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Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(TRI Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 21.01.2021

To,
Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner, Tribal/ Social Welfare Department,
Government of Nagaland,

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 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Conference Room for consideration of proposals of Tribal Research Institute, Nagaland 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 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 Nagaland 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. Smt. Sino Phom, Jt. Director, Tribal Affairs Department, Nagaland

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 Nagaland 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 for 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)

Sl. No.	Project	Year of first Approval	MoTA's Support	Amount Already Released	Amount for release during 2020-21	Remarks
1.	Construction of TRI Building	2017-18	2394.07	750.00	Nil	To be decided during mid-term review based on the progress of work. Nodal Officer to ascertain physical status of implementation.
2.	Regular TRI Activities	2019-20	300.00	275.00	25.00	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 Committee (in Lakh)	Amount approved for release as 1 st installment for FY 2020-21 (in Lakh)	Remarks
1.	Research and Documentation of Naga Tribal ethnic wears and attires. <i>(Duration:12 Months)</i>	85.00	30.00	15.00	2 nd Instalment to be released when the project details are uploaded on portal.
2.	Linguistic Documentation of 18 Scheduled Tribes of Nagaland. <i>(Duration:12 Months)</i>	108.00	36.00	25.00	Do
3	Organising Festivals in the State of Nagaland. <i>(Duration:12 Months)</i>	85.00	85.00	0	PAC approved the amount. However funds may be released after TRI gives specific details of festival in light of corona.
	Total	278.00	151.00	40.00	

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

Activity	Amount (Rs. In Lakh)
Activity at Sl. No. 3.1(1)	1644.07
Total	1644.07



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

(₹ in Lakh)

A	Committed Liabilities for 2019-20	25.00
B	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	151.00
C	(-) Surrendered amount from 2019-20 released	Nil
D	Total amount approved by PAC	176.00
E	Total amount approved for release as 1 st installment for FY 2020-21 for the projects Sanctioned [Rs.40.00} +Committed liability Rs.25.0]	65.00

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.

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.

