

Minutes of APEX Committee Meeting dated 14.12.2020

A meeting of APEX Committee was held on 14.12.2020 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs to appraise and approve the proposals submitted by the Tribal Research Institutes of Andaman & Nicobar under the scheme "Support to TRIs". The following officers were present:

Ministry of Tribal Affairs

1. Sh. Deepak Khandekar, Secretary (Tribal Affairs)
2. Sh. Naval Jit Kapoor, Joint Secretary (A), MoTA
3. Ms. Yatinder Prasad, JS&FA, MoTA
4. Sh. Shiv Singh Meena, Economic Adviser, MoTA
5. Sh. Rajender Kumar, Director (TRI)
6. Ms. Reema Sharma, Under Secretary (TRI)

State representatives:

1. (i) Ms. Asha Choudhary, Director(TWD)
Prof. Vishvajit Pandya, TRI Andaman & Nicobar

2. At the outset, Joint Secretary (TRI), MoTA welcomed the participants and gave a presentation on the performance of TRIs on various parameters. He informed PAC that TRI Andaman & Nicobar performed satisfactory in many. Dir(TWD), A&N informed that ANTRI did not receive the amount of Rs.119.00 lakhs released for FY 2016-17 as it was received in April month of next financial year and automatically got lapsed. She also told that at that time ANTRI, as a society was not in existence. JS(TRI) requested Dir(TWD), A&N to check and verify whether this amount was received by A&N administration. Secy(TA) asked TRI representative to share audio-video documentaries and to work in better coordination with MoTA. He put forth certain important aspects for consideration by all TRIs as under,

(i) TRIs should focus on quality of output with respect to sanctioned project so that research outcomes could be used effectively and meaningfully for the purpose of development of tribals.

(ii) All the TRIs to ensure that there is no duplication of work involved with respect to projects submitted for approval for 2020-21.

(iii) Projects already sanctioned to be completed with due adherence to stipulated timelines and should be uploaded on National Tribal Research Portal webpage(<https://tritribal.gov.in>). Necessary login credentials for the same has already been shared with TRIs.

Submission of pending Utilization Certificates (UCs) and Physical Progress Reports (PPRs) be ensured to enable processing of release of funds for the year 2020-21.

(iv) All TRIs should upload report / publications, etc. pertaining to projects approved to them as part of deliverables in Tribal Digital Document Repository Webpage (<http://repository.tribal.gov.in>). Necessary login credentials for the same has already been shared with TRIs.

(v) TRIs to focus on timely completion of construction of Tribal Freedom Fighter Museums and TRI buildings as the case may be, wherever applicable and apprise MoTA of the progress of work on quarterly basis.

(vi) TRIs should share in advance dates of tribal festivals, workshops, seminars etc. being funded by MoTA and all TRIs for wider participation and share photographs and audio-visuals for records while uploading the same in Tribal repository webpage (<https://tribal.nic.in/repository>). Necessary login credentials for the same has already been shared with TRIs.

3. The Committee considered project proposals submitted by the State for the year 2020-21 and following decisions were made:

3.1 Committed Liability of previous years: Nil

Committed Liability during 2020-21

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Project	Year of first Approval	MoTA's Support	Amount Already Released	Amount for release during 2020-21	Remarks
1.	Regular Activities TRI	2018-19	102.00	99.00	3.00	
2.	Regular Activities TRI	2019-20	103.40	Nil	Nil	Funds could not be released during 2019-20.

3.2 New proposals:

Sl. No.	Activity	Funds Sought for FY 2020-21 (in Lakh)	Amount Approved by APEX Committee (in Lakh)	Amount approved for release as 1 st installment for FY 2020-21 (in Lakh)	Remarks
1.	Refurbishing and setting up of a gallery inside ANTRI building Total cost : 30 Lakh	15.00	15.00	7.00	2 nd Instalment to be released when project details and progress upload on

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	(Duration:10 Months)				TRI portal
2.	Typesetting layout of Ang Katha the school textbook prepared for Jarawa children who are attending the school education (bi Cultural and bi-lingual) programme (Duration:10 Months)	1.90	1.90	1.90	Approved . To be documented on Tribal Digital Repository .
3	Creation of archival storage at ANTRI (Duration:6 Months)	5.00	5.00	5.00	Approved.
6	A production of Jarawa 'Uneholo' culture, Honey and its related aspects among Jarawas Total Cost : 25 Lakh Duration : 06 Months	17.00	17.00	10.00	Approved . To be documented in Audio-video format on TRI Portal .
7	Compiling ethno history and biographical history among women of Jarawas, Onges and Great Andamanese Cost :10.00 Lakh Duration : 18 Months	10.00	10.00	5.00	Approved . To be documented in Audio-video format on TRI Portal .

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8	Training for creating Ongee Katha Text book for Onge children up to age group of 16 Duration : 10 Months	6.00	6.00	3.00	Approved . Training programme be documented in Audio-video format on TRI Portal .
9	Webinar series on Nicobar traditional law, PAT Regulations, Relevance of Reserve territory and Orientation to Island culture for Administrators Duration : 12 Months	0.00	0.00	0.00	Approved . Webinar be documented in Audio-video format on TRI Portal .
10	Conducting of week long art workshop through Ang Katha project with intention of art production based on forest resources and Ang Cultural forms Duration : 6 Months	4.00	4.00	2.00	Approved . Workshop be documented in Audio-video format on TRI Portal .
11	Environmental changes on Onge Duration : 36 Months	12.00	12.00	6.00	Approved
12	Creation of the Distribution system procedure among the Jarawas creating storage space in Mobile units Duration : 10 Months	0.08	0.08	0.08	Approved.

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	Total	70.98	70.98	39.98	

3.3 Committed Liabilities being carried forward (i.e. for year 2021-22 & beyond): Nil

3.4. Total amount approved for release during 2020-21:

		(₹ in Lakh)
A	Committed Liabilities 2018-19	3.00
B	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	70.98
C	(-) Surrendered amount from 2019-20 released	NIL
D	Total amount approved	73.98
E	Total amount approved for release for FY 2020-21 for the projects Sanctioned as 1 st Instalment [3.00 + 39.98]	42.98

4. Funds to be released to the State Govt. subject to furnishing of Utilization Certificate and Physical Progress Report as per rules. Review is expected to be made for the State to apprise on actual progress of projects sanctioned up to 2020-21 and TRI may submit any fresh proposals for consideration by APEX Committee.

4.1. The funds for the Infrastructure would be considered based on availability of funds after proposals of all TRIs are approved.

4.2. Since only 3 months are left for the financial year, for the project of long duration which cannot be completed during the year, committee approved funds to be released in 2 Instalments. The 2nd instalment to be released after the project approved by committee is started and progress is uploaded on the portal.

4.3. The data of all persons trained during trainings will be shared on National Portal as per format designed by MoTA.

4.4. In view of Corona, some of the proposed physically activities have been approved in principle, however funds will be sanctioned depending upon the prevailing situation.

4.5. Activities which have been proved in principle but fund has not been approved should be initiated only after specific fund is allocated against the proposal.

4.6. TRI to coordinate with NTRI for projects involving training, conference, migration, virtual Art and cultural fest, Festivals, National document Repository and use database developed by NTRI.

5. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and the participants.


