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Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(TRI Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 07.01.2021

To,

Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner, Tribal/ Social Welfare Department,
Government of Karnataka

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 Karnataka 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 Karnataka 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. Ms. Pratibha, S. Jt. Director

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 Karnataka 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 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	200.50	185.50	15.00	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 (in Lakh)	Amount approved for release as 1 st installment for FY 2020-21 (in Lakh)	Remarks
1	Research Studies				
1.1	Research Study on Traditional Medicine and Healing Practices or Traditional Healers among selected Scheduled Tribe Communities in Karnataka.	5.00	5.00	5.00	Approved The report will be shared with TRI Uttarakhand, nodal TRI for Research on Tribal Healers and uploaded on Document repository. Registration of these healers will be done through QCI.

Sl. No.	Activity	Funds Sought or FY 2020-21 (in Lakh)	Amount Approved by APEX (in Lakh)	Amount approved for release as 1 st installment for FY 2020-21 (in Lakh)	Remarks
					The data of these healers will be updated on Swasthya Health and Nutrition Portal.
1.2	Research Study on Migration Among Forest Based Tribes in Mysuru and Kodagu districts in Karnataka	5.00	5.00	5.00	The documentation will be uploaded on document repository.
2	Developing of Primers in tribal language				
	Developing of Primers in Jenu Kuruna (A-PVTG) Tribal Languages	4.00	4.00	4.00	The documentation will be uploaded on document repository.
3	Ethnographic Study				
	Study on Ethnographic Profile of Yerava , a Scheduled Tribe community in Karnataka.	5.00	5.00	5.00	The documentation will be uploaded on document repository.
4	Evaluation Studies				



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	Impact Assessment of Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) in enhancing the educational attainment of ST Children in Karnataka	5.00	5.00	5.00	The documentation will be uploaded on document repository.
5	Training				
5.1	Refresher training to English, Mathematics and Science Teachers working in Scheduled Tribe Ashrama Schools in Karnataka.	30.00	30.00	15.00	The data of teachers trained will be uploaded on NTRI Portal
5.2	Training on Forest Right Act (FRA) to Government Officers, N.G.O.s and other state holders.	5.00	5.00	5.00	The calendar for training will be shared with NTRI. Training will be done in coordination with FRA division and NTRI. Data of Master Trainers and trainees will be uploaded on MoTA TRI Portal.
5.3	Training on Awareness Programme on Health and Hygiene including hand Wash Practices to school children of ST Ashrama Schools and Hostels.	50.00	50.00	25.00	Approved



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5.4	Awareness Camp in tribal areas on Drinking Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Communicable Diseases	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved
6	Organisation of 02 Days National Seminars:				
6.1	Role of Voluntary Organizations working in tribal areas	10.00	10.00	5.00	Approved The research should study the impact assessment of NGOs working in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala being funded by MoTA. The data to be taken from NGO division of MoTA and should coordinate with COE engaged by MOTA in selection and grading of NGOs.
6.2	Sustainable Development of Traditional lively hood of tribes in India	10.00	10.00	5.00	Approved The TRI should specify the area of study and work in co-ordination with COEs recognized by MoTA for developing forward linkages.
7	Organisation of 01 Days Regional Seminars:				

Sl. No.	Activity	Funds Sought or FY 2020-21 (in Lakh)	Amount Approved by APEX (in Lakh)	Amount approved for release as 1 st installment for FY 2020-21 (in Lakh)	Remarks
7.1	Indigenous knowledge system among tribes in Karnataka.	5.00	5.00	-	Approved in principle. Physical seminars to be organized based on corona situation.
7.2	Tribal development in Karnataka-Issues & Challenges	5.00	5.00	--	Approved in principle. Physical seminars to be organized based on corona situation.
8	Documentation:				
	Preparing the Documentation/ Documentary -05	10.00	0	0	Not Approved
9	Development of Library and Museum:				
	To expand the existing library and Museum.	5.00	5.00	5.00	Approved
10	Organizing Tribal Festival :				
	Organizing 02 days State Level Tribal Festival	32.00	32.00	--	Approved in principle. Physical festival to be organized based on corona situation.
11	Exchange of Visits by the Tribals				
	Exchange of visits by the tribals to Jharkhand state.	---	---	--	
	GRAND TOTAL	196.00	186.00	94.00	

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

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

A	Committed Liabilities for FY2019-20	15.00
B	New proposals approved by APEX Committee for 2020-21	186.00
C	Total amount approved	201.00
D	Total amount approved for release as 1 st installment for FY 2020-21 for the projects sanctioned (₹94.00 Lakh for 2020-21 and ₹15.00 Lakh for Committed Liabilities 2019-20)	109.00

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.

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.

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