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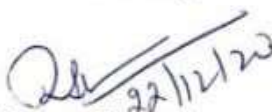
To,
Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner, Tribal/ Social Welfare Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the APEX Committee held on 14.12.2020 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (TA), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

Sir/Madam

I am directed to refer to the captioned subject and to forward herewith a copy of minutes of the meeting of the APEX Committee held on 14.12.2020 through VC under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Conference Room for consideration of proposals of Tribal Research Institutes of Andhra Pradesh under the scheme, "Support to TRIs" for the year 2020-21.

Yours faithfully,


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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 Institute of Andhra Pradesh for funding 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. Shri Ranjeet Basha, Director of Tribal Welfare, Andhra Pradesh.
2. Shri E. Ravindrababu, Addl Director TW/ Mission Director, TCR&TM
3. Smt. D Lakshmi, Dy, Director, TCR&TM
4. Shri P Govindarajulu, Asstt. Director, TCR&TM

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 AP performed well in many parameters and needs improvement in other parameters. 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 during 2020-21.

(iii) Projects already sanctioned to be completed with due adherence to stipulated timelines and should be uploaded on TRI Portal. 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 / audio-visuals etc. pertaining to projects approved to them as part of deliverables in Tribal 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.

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:

Committed Liability during 2020-21

(Rs. in Lakh)						
S. No.	Project	Year of first Approval	MoTA's Support	Amount Already Released	Amount for release during 2020-21	Remarks
1.	Construction of Museum for freedom fighters. Location: Lammasingi Total Cost: Rs.3500.00 lakh	2017-18	1500.00	750.00	0.00	During the NLC Meeting held on 18.02.2020 it was decided that release of remaining balance fund of Rs.7.5 Crore will be released in 2020-21. However, amount to be released after review of progress of status in next NLC meeting and submission of UC and Progress report by State.
2.	Other Constructions (TCR & TI) Support for construction of new TCR & TM Building at Rishikonda, Visakhapatnam.	2018-19	500.00	200.00	0.00	Funds to be released after review of progress of building, PPR submitted by State and UC status.



3.2 New proposals:

Sl. No	Activity	Funds Sought in 2020-21 (in Lakh)	Amount Approved by PAC (lacs)	Amount approved for release during 2020-21 (lacs)	Remarks
1	RESEARCH & DOCUMENTATION				
1.1	Polavaram Project – Relief & Rehabilitation of PDF & PAF – Study and developing comprehensive village development Plan for few Tribal Villages in Polavaram Project Region	55.92	50.00	20.00	2 nd Instalment to be released after project started and details uploaded on portal
1.2	Documentation and Compilation of Migrants in Andhra Pradesh: Future Plan of Action for Livelihood Security	85.00	85.00	30.00	A detailed proposal to be given on how the data will be collected in consultation with TRI Odisha for uniformity and data to be uploaded on Migration Portal in consultation with the COE working on Migration Portal and App for repository. 2nd Instalment to be released after project started and details uploaded on portal
1.3	An Empirical study on assessment of Ashram Schools Functioning in the State of Andhra Pradesh	28.80	28.00	15.00	2 nd Instalment to be released after project started and details uploaded on portal
1.4	Improving Black Pepper Farmers' Incomes in Andhra Pradesh	102.30	100.00	40.00	-do-
1.5	Establishment of Tribal Research Institute on Ethno medicine	236.44	-	-	A detailed proposal to be submitted on various aspects of the proposal. Deferred.

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1.6	Promoting new varietal Broom grass on the hill slopes as a livelihood Enterprise Model including skill development.	58.90	55.00	25.00	2 nd Instalment to be released after project started and details uploaded on portal
1.7	Skill development among tribes in processing for value addition of NTFP for sustainable livelihoods	19.87	19.00	10.00	-- do --
2.	TRIBAL FESTIVALS	50.00	-	-	Due to Covid Pandemic, organizing tribal festivals in physical form not to be done.
2.1	Promotion of District level Tribal Festivals	65.00	65.00	-	Approved in principle. Funds to be released depending on covid situation. Only Virtual mode of festival is feasible due to Covid.
2.2	Promotion of State level Tribal Festivals	100.00	100.00		-do-
3.	Library & Publication	50.00	-	-	In view of M/o Finance instructions no expenditure on publication to be allowed.
4.	INFRASTRUCTURE				
	Equipping the TCR & TM Office with sophisticated Video conferencing, studio and other virtual equipment	40.00	40.00	15.00	1. Committee approved in principle the proposal. 2. A Committee comprising of 3 TRI directors, UNDP and AFC Ltd (COE), Director AP, TRI to decide on suitable VC studio for uniformity of VC system amongst States as different States have proposed different rates for VC studio.

Sl. No	Activity	Funds Sought in 2020-21 (in Lakh)	Amount Approved by PAC (lacs)	Amount approved for release during 2020-21 (lacs)	Remarks
					3. AP, TRI to submit item wise proposal before Committee.
	Grand Total	842.23	542.00	155.00	

3.3 Committed Liabilities being carried forward (2020-21 and forward):

Activity	Amount (Rs. In Lakh)
Activity at Sl. No. 3.1(1)	750.00
Activity at Sl. No. 3.1(2)	300.00
Total	1050.00

Further funds to be allotted after TRI review of progress status of Museum and Building status and furnishing of PPR and UCs due.

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

		Amount Rs. in lakh
A	Committed Liabilities for construction of freedom fighter Museum and TRI Building	Nil
B	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	542.00
C	(-) Surrendered amount from 2019-20 released	00.00
D	Total amount approved for 2020-21	542.00
E	Total amount approved for release during 2020-21 for the projects Sanctioned as 1st Instalment	155.00

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

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

