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(TRI Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 19.01.2021

To,

Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner,
Tribal/ Social Welfare/ Planning Department,
Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the APEX Committee held on 08.01.2021 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 08.01.2021 through VC under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Conference Room for consideration of proposals of Tribal Research Institutes of **Jammu & Kashmir** under the scheme, "Support to TRIs" for the year 2020-21.

Yours faithfully,


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Encls: As above

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Minutes of APEX Committee Meeting dated 08.01.2021

A meeting of APEX Committee was held on 08.01.2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs to appraise and approve the proposals submitted by the Tribal Research Institutes of **Jammu & Kashmir UT** 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 (TRI), 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. Smt. Rehana, Secretary
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 **Jammu & Kashmir UT** was sanctioned fund for establishment of TRI. However the progress of the project has not been shared with the Ministry. Similarly, in respect of other projects sanctioned to J&K, the progress is not satisfactory and needs improvement in various parameters.

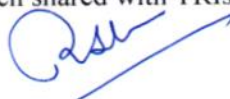
Ms Rehana, Secy, Tribal Welfare J&K explained that due to prevailing situation in JK and due to Corona epidemic, the TRI building construction project got delayed. Secretary Tribal Affairs suggested that TRI building under construction should have unique architectural design so that it is mingling with tribal and regional culture. He gave example of Chattisgarh TRI building and Manav Sangrahalaya of MP which have become Centre of tourist attraction. Secy, J&K submitted that she would personally visit Srinagar in coming week and give update on status of the building and the suggestions given by the Ministry and then submit the current status of progress and scope of changing design if required. She also informed about non-availability of dedicated manpower to complete the given projects in TRI scheme. She requested Secretary (TA) for giving separate time for discussing all issues pertaining to other schemes of the Ministry. She further submitted that TRI would be seeking funds for other projects only after the projects presently sanctioned are completed and UC sent. She thanked Ministry for the release of scholarships and FRA trainings done.

JS (TRI), MoTA put forth other 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 made the following decisions:

3.1 Committed Liability of previous years:

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.	Construction of Tribal Research Institute at Khimber Harwan Srinagar	2016-17	794.00	550.00	244.00	TRI advised to complete the sanctioned proposals expeditiously.
2.	TRI activities	2019-20	471.00	308.84	162.16	TRI to complete the sanctioned proposals expeditiously.

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

(₹ in Lakh)

A	Committed Liabilities for Construction of Tribal Research Institute at Khimber Harwan Srinagar	244.00
B	Committed Liabilities 2019-20	162.16
C	New proposals for FY 2020-21 approved by APEX Committee	Nil
D	(-) Surrendered amount from 2019-20 released	Nil
E	Total amount approved	406.16
F	Total amount approved for release during 2020-21 towards the committed liabilities for FY 2016-17 and FY 2019-20.	406.16

4. Funds to be released to the State Govt. subject to furnishing of Utilization Certificate and Physical Progress Report as per rules. The progress would be reviewed to apprise on actual progress of projects sanctioned up to 2019-20 and TRI may submit any fresh proposals for consideration by APEX Committee.

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