

## **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 West Bengal 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. Sh. Kanwaljit Singh Cheema, IAS, Principal Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, West Bengal

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 West Bengal 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.

JS (NJK) put forth certain important aspects for consideration by all TRIs as under,

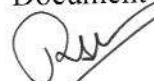
(i) TRIs should focus on quality of output with respect to sanctioned project so that research outcomes could be used effectively and meaningfully for the purpose of development of tribals.

(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 2020-21	Remarks
1.	Regular TRI Activities	2019-20	199.00	149.25	49.75	TRI advised to complete the sanctioned proposals expeditiously.

**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
<b>A. Research</b>					
1	Consequences of Child Marriage among the Birhors and the Totos (PVTGs) in West	17.56	17.00	8.00	<b>Approved.</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Installment will be released once details uploaded on TRI portal

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	Bengal. (Duration: 6 Months)				
2	Blood Pressure Profile and its Lifestyle related correlates among the Oraons of Northern and Southern part of West Bengal. (Duration: 6 Months)	11.00	11.00	5.00	Do
3	Stress and Health among the Santal of West Bengal. (Duration: 6 Months)	11.00	11.00	5.00	Do
4	Impact of urbanization among the Ho Tribe of West Bengal. (Duration: 6 Months)	11.00	11.00	5.00	Do
<b>B.</b>	<b>Ethnography Study</b>				
1.	Ethnography on Kora Tribes of West Bengal. (Duration: 6 Months)	5.00	5.00	2.00	Do
<b>C.</b>	<b>Evaluation Study</b>				
1.	Performance appraisal and role of the LAMPs in developing tribal	19.48	19.00	10.00	Do

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	communities of West Bengal. <i>(Duration: 6 Months)</i>				
<b>D. Documentation of Tribal Culture</b>					
1.	Audio-visual documentation of traditional marriage song of Santal, Oraon, Bhumji, Munda and Mahali. <i>(Duration: 6 Months)</i>	10.00	10.00	5.00	<b>Approved.</b> TRI advised to coordinate with NTRI for tentative date and All India Folk and Tribal Art Pariishath, who would render technical guidance 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 .
<b>E. Training/Workshop cum Awareness Programme</b>					
1.	Training cum Awareness Programme on domestic violence among elderly tribal people of West Bengal. <i>(Duration: 6 Months)</i>	15.00	2.00	1.00	<b>Approved.</b> TRI advised to organize Virtual Training and awareness programme in view of corona pandemic.  TRI May share dates and topic with NTRI for participation of all TRIs, COEs and Research fellows.  Data of Master Trainers and trainees to be uploaded on

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					MoTA TRI Portal. Training material to be uploaded on knowledge Repository
2.	Training cum Awareness Programme on tribal development schemes taken up for women empowerment. <i>(Duration: 6 Months)</i>	15.00	2.00	1.00	do
<b>F. Seminar</b>					
1.	National Seminar on continuity and changes among the tribes of West Bengal.	10.00	2.00	1.00	<b>Approved.</b> TRI advised to organize Virtual Training in view of corona pandemic.
<b>G. Publication</b>					
1.	Bulletin of Cultural Research Institute, Publication on Research Studies and Seminar proceeding	5.00	1.00	1.00	It is advised to have <b>e-journal</b> and upload the same on Digital repository
<b>H. Promotion and Preservation of Tribal Culture</b>					
1.	Tribal Festival	10.00			<b>Details of festival with proposed date may be shared.</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>140.040</b>	<b>91.00</b>	<b>44.00</b>	

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	49.75
B	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	91.00
C	(-) Surrendered amount from 2019-20 released	Nil
D	Total amount approved	140.75
E	Total amount approved for release during 2020-21 for the projects Sanctioned as 1 <sup>st</sup> Instalment [Rs.49.75 + Rs.44.00]	93.75

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.

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