated 4.7.2003 containing **devolution of Powers to PRIs and to assign definite functions and provide functionaries to PRIs** for implementation and execution of functions. (11 Departments and 29 subjects)

# Strategies adopted for effective implementation of PESA

- Panchayat elections being held every 5 years since 1997.
- Next Panchayat Election is to be held in February/ March, 2022
- Seats reserved in PESA areas, as per the Act.
  - Zilla Prishads in 7 Districts
  - PS Chairpersons in 122 Blocks
  - Sarpanches in 2099 Gram Panchayats
- Training conducted on PESA Act for PRI members, Tribal Youths, Government Officials and NGO/CSO Personnel.
- Translation of PESA Act in Odia and 10 Tribal Languages for wider Circulation.
- Framing of PESA Rules is under active consideration.

# Challenges in Implementation of PESA

- Central PESA has no population criteria for constitution of a village.
- Village in Scheduled Areas are demarcated as per revenue notification in Odisha.
- Collectors have been instructed for constitution of smaller villages in consultation with stakeholders in PESA areas.
- Odisha PESA Rules, under consideration of State Government, would further facilitate smooth implementation of PESA.

# Way Forward:

- Facilitate identification & demarcation of the ‘villages’ as defined under PESA Act.
- PESA Rules to be notified after consideration.
- Focus on improvement of health, education, housing, drinking water and street lighting infrastructures. Recently, Government has transferred Health, Education and Anganwadi Assets to GPs.
- Capacity building by developing and using training modules for administrative support for Grama Sabha.
- Extensive training programme for PRI Members to be elected in 2022 on PESA matters – Planning has to start now.



# Gram Sabha in Koraput



Thank You