

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 Maharashtra 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:

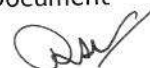
1. Pavneet Kaur, Commissioner, TRI Maharashtra
2. At the outset, Joint Secretary (TRI), MoTA welcomed the participants and gave presentation on the performance of TRIs on various parameters. He informed PAC that TRI Maharashtra needs improvement in following parameters:
 - (i) Uploading of Project details, progress of project, fund utilization status on TRI portal.
 - (ii) Uploading of completed Projects on Document Digital Repository.
 - (iii) Furnishing of UCs.

JS (NJK) 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 approved for release during 2020-21	Remarks
1.	Regular TRI Activities	2019-20	300.00	141.00	159.00	TRI advised to upload the status of projects sanctioned in earlier years on TRI Portal and completed projects on digital repository.

3.2 New proposals:

Sl. No.	Activity	Funds Sought in 2020-21 (in Lakh)	Amount Approved by APEX (in Lakh)	Amount approved for release for 2020-21 (in Lakh)	Remarks
1	Scanning, Digitization and Implementation of Document Management System at TRTI Pune	256.00	0	0	Deferred. TRI may give cost breakup of the

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					project with justification and take up in next meeting
2	TRTI-Strengthening: Office Furniture, fixtures and CCTV in TRTI	81.64	80	40	Approved.
3	Manpower Requirement for TRTI, Pune	93.50	0	0	Not Approved Committee felt that the recurring expenditure on manpower should be borne by State or the expert should be part of a project approved by PAC.
4	Setting up Video Conference unit in TRTI, Pune	9.12	9.12	9.12	Approved. 1. Committee approved in principle the proposal of VC system. 2. A Committee to be duly constituted comprising of at least 3 TRI directors to decide on suitable VC studio for uniformity of VC system amongst States as different States have

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					proposed different rates for VC studio. 3. TRI to submit item wise proposal before committee.
5	Competitive exam training for students in ashram schools/hostels	250	200	100	Approved 200 lacs Rs.100.00 lakhs to be released as 1 st installment. Balance amount will be released after submission of UC. Detailsof beneficiaries' should be recorded in TRI portal and outcomes to be documented.
6	Setting up of Core science activity centre and a computer museum – Strengthening of Science, IT ecosystem	1403.00	0	0	Committee advised to take up the project under SCA to TSS / Article 275(1) Scheme.
7	a) Eligible Scheduled Tribe Candidates of Maharashtra for financial assistance for the preparation of UPSC Civil Services Mains Exam	30.00	0	0	Committee advised to take up the project under SCA to TSS / Article 275(1) Scheme.
	b) Eligible Scheduled Tribe Candidates of Maharashtra for financial assistance for the preparation of MPSC State Services Mains Exam	30.00	0	0	Committee advised to take up the project under SCA to TSS / Article 275(1) Scheme.

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8	Training Program for capacity building for ST representatives in Panchayat Raj Institutions for consideration of funding under the PESA schemes	200	75	50	TRI should coordinate with NTRI, TRI Odisha and UNDP who have designed curriculum and audio video material for such trainings and design a roadmap and schedule for such trainings. The data base of all PRI trained to be uploaded on TRI Portal as per format given by MoTA.
9	Tribal Livelihood Migration in Maharashtra Situational Analysis, Gap Assessment and Future Direction in six regions of Maharashtra	431.75	100.00	50	TRI to coordinate with NTRI and TRI Odisha for detailed framework of project and for uploading data on National Migration Support Portal & App.
	Grand Total	2785.01	464.12	249.12	

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

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

(₹ in Lakh)

A	Committed Liabilities 2019-20	159.00
B	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	464.12
C	(-) Surrendered amount from 2019-20 released	98.53
D	Total amount approved	524.59

E	Total amount approved for release during 2020-21 for the projects Sanctioned as 1 st Instalment [(Rs.159.00 – 98.53) + Rs.249.12]	309.59
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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.

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.

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.

