

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 Manipur 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. (i) Shri C. Arthur Worchuiyo, Special Secretary cum Director
(ii) Smt. Gaithaolu Thaimai, Conservator of Forest
(iii) Sh. Devdutta, Director
(iv) Sh. John Gaidingam D, Administrative Officer.

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 Manipur performed poor in many parameters and needs improvement in almost all 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

S. No.	Project	Year of first Approval	MoTA's Support	Amount Already Released	Amount for release during 2019-20	Remarks
1.	Construction of Museum for freedom fighters. Location: Senapati	2019-20	1500.00	100.00	Nil	Further release of fund under the project would be based on the recommendation and approval of National Level Committee for Freedom Fighters' Museum.

3.2 New proposals:

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.	Construction of District Tribal Cultural Complex (DTCC), 10 Nos. in all	50,000.00	-	-	Advised to take up the project in Article 275(1)

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	ten hill district Hqs Total Cost : 50,000.00 (50.00 crore x 10)				scheme.
2.	Sustainable Farming in Hill Areas of Machi, KharamPallel, Chatric and Thanlon of Manipur Duration : 1 year	2626.89	-	-	-do-
3	Establishment of Bio Bloc Culture system & Installation of Cages in Reservoir (Duration : 12 Months)	1590.00	-	-	-do-
4	Entrepreneurship Development Programme for Tribals through value addition of Minor Forest Produces & Development of Nutrition Garden Duration : 06 Months	1525.00	--	-	-do-
5	Construction of Administrative cum Training Building of TRI, Manipur Duration : 18 Months	958.00	10.00	10.00	The TRI may submit detail proposal for the project.
	Total	56699.89	10.00	10.00	

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	Nil
B	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	10.00
C	(-) Surrendered amount from 2019-20 released	Nil
D	Total amount approved	10.00
E	Total amount approved for release for 2020-21 as 1 st Instalment for the projects Sanctioned	10.00

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. 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.


