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To,
(As per list attached)

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 12.02.018 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (TA), Ministry of Tribal Affairs-reg.

Sir/Madam

I am directed to refer to the captioned subject and to forward herewith a copy of minutes of the meeting of the Research Advisory Committee held on 12.02.2018 in Conference Room of Ministry of Tribal Affairs for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,



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To

All Members of the Committee

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- (i) Sh. C. Sridhar, Deputy Director and Centre Director, Centre for Rural Studies ,
LBSNAA, Mussoories
- (ii) Prof. Saji Gopinath, Director, Indian Institute of Information Technology and
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Minutes of the meeting of Research Advisory Committee held on 12.02. 2018 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs

A meeting of the Research Advisory Committee constituted under the Scheme "Supporting Projects of All India or Inter-State Nature" was held on 12.02.2018 at 12.30 P.M. in the Conference Room of Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. List of participants are as under:-

Ministry of Tribal Affairs

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| 1. | Ms. Leena Nair, Secretary | - | In Chair |
| 2. | Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal, Joint Secretary (A) | - | Member |
| 3. | Ms. Nivedita Director (Fin.) | - | Member |
| 4. | Sh. Gopal Sadhwani, Director(TRI) | - | Member |
| 5. | Sh. Nadeem Ahmad, Under Secretary (TRI) | - | Member Secretary |

Representative of Institution(s)

1. Shri C. Sridhar, Dy Director, LBSNAA
2. Dr. Saroj Arora, Senior Research Officer, LBSNAA
3. Sh. R. Jaishankar, Associate Professor, IIITM-Kerala

2. The proposal of the Institutions were deliberated upon in the meeting and following decisions were taken:-

2.1 Proposal submitted by Centre for Rural Studies, LBSNAA, Mussoorie

2.2 A presentation was made by Shri C. Sridhar, Deputy Director(Sr.) LBSNAA representative on their research proposal wherein they highlighted their expertise, areas of work where they are engaged and their achievements in various areas. The Committee approved the research proposal with following additional inputs of research;-

- (i) Strengthening of Gram Sabha.
- (ii) Study status of forest land rights granted. For example, in Maharashtra claimants have been given forest rights on tenant basis and no land ownership rights. How many have been granted land title. (For example, in Gadchiroli in Maharashtra beneficiaries were given land ownership without any legal right. With the result, they can not apply for loan from the bank)
- (iii) Role of Revenue authorities to be emphasized.
- (iv) Are revenue authorities facilitating us providing maps /land records to gram sabha, entry in ROR in main owner or other rights. Role of Forest and Revenue authorities or the facilitating or providing maps/ or related records.



- (v) Review of forest laws whether these laws have been in cognizance with forest laws. Whether the forest laws facilitating forest right act or putting hindrance (forest Department). Is there need for betterment?
- (vi) Whether Gram sabha is patronizing or assisting the claimants.
- (vii) Gender issues needs to be seen at every stage in the settlement of forest rights and also in the community forest rights. How many women applied and how many have been granted with their forest rights. If not why?
- (viii) Various forest Laws existing in different States needs to be reviewed. Collate all the forest laws & land laws.
- (ix) CAMPA issue needs to be seen at three levels (1). At gram sabha level, gram Sabha is not included in CAMPA; (2.) Ecological level – the tree species which are required at local level and ecologically suitable should be considered instead of going for the trees which are considered suitable from forest department point of view. and (3.) Livelihood level- Forest based community should be involved in implementation process.
- (x) Need for involvement of gram sabha in land bank areas.

2.3 The Committee also approved the financial ceiling of this proposal as follows:-

| Sl. No. | Item | Total(in Rs. Lakh) | Approved amount | Remarks of Committee |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Consultancy Charges | 8.00 | 8.00 | At present fund may be released 70% of the approved fund as per norms of the guidelines. |
| 2. | Preliminary Field Visit | 1.50 | 1.50 | |
| 3. | Travelling Allowances/DA/Logistic Arrangement | 2.50 | 2.50 | |
| 4. | Contingency expenses | 4.25 | 4.25 | |
| 5. | Publications | 0.75 | 0.75 | |
| 6. | Institutional charges(15%) | 3.00 | 0.85(5% of total cost) | |
| | Total | | Rs.17.85 lakh | |

2.4 The research shall include 4 States & total of 8 districts. (Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand).

2.4.1 In case of additional outgo of the funds, proportionate increase for research project will be decided accordingly.



3. Proposal submitted by Prof. Saji Gopinath, IITM-Kerala

The representative of the IITM-Kerala made presentation before the Committee. He highlighted observation and experience drawn across generations about their traditional knowledge within 8 tribal groups in the Western Ghats, India in different location of Kerala. The data mentioned by Institute is not evaluated independently. Moreover, the implementability usage of research outcomes was not clear. The cost is also not commensurate with the implementable tangible outcomes. The research could be focused on a small tribal group in the first instance and the State TRI could also be on board as a knowledge partners.

4. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Gopinath', written in a cursive style.