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(TRI Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
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To,  
(As per list attached)

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the Centre of Excellence held on 08.03.2018 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (TA), Ministry of Tribal Affairs-reg.**

**Sir/Madam,**

I am directed to refer to the captioned subject and to forward herewith a copy of minutes of the meeting of the Centre of Excellence held on 08.03.2018 in Conference Room of Ministry of Tribal Affairs for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,



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**Minutes of the meeting of Centre of Excellence(COE) held on 08.03. 2018 under the  
Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs**

A meeting of the Centre of Excellence constituted under the Scheme "Supporting Projects of All India or Inter-State Nature" was held on 08.03.2018 at 01.00 P.M. in the Conference Room of Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. List of participants are as under:-

**Ministry of Tribal Affairs**

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| 1. | Ms. Leena Nair, Secretary                | - | In Chair         |
| 2. | Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal, Joint Secretary (A) | - | Member           |
| 3. | Ms. Nivedita Director (Fin.)             | - | Member           |
| 4. | Sh. M. Dilip Kumar, DS(Schl.)            | - | Member           |
| 5. | Sh. Nadeem Ahmad, Under Secretary (TRI)  | - | Member Secretary |

**Representative of Institution(s)**

1. Ms. Sandhya Gajjar, Managing Trustee, Bhasha Research & Publication Centre Vadodara
2. Ms. Sonal Baxi, Coordinator(Academic & funding), Bhasha Research & Publication Centre Vadodara
3. Mr. A.K. Sinha, BAIF Development Research Foundation,
4. Dr. Valentina, NIRD & PR, Hyderabad

**2. Review of works done by COE, BHASHA.**

**2.1** The representative of BHASHA apprised the Committee that all the projects sanctioned to them by the Ministry have already been completed and reports were submitted. There is no committed liability on the part of Ministry and they have also submitted previous UCs. Thereafter, they urged the Committee to consider the proposal submitted during 2017-18.

**2.2** The Committee asked the representatives of Bhasha to rework the proposal in line with the suggestions made by the Ministry in the meeting dated 3.7.2017 whereby Bhasha was asked to focus on documentation of dying tribal dialects and languages, music and cuisine practices, and compilation of customary tribal laws. The Committee, however, considered the proposal submitted by BHASHA and following activities were approved:-



Sl. No.	Particular	Amount Sought (in Rs.)	Remarks
<b>1</b>	<b>Study of Life-Skills among Adivasi and Nomadic Communities of Chhotaudepur and Mahisagar Districts in Gujarat</b>		
1.1	Conducting Workshops: 2 Nos. No. of Participants: 15 per workshop (including Community Researchers, Community Members, Scholars/Experts) Venue : Adivasi Academy, Tejgadh (Travel, Food and Stay of Participants: @Rs 51,000 per workshop x 2 workshops = Rs 1,02,000)	1,02,000	Approved an amount of Rs. 1,02,000/-
1.2	Honorarium to 4 Field Researchers (Rs 14,000 per person x 4 persons x 12 mths = Rs 6,72,000)	6,72,000	Approved an amount of Rs. 4,48,000/- for 8 months.
1.3	Field Travel for Survey, Documentation and Review & Community Consultation Meetings at Locations	70,000	Approved an amount of Rs. 70,000/-.
1.4	Preparation of Report	50,000	Approved an amount of Rs. 50,000/-.
	<b>Sub-Total:</b>		<b>Rs. 6,70,000/-</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Preparation of Bibliography of Tribal Studies in Gujarat</b>		
2.1	2 Researchers for Field Research and Bibliography Listing for 12 months.	3,60,000	Approved a total of Rs. 3,60,000/- for 12 months.
2.2	Travel, Stay and Food of Researchers for visiting scholars and libraries in colleges, universities, research institutions and private collections for consultation	50,000	Approved a total of Rs. 50,000/-
	<b>Sub Total:</b>		<b>Rs. 4,10,000/-</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Development of Website</b>		
3.1	Enhancing PLSI Website, Bhasha Tribal Archives Website and E-Books Websites	2,00,000	Approved an amount of Rs. 2,00,000/-.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Contingency</b>		
4.1	Add to Total 10 Percent Overhead Costs as Electricity Communication, Stationery, Local Travel, Photocopying, Audit Fees and Contingency	3,34,500	Approved an amount of Rs. 1,28,000/- (10% of the total approved amount i.e. Rs. 12,80,000/-)
	<b>Total</b>		<b>Rs. 14,08,000/-</b>

The Committee agreed to release a total of Rs. 14,08,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Eight Thousand only) for above mentioned three projects during 2017-18 under the Scheme 'Tribal Festivals, Tribal Research, Information and Mass Education'. This will be released in one instalment.

**3. Review of works done by COE, BAIF.**

3.1 The representative of BAIF apprised the Committee that they have submitted previous UCs against the releases made by the Ministry during previous years except for a sum of Rs. 1.06 lakh, which will be sent shortly. The Committee asked the representative of BAIF to submit all the report of the research projects sanctioned by the Ministry during 2012-13 onwards in digital form immediately. With respect to conception of further research work, the Committee asked the BAIF to focus on the activities to introduce locale specific cross breeding in cows, sheep and goats in line with the suggestions made by the Ministry in the meeting dated 3.7.2017.

**4. Review of works done by COE, NIRD.**

4.1 The representative of NIRD apprised the Committee that they have also submitted previous UCs against the releases made by the Ministry during previous years. The Committee asked the representative of NIRD to provide all the report of the research projects sanctioned by the Ministry during 2012-13 onwards in digital form immediately.

4.2 It was also pointed out to NIRD that the following two softwares, which were part of approved projects, have still not been handed over to Ministry:

- (i) Software for the GP-TSP
- (ii) Software for preparation for vulnerability indices and vulnerability intervention index.

NIRD was asked to demo these softwares to MoTA within two weeks and handover the code with documentation.

The meeting ended with the thanks to chair.

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