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(TRI & Media Division)

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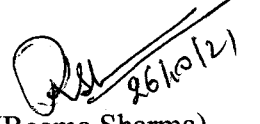
To,
Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner, Tribal/ Social Welfare Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the APEX Committee held on 28.09.2021 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 28.09.2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Conference Room through VC for consideration of proposals of Tribal Research and Training Institute of Andhra Pradesh under the scheme, "Support to TRIs" for the year 2021-22.

Yours faithfully,



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Minutes of Apex Committee Meeting dated 28.09.2021

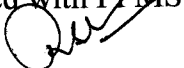
A meeting of the Apex Committee was held on 28.09.2021 under the chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs to appraise and approve the proposals for FY 2021-22 submitted by the Tribal Research Institute of **Andhra Pradesh**, for funding under the scheme 'Support to TRI'. The following officers were present:

Ministry of Tribal Affairs

1. Sh. Anil Kumar Jha, Secretary (Tribal Affairs)
2. Sh. Biswajit Das, DDG, MoTA
3. Ms. Yatinder Prasad, JS(FA)
4. Dr. Muniraju SB, Deputy Adviser, NITI Aayog
5. Sh. Rajender Kumar, Director (TRI)
6. Ms. Reema Sharma, Under Secretary (TRI)

State Representative

1. Shri E. Ravindrababu, Additional Director TW/ Mission Director, TCR&TM
2. At the outset, Director (TRI) welcomed all the participants. Thereafter, JS & FA put forth procedure for release of funds to State Government under Centrally Sponsored schemes and emphasized on its strict compliance by all TRIs. She elaborated on the following:
 - (i) All State Governments have to mandatorily designate a Single Nodal Agency (SNA) for each Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
 - (ii) To open SNA account in a Commercial bank and all government business has to be carried through SNA account, which is required to be mapped on PFMS
 - (iii) State Governments have to credit grants received from the Ministry to SNA and not more than 25% of funds can be released on one occasion.
 - (iv) all implementing agencies (IAs) have to credit unspent balance to SNA account.
 - (v) all State TRIs to strictly comply with the above procedure and designate SNAs and open account on priority. It was further specified by JS&FA that no funds would be released if SNA accounts are not opened and mapped with PFMS by State TRIs.


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(vi) In case if any activity is not initiated in a year for which it was approved then State TRI can place it in the next financial year before the APEX Committee for its approval during that year.

3. Representative from NITI Aayog highlighted that State TRIs may get themselves converted into registered societies. He further stated that wherever issues are being faced by State TRIs in switching into society mode the same would be taken up by NITI Aayog in the Chief Minister's Conference.

4. TRIs should share in advance the dates of tribal festivals, workshops, seminars, craft mela, inauguration of TRI building, museum proposed to be organized under India@75 Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav (AKAM) for wider participation and share photographs and audio-visuals for records while uploading the same in Tribal repository.

5. Secretary (TA) advised that whenever any festival is organized by State TRI then the theme and form of the dance, location of performance and its cultural significance, instruments used etc, should be made a part of State's as well as Ministry's repository.

6. The Committee considered project proposals submitted by the State for the year 2021-22 and following decisions were made:

6.1 Committed Liability of previous years:

Committed Liability during 2021-22

(Rs. In Lakh)					
S. No.	Project	Year of first Approval	MoTA's Support	Amount Already Released	Amount for release during 2021-22
1.	Construction of Museum for freedom fighters. Location: Lammasingi Total Cost: Rs.3500.00 lakh	2017-18	1500.00	750.00	0.00

State informed that construction of the museum has been delayed due to COVID pandemic. In this reference, Secretary (TA) stated that freedom fighter museums are at highest priority of the Ministry and State should expedite completion of construction of museum. State TRI was advised to furnish status of museum within a week. Further funds would be released after review of


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progress of work of Museum by NLC and submission of UC and progress report.

S. No.	Project	Year of first Approval	MoTA's Support	Amount Already Released	Amount for release during 2021-22
	Regular TRI activities	2020-21	542.00	155.00	222.00

Activities approved at Sl.no. 2.1 & 2.2. relating to District level tribal festival & State level tribal festival were approved-in principle in FY 2020-21 for total amount of Rs.165.00 lakhs.

State TRI informed the Committee that these activities are dropped now as these were not taken up in FY 2020-21. As such the committed liability for release during FY 2021-22 is Rs.222.00 lakhs.

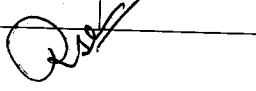
6.1(ii) New proposals

(Rs. In Lakh)

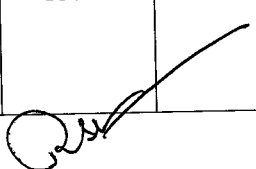
S. No.	Activity	Amount Sought in Rs.	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
1	AKAM activities				
1.1	Development of the Primers of tribal Languages of Jatapu, Gadaba and Yerukula sub tribes (Preparatory (level 1 in line with NEP requirements)	6.00	6.00	6.00	Approved. State has developed six primers earlier which are being used for primary and pre-primary education for the last two years. The proposal is for 3 additional primers.
1.2	Organise 3 day National Tribal Dance Festival at Araku Valley of Visakhapatnam district	30.00	30.00	30.00	Approved.
1.3	Organize 5 day state level Tribal Crafts Mela (Exhibition-cum-sale) at Visakhapatnam	15.00	15.00	15.00	Approved. The craft melas should not be organized as one-time event. Such melas should provide livelihood opportunities and

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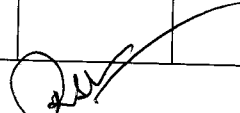
					<p>sustainability for tribal youths and artisans. These melas should be organized on a larger scale at National level.</p> <p>States should involve TRIFED and the Development Commissioner for Handicrafts who have database of artisans with Aadhaar number so that artisans get assistance in getting funds and they are promoted for marketing linkages.</p> <p>In case the events need to be done in virtual mode, efforts to be done in virtual mode, efforts to be made to connect to the artisans and buyers / producers / marketing agencies so that this can be sustained in future. All such efforts should be done association with other depts./agencies of Govt. in this sector.</p>
1.4	Organize one day State Level Tribal Paintings/Art competition and felicitation of eminent Tribal Artists .	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved.


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1.5	Conducting of Webinar on various issues of Regional and National importance	5.00	5.00	5.00	Approved. The TRI should prepare a calendar of events for such webinars in coordination with NTRI so that there is no duplicity and all TRIs should participate in such seminars. The PhD students of tribal talent pool should also be associated.
1.6	Providing Support to Technical Team for audio video film on (5) Tribal Dances (Dhimsa, Kommu, Savara, Chenchu & Mayura in the state (logistics, honorarium, food etc)	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved.
1.7	Tribal Talent Hunt activity among (5) Tribal Dances.	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved. The physical programs may be organized depending on situation of COVID.
1.8	Organize memorial events at (5) places of Tribal Freedom Fighter movements (1. KD Peta, 2.Mampa,3. Gondupakala & Nadipalem, 4.Lambasingi & 5.Srisailam)	20.00	20.00	20.00	Approved.
1.9	Publication/ Documentation on Tribal Freedom Fighters in the shape of booklet	1.00	1.00	1.00	Approved. As per S.O.P. (Tribal Welfare Department and Department of Culture of State should approve the text).
1.9	Support for sending troops to National level Dance & Craft Melas across the country for participation	15.00	15.00	15.00	Approved.


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2	Research & Evaluation				
2.1	Conducting baseline survey and preparation of integrated tribal village development plan for 250 tribal villages for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Aadi Adarsa Yojana (Model Village)	43.75	43.75	43.75	Approved. As per S.O.P (costing of village-wise action plan) which should be done in consultation of the Ministry.
3.	Training & Capacity Building				
3.1	Capacity building to ST PRI members through cascade model	20.00	5.00	5.00	Approved. Secy(TA) instructed State TRI
3.2	Capacity building on the RoFR	20.00	5.00	5.00	to combine capacity building programs of ST PRI members and RoFR. Physical achievement needs to be mentioned.
3.3	Creating data base & capacity Building to Tribal Artisans & Artists	20.00	5.00	5.00	Approved. Physical achievement needs to be mentioned. Combining these trainings with prospective employing agencies will add value to such trainings.
4.	TRI Building				
4.1	Provision for taking up Phase-2 civil/other works with regards to the establishing library, establishing of fire safety fighting measures, setting of conference hall etc of newly constructed TCR&TM building at Visakhapatnam.	300.00	-	-	Approved-in-principle. Secretary (TA) directed State TRI to share more details specifically component-wise breakup of cost, after that the proposal will be considered.


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5.	Tribal Festival & Audio Video Documentation of Tribal Freedom Fighters				
5.1	Promotion of District level festivals such as World Adivasi Day, Santha Sevalal Jayanthies,Chenchu, Sambhara etc	65.00	50.00	50.00	Approved. One combined festival at State level with participation from all districts as well as other States.
5.2	Audio Video documentation of Tribal Freedom Fighters in the State of Andhra Pradesh	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved. As per S.O.P to be decided in consultation with the Ministry.
6.	Tribal Exchange Visit				
6.1	Inter State Cultural Exchange Programme	5.00	5.00	5.00	Approved.
	Grand Total	605.75	245.75	245.75	

Total amount approved for release during 2021-22:

(in lakhs)

A	Committed Liabilities for FY 2020-21	222.00
B	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	245.75
C	Total amount approved for FY 2021-22 towards 1 st installment of grant	245.75
D	Total amount approved for release of 1 st installment during FY 2021-22 for the sanctioned projects [A+C]	467.75

Note: New proposals not approved / deferred by APEX committee are at Annexure-I.

7. Funds to be released to the State Govt. subject to furnishing of Utilization Certificate and Physical Progress Report as per rules. Review will be done for the State to apprise on actual progress of projects sanctioned up to FY 2021-22. The 2nd instalment to be released after the project approved by committee is started and progress is uploaded on the portal. TRIs should share in advance the dates of tribal festivals, workshops, seminars, craft mela, inauguration of TRI building, museum proposed to be organized under India@75 Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav (AKAM) for wider participation and share photographs and audio-visuals for records while uploading the same in Tribal repository. All audios, videos and photographs of music, dance and cultural festival to be uploaded on adi-kalakar portal (www.adikalakar.tribal.gov.in).

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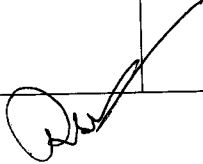
8. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and participants.



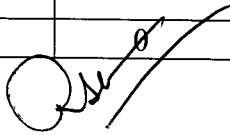
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Annexure I

S. No.	Activity	Amount Sought in Rs.	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
1	AKAM activities				
	Research & Evaluation				
1.1	Community Screening for Sickle Cell disease, Genetic Counselling and intervention in the management of disease among tribal families. (A Collaborative research with ICMR, New Delhi & ICMR-RMRC, Bhubaneswar)	18.25	-	-	Deferred. MoTA is going to make an integrated programme on SCD with ICMR and State TRI would be associated as part of this initiative.
1.2	Research & Documentation of Tourist spots in tribal dominated areas of Andhra Pradesh	39.37	0	0	Not Approved Secretary (TA) opined that this should be carried out by State Tourism Department through STC funds instead of TRI funds.
1.3	Inter-state Cultural Exchange Programme	5.00	0	0	Approved in 1.10
2.	Seminars and Workshops (Webinars)				
2.1	Conducting of Webinar on various issues of Regional and National importance	5.00	0	0	Not Approved
2.2	Workshops on Development of animated Video lessons to Class-1 & 2 children in 6 tribal languages.	55.00	-	-	Deferred. More details to be given about the project.
2.3	Conduct of bi-monthly workshops for developing of Giri Sanskruti bi-monthly magazine.	10.00	0	0	Not approved. The state should switch to digital mode for such


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					activities.
2.4	Conduct of workshop with eminent academic experts to bring all the completed and ongoing research reports into publication mode.	10.00	0	0	Secretary (TA) viewed that in current situation of corona pandemic, it would be better to organize such activities through webinars instead of physical mode.
		142.62	0	0	


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