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Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
(TRI Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 22.12.2020

To,  
Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner, Tribal/ Social Welfare/ Planning Department,  
Government of Mizoram.

**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 Mizoram 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 Mizoram 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. ASileenVanlalsawmi, Director, SW&TAD
2. Ms. C. Zodinpuui, Dy. Director, SW&TAD

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 APEX Committee that TRI Mizoram 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.	Construction of Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum	2019-20	1500.00	700.00	NIL	

**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	Project proposal for development of ChhemaSih (Natural Spring) at Tribal research Institute at Kelsih , Aizawl , Mizoram Development Natural Spring through Fencing, Plantation and Harvesting of Spring water. 14 Months	252.00	50	25	PAC approved Rs. 50 lacs for the project and 25 lacs as Ist Installment.  TRI Mizoram is advised to coordinate with UNDP and TRI Odisha which is implementing 1000 spring project, for advise on how civil construction and other components may be converged through MNREGA/ SCA-TSS.  The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment will be released after the complete details of project are uploaded on TRI Portal.
2	Virtual Tribal Art Development Workshop in Mizoram-workshop on painting competition at Aizwal	28.08	25	10	TRI advised to send a complete details of workshop and upload data of artists on National Tribal Virtual Art and Culture Portal ( <a href="http://adikalakar.tribal.gov.in">adikalakar.tribal.gov.in</a> ) and for live streaming of the workshop on

					You tube/ Facebook  May coordinate with All India Folk and Tribal Art Parishad,/TRI Uttarakhand for technical guidance.
3	Re-structuring of Handloom Cluster in Thenzawl- Enterprenurship development program with Baseline Survey, Training and capacity building at Serchhip	80.00	75	30	TRI advised to coordinate with TRIFED, NSTFDC, Assocham, FICCI, EY(high Investment Potential Districts-HIPoD) and GOAL project of Ministry, where reputed organizations are working on Entrepreneurship development with MoTA for establishing forward and backward linkages.
4	Research, Documentation and Promotion for Horticulture Potential in Serchhip District	106.50	100	50	TRI advised to coordinate with the COEs working with MoTA like AFC Ltd for technical guidance and support for forward and backward linkages for .the project.
5	Virtual Folk Dance and Singing Competition in Mizoram- Dance and Music Competition =Aizwal	24.89	25	15	TRI advised to coordinate with All India Folk and Tribal Art Parishad, working with TRI Uttarakhand who would render technical guidance and coordinate with States to organize such competitions and upload data of artists on National Tribal Virtual Art and Culture Portal (adikalakar.tribal.gov.in) and for live streaming of the workshop on You tube/ Facebook and uploading the videos on MoTA's Virtual Art Portal.
6	Project Proposal for construction of water harvesting reservoir and pumping for Thosai Village - Water Conservation Development Natural Spring through Fencing, Plantation andHarvesting of Spring water	201.00	-	-	APEX Committee advised to take up the project in SCA to TSS or 275 schemes of Ministry.
7	Preservation of Natural Springs and its catchment area within Siaha District – Development Natural Spring through Fencing, Plantation	465.00	-	-	APEX Committee advised to take up the project in SCA to TSS or 275 schemes of Ministry.

	andHarvesting of Spring water				
8	Construction of Mara Cultural Centre at Siaha, Mizoram- Preservation of Cultural Heritage- Establishment of Mara Cultural Centre	500.00	-	-	APEX Committee advised to take up the project in SCA to TSS or 275 schemes of Ministry.
		1657.47	275	130	

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

Activity	Amount (₹ in Lakh)
Activity at Sl. No.3.1 (1)	800.00

**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	275.00
C	(-) Surrendered amount from 2019-20 released	00.00
D	Total amount approved	275.00
E	Total amount approved for release during 2020-21 for the projects Sanctioned as 1 <sup>st</sup> Instalment	130.00

**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. The funds for the Infrastructure would be considered based on availability of funds after proposals of all TRIs are approved. 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.

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