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Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(TRI Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 19.01.2021

To,

Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner, Tribal/ Social Welfare
Government of Gujarat.

**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 Gujarat 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 Institutes of Gujarat 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. Dr. DebchandVahoniya ,Field Assistant

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 Gujarat performed good 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 for FY 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:

Committed Liability

(Rs. in Lakh)

S. No	Project	Year of first Approval	MoTA's Support	Amount Already Released	Amount for release during 2020-21	Remarks
1.	TRI Activities	2019-20	1761.92	1719.07	42.85	TRI advised to complete the sanctioned proposals expeditiously.

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	Webinar on issues of Tribal Healers in Gujarat (02 No)	0.50	0.50	0.50	Approved. TRI should coordinate with NTRI for date so that all TRIs and COE, QCI and other stakeholders participate in the webinar

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2	Webinar on issues of PVTGs of Gujarat (01 No).	0.25	0.25	0.25	Approved . The TRI should coordinate with NTRI, PVTG division of MoTA
3	Awareness programme on Covid-19 for the Tribal Communities (03)	0.75	0.75	0.75	Approved
4	Webinar of Organic Farming among Tribal Farmers (03)	0.75	0.75	0.75	Approved TRI should coordinate with NTRI for date and calendars that all TRIs and COE, and other stakeholders participate in the webinar
5	Virtual Painting Competitions among Tribal Painters (01)	0.35	0.35	0.35	Approved. TRI should coordinate with NTRI and upload artisans and event details on National Tribal Virtual Art & Culture Portal .
6	Webinar on impact of Covid-19 on Tribal Artists/Artisans (03)	0.75	0.75	0.75	Approved. TRI should coordinate with NTRI and upload artisans and event details on National Tribal Virtual Art & Culture Portal .

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7	Webinar on GO-NGO partnership for Tribal Development in Tribal areas of Gujarat (02)	0.50	0.50	0.50	Approved TRI should coordinate with NTRI for date in calendar, NGO division of MoTA, BRLF-COE of MoTA so that all NGOs funded by MoTA can participate in event.
8	Video Conference Rooms with audio-visual facilities at the Institute	15.00	10.00	10.00	1. Committee approved in principle the proposal of VC system. 2. A Committee comprising of 3 TRI directors, UNDP to decide on suitable VC studio for uniformity of VC system amongst States as different States have proposed different rates for VC studio. TRI to submit item wise proposal before committee.
9	Training Centre on Tribal medicine and Tribal healing System (Ahwa, Dang)	50.00	50.00	25.00	Approved. Detailed DPR may be shared with NTRI.

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10	Data Collection for National Tribal Migration Support Programme	8.00	8.00	5.00	Approved. Rs. 5.00 lacs to be released as Ist Installment and balance amount will be released once data is uploaded on National Migration Support Portal & App.
	Grand Total	76.85	71.85	43.85	

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

3.4. Total amount approved for FY 2020-21:

Rs. In lacs

A	Committed Liabilities of FY 2019-20	42.85
B	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	71.85
C	(-) Surrendered amount from funds released for FY 2019-20	0.00
D	Total amount approved	114.70
E	Amount approved for release as 1 st installment for FY 2020-21 for the New sanctioned projects	43.85
F	Total amount approved for release as 1 st installment for FY 2020-21 [A+E]	86.70

4. Funds amounting to Rs. 114.70 lakhs were approved, out of which amount of Rs. 86.70 lakhs to be released as Ist Instalment for FY 2020-21.

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 pandemic, some of the proposed physical activities have been approved in principle, however funds will be sanctioned depending upon the prevailing situation.

4.5. Activities which have been approved in principle but fund not 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.


