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(As per list attached)

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Centres of Excellence (CoEs) held on 15th October, 2019 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (TA).

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to forward herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Committee on CoE held on 15th October, 2019 in the Conference Room of Ministry of Tribal Affairs under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (TA) for information and necessary action.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,



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**Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Centres of Excellence (CoE) held on
15th October, 2019 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs**

A meeting of the Committee on Centres of Excellence (CoE) constituted under the Scheme "Tribal Festival, Research Information and Mass Education" was held on 15th October, 2019 at 3.00 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. | Shri Deepak Khandekar, Secretary | - | In Chair |
| 2. | Dr. Naval Jit Kapoor, Joint Secretary | - | Member |
| 3. | Ms. Nivideta, Director (IFD) | - | Member |
| 4. | Shri Roopak Chaudhuri, Director (TRI) | - | Member |
| 5. | Shri Nadeem Ahmad, Under Secretary (TRI) | - | Member Secretary |

Representative of Institutions

Sl. NO	Name	Designation / Organization
1	Mr. Pramathesh	CEO, BRLF
2	Mr. Amit Kumar Ghosh	Superintendent, Anthropologist, AnSI
3	Mr. Vinay Kumar Srivastava	Director, AnSI
4	Prof. Kaushal Kumar Sharma	Professor, JNU
5	Mr. Nirmal Vaid	President, All India Folk Tribal Art
6	Mr. S. Choudhary	CGnet Swara
7	Dr. D. C. Nanjunda	Assistant Professor, CSSEIP, Mysore University
8	Dr. P.T. Dinesha	Assistant Professor, CSSEIP, Mysore University
9	Dr. Ujjal Kumar Sharma	Faculty, IIFM, Bhopal
10	Dr. Pankaj	Director, IIFM, Bhopal
11	Mr. Manoj Bandam	Senior Researcher
12	Mr. Bhim Reddy	Fellow, IFHD
13	Mr. Alok N.Sharma	Director, IFHD
14	Mr. Shreeranjana	Director, IFHD
15	Dr.Sunit Krmar Mishra	Fellow, IFHD
16	Mr. Uma Seth	Director CSR, FICCI
17	Ms. Monika Dhole	Jt. Director, FICCI
18	Ms. Bavleen Kaur	Add. Director, FICCI
19	Mr. R.S.Loshyari	Sr. Project officer, Himmotthan Society
20	Mr. Samten Choephel	Technical Coordinator, Himmotthan Society

2. The Proposals submitted by the organisations were considered by the Committee and decision taken thereon after deliberation are detailed below:



2.1. Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata

2.1.1 Director, AnSI made a presentation before the Committee and apprised that AnSI is a premier research institute for anthropological research in bio-cultural studies. It is also recognized as one of the most advanced centres for research and training in anthropology and allied disciplines. It was carved out from Zoological Survey of India in 1945 and is the only Anthropological Research Institute to pursue Research in Government setup. The AnSI has a presence through its Head Office located in Kolkata, seven Regional Centres, one Sub Regional Centre, a Camp Office, and one Permanent as well as three other Field Stations. It has been pursuing its mandate of mapping the bio-cultural particularities and diversities for over seven decades and in the process has generated massive information on all the communities of India. He further shared that the Anthropological Survey of India is the one and only institution of its kind dedicated to holistic study of the mankind with specialized manpower in cultural Anthropology, Physical Anthropology, Human Ecology, Psychology, Biochemistry, Linguistics and Folklore. The organization proposed for becoming CoE under MoTA.

2.1.2 Decision of the committee on the proposal submitted by AnSI, Kolkata:

Proposed activities for 2019-20	Amount Sought (₹ in Lakh)	Remarks
1. Habitat, Culture and Health of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) of Andaman and Nicobar Island	₹21.45	The Committee agreed in-principle to recognize the AnSI as CoE.
2. Preparation and publication of a pictorial book on the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh	₹14.20	The Committee also approved the project proposals with a total cost of Rs. 35.65 Lakh in principle and suggested as follows:
Duration – One Year		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. AnSI must resolve the issue pertaining to a publication of book on tribes of Andaman & Nicobar Islands with Andaman & Nicobar Administration.2. AnSI was advised to focus more on action research kind of activity rather than photo documentation and pure research.3. The committee also advised AnSI to undertake socio-economic studies exclusively to all the PVTGs.4. The Organisation was asked to submit revised project proposal for consideration in the next meeting.5. The final approval will be given after receipt of revised proposal and discussion in next meeting.
	₹35.65	

2.2 Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

2.2.1 Decision of the committee on the proposal submitted by Jamia Millia Islamia:

Proposed activities for 2019-20	Amount Sought (₹ in Lakh)	Remarks
People of the Solitudes: Documenting the Lifestyle of the Nomadic Dokpas in Sikkim Duration – One Year	₹9.87	Not Present in the Meeting. It was also observed that the University had not submitted the proposal in prescribed proforma. Further, the tribe mentioned in the proposal is not a notified Scheduled Tribe in Sikkim. The project proposal was thus rejected.
Total	₹9.87	

2.3 Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP) – Karnataka

2.3.1 The representative of the centre made a presentation before the Committee and apprised that the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy is a University Grants Commission (UGC) sponsored centre functioning in University of Mysore (Karnataka) since 2008 to conduct research on the issues of social exclusion, which has hypothetical as well as policy importance. The focus of such research is social exclusion and inclusion related to Women, Dalits, tribal, and religious minorities etc. The objectives of the Centre are to Conceptualizing discrimination, exclusion and inclusion based on caste/ethnicity and religion. Developing understanding of the nature and dynamics of discrimination and exclusion, developing an understanding of discrimination at an empirical level & Formulating policy for protecting the rights of these groups and eradicating the problem of exclusion and discrimination. The representative proposed to recognize CSSEIP, Mysore University as a CoE.

2.3.2 Decision of the committee on the proposal submitted by CSSEIP, Mysore University.

Proposed activities for 2019-20	Amount Sought (₹ in Lakh)	Remarks
Preparation of Karnataka Tribal Human Development Report covering 8 indicators – Health, Education, Livelihood, Gender, Vulnerability, Participation and Governance. Duration – One Year	₹14.09	After deliberations, the Committee agreed to recognise CSSEIP, Mysore University as the Centre for Excellence and approved an amount of Rs. 14.09 Lakh subject to submission of the revised proposal as per following observations:

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The committee asked the representative to share details of the proposal like the parameters, sample size, data source, no. of tribe & PVTG covered etc. 2. The committee suggested to capture separate data for each 50 notified tribe in Karnataka including the 2 PVTG groups 3. Final approval to be given after the submission of revised proposal.
Total	₹14.09	

2.4 Indian Institute of Forest Management – Bhopal

2.4.1. Director IIFM, Bhopal made a presentation before the Committee and apprised that IIFM was established in the year 1982 is an autonomous, public institute of sectoral management located in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh India, established by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. The institute's objective is to fulfil the growing need for the managerial human resource in the area of Forest, Environment, and Natural resources Management and allied sectors. IIFM is a premier national level institutes engaged in education, research, training, and consultancy in the area of Forest, Environment and Natural Resources Management and allied sectors. The institute was ranked 8th overall in the country by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India in the management institutions category under the National Institutional Ranking Framework in its India Rankings 2016. The Director, IIFM proposes to declare IIFM as a CoE.

2.4.2. As no proposal was submitted by IIFM, the institute was advised to submit project proposal for consideration in the next meeting.

2.5 SECMOL – Ladakh

2.5.1. Decision of the committee on the proposal submitted by SECMOL.

Proposed activities for 2019-20	Amount Sought (₹ in Lakh)	Remarks
1. HIMALAYAN FARMSTAYS - Total cost of the Himalayan Farm stays project for FY 19-20 & FY 20-21.	₹20.00	The committee suggested that the proposal may be considered in the next meeting as the representative of the organization could not attend the meeting
2. ICE STUPA BUILDING AND ABANDONED VILLAGE REHABILITATION PROJECT - Total cost of the Ice Stupa rehabilitation project for FY 19-20 & FY 20-21	₹21.22	
	₹8.78	

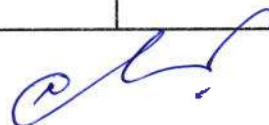
3. SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING - Total cost of Skill Development and Capacity Building for FY 19-20 & FY 20-21		
Total	₹50.00	

2.6. CGNet Swara – Chhattisgarh

2.6.1. The representative of the organization presentation before the Committee and apprised that CGNet Swara foundation is a technology and event-organizing non-governmental organization (NGO). It was launched in rural India in 2010 with the intention of creating a voice-based platform. Using low-end mobile phones, users can call CGNet Swara to record stories of local interest and to listen to stories that others have recorded. The foundation has thus tried to create a platform using simple technologies to help build a communication network in villages which have no exposure to the internet. Even in areas with no network, CGNet Swara has set up an application through which people can listen and record stories using Bluetooth, which is available on almost any mobile phone nowadays. The representative proposes to declare CGNet Swara as a CoE.

2.6.2. CGNET Swara submitted the following Proposal

Proposed activities for 2019-20	Amount Sought (₹ in Lakh)	Remarks
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gotul Institute for Documentation of Tribal Culture 2. Running democratic communication platforms for tribal communities in their language 3. Using technology to improve lives of tribal communities 	₹409.00 for 5 years (98 lakh per year)	The committee observed that the proposal is beyond the scope of the guideline of CoE. The committee suggested the representative to explore scheme of this Ministry like NGO, Reasearch for funding revise its proposal within the scope of the guidelines . The Institution was asked to submit details of project separately and put up revised proposal as a pilot project before it is taken up in next meeting.



2.7 Institute for Human Development, Delhi

2.7.1. The representative of the IHD had made a presentation before the Committee on the following activities:

Proposed activities for 2019-20	Amount Sought (₹ in Lakh)	Remarks
1. Food and nutrition security among tribals in eastern India(Duration 15 Months)	₹87.45	The Committee observed that the scope of the proposed projects are repetitive in nature and colliding with the projects already sanctioned by the Ministry to other Organisations like Disha Foundation, IIPA and TERI etc. The Committee suggested to submit fresh proposal ensuring no duplicity of work and efforts.
2. Migration patterns among the scheduled tribes of india: opportunities and challenges (Duration 18 Months)	₹94.38	
3. <u>Livelihoods and Vulnerabilities</u> :A Study of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups in Jharkhand and Bihar (Duration 15 Months)	₹61.60	
Total	₹243.43	

2.8 Paravara Institute of Medical Science, LONI

2.8.1. Could not attend the meeting physically. The Committee suggested that their proposal may be considered in the next meeting.


2.9 Himmotthan Society, Uttrakhand

2.9.1. The representative of the organization presented before the Committee and apprised that Himmotthan Society was born out of a desire of Sir Ratan Tata Trust, the oldest private philanthropic organization in the country, to work intensively in the Central Himalayan region. The Trust (Sir Ratan Tata Trust) implements scaled rural development programmes across the country and had initiated work in Uttarakhand in 2002. In 2004, the Trust's activities in Uttarakhand received due recognition from the Government of Uttarakhand. An MoU was signed between the Trust and the state government in which both parties agree to collaborate on rural development issues in the state for an initial ten-year period. The agreement was renewed for another ten years in 2014. The Himmotthan was originally set up to incubate ideas through pilot projects, upscale strategies, data base management, to coordinate works with the state government of Uttarakhand, and to monitor ongoing programs in the state being implemented by the Trust. The Himmotthan Society works among the rural mountain communities by organizing and developing sustainable enterprises linked to livestock, agriculture, non-timber forest produce, and intervening for better education, access to safe water and sanitation and energy.

2.9.2. Decision of the committee on the proposal submitted by Himmotthan Society:

Proposed activities for 2019-20	Amount Sought (₹ in Lakh)	Remarks
Promotion of Apricot and Vegetable Value Chains for Upliftment of Tribal Communities in 20 Villages of Leh District Duration (24 Months)	₹104.58	The Committee suggested that the proposal submitted by the organization have good potential to overcome the livelihood issues for the tribal in Leh but the components need to be reworked and revised proposal need to be submitted in next meeting. IFD observed that this type of project can be taken in Action Reaserach project.
Total	₹104.58	

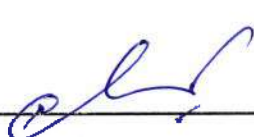
2.10 Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF), New Delhi

Proposed activities for 2019-20	Amount Sought (₹ in Lakh)	Remarks
Support for Certificate Programme in Rural Livelihoods (CPRL): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rs. 3.3 lakhs per student (including travel, course material, trainers' fees, board, lodge, uniform) for a 191-day course ▪ For a batch of 30 students, this comes to Rs.99 lakhs ▪ MoTA share Rs.60 lakhs, balance from BRLF's own resources ▪ Includes costs associated with research ▪ This support is for the 6th batch of CPRL to start in December 2019 <p>Report on learning outcomes which will include the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How have the perceptions of trainees changed after the course in terms of their assessment of their own capabilities of working with PRIs and government. ▪ What are the challenges faced by them after during the training and after joining. ▪ What are their perceptions regarding the utility of the course in terms of their community engagement. 	₹60.00	After deliberations, the Committee found the project to be good but its modalities have to be discussed. It was proposed that services of BRLF as COE can be utilised for the purpose of monitoring ad evaluation and for drying water stream projects which BRLF has taken in few states as Action reserch project. BrLF to discuss these project proposal in next meeting.
Total	₹60.00	

2.11. Federation of India Chambers of Commerce and Industry – Socio Economic & Development Foundation (FICCI- SEDF)

2.11.1. The representative of the organization presented before the Committee and apprised that FICCI Socio-Economic Development Foundation of India (SEDF) was set up in 1995 to provide an institutional base to the social sector activities of the corporate in India. Through this initiative, FICCI has been promoting and advocating for Corporate Social Responsibility since early 90s, and FICCI-SEDF has a foundation status and the representative proposed the following proposal. The representative proposes to declare FICCI-SEDF as a CoE.

2.11.2. The society has proposed the following activity.

Proposed activities for 2019-20	Amount Sought (₹ in Lakh)	Remarks
<p>Tribal Entrepreneurship Development Project: Turning Challenges into Opportunities and Actions</p> <p>The project will have the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the present means of livelihood of the tribal community in the identified districts/regions of Jharkhand. • To understand the challenges faced by the existing enterprises run by the tribal community in these two districts. • To develop suitable strategies to help the tribal entrepreneur community overcome its current problems through constructive engagement with leading enterprises and entrepreneurs of India. • To help the existing tribal enterprises to upscale their businesses and encourage development of the new enterprises to make their livelihood sustainable. <p>Estimated cost of the project will cover the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Survey in two regions which will cover 100 individual interviews and 2 focused group discussions with 30-40 participants each. • Report Writing and Editorial Work • Mentorship Programme • Mentorship Programme • Travel and Stay • Miscellaneous expenses <p>(Duration – 12 Week and 1 Day)</p>	<p>₹25.50</p>	<p>After deliberations, the Committee agreed to recognise FICCI- SEDF as the Centre for Excellence and approved an amount of Rs. 25.50 Lakh to carry out the project.</p>
<p>Total</p>	<p>₹25.50</p>	

2.12 JNU, Delhi

Proposed activities for 2019-20	Amount Sought (₹ in Lakh)	Remarks
Preparation of Panchayat-wise Tribal Development Plan for Ecological and Economic Transformation for Sustainable Livelihood in Narmada District of Gujarat	₹33.35	<p>The Committee agreed to revive the status JNU, Delhi as CoE of the Ministry and approved the project with a total cost of Rs. 33.35 lakh.</p> <p>The University will, in the first instance, utilize the fund amounting to Rs. 29.00 lakh already lying unspent with them. Thereafter remaining balance will be released pm submission of UC.</p>
Total	₹33.35	

