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Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(TRI Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 29.12.2020

To,
Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner, Tribal/ Social Welfare/ Planning
Department, Government of Himachal 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 Himachal 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 Institutes of Himachal 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. Sh. Kailash Chauhan, Deputy Director, Tribal Development Department

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 Himachal Pradesh 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 during 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 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.	TRI Activities	2019-20	136.10	68.05	68.05	TRI to complete the sanctioned proposals expeditiously.

3.2 New proposal:

Sl. No.	Activity	Funds Sought in 2020-21 (in Lakh)	Amount Approved by APEX (in Lakh)	Amount approved for release during 2020-21 (in Lakh)	Remarks
1	RESEARCH & DOCUMENTATION				
1.1	Opening of ten training centers in Carpentry for income generation and promotion of livelihood of tribal artisans activities in Scheduled District of Kinnaur	62.20	62.20	50.00	2 nd Instalment will be given when the project is initiated and project details uploaded on TRI Portal.
	Grand Total	62.20	62.20	50.00	

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

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

Amount in Rs Lacs

A	Committed Liabilities 2019-20	68.05
B	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	62.20
	Total amount payable to State	130.25
C	(-) Surrendered amount from 2018-19 released. Allowed to utilize against Committed Liabilities 2019-20.	40.05
D	Net amount payable to State after adjusting surrendered amount	90.25
E	1 st Instalment for release during 2020-21 for the projects Sanctioned (of Rs. 62.20) lacs for 2020-21 as per para 3.2.	50.00

4. Funds for the remaining committed liability of 28.05 lacs to be released after 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. 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.

