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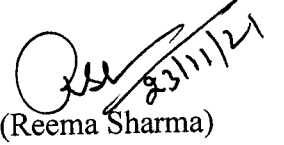
To,  
Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner, Tribal/ Social Welfare Department,  
Government of Assam.

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the APEX Committee held on 29.10.2021 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 29.10.2021 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 Assam under the scheme, "Support to TRIs" for the year 2021-22.

Yours faithfully,

  
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- iv. Dir(TRI), Assam

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## Minutes of APEX Committee Meeting dated 29.10.2021

A meeting of the APEX Committee was held on 29.10.2021 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 Assam 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. Dr. Naval Jit Kapoor, JS, MoTA
3. Sh. Biswajit Das, DDG, MoTA
4. Ms. Yatinder Prasad, JS(FA)
5. Dr. Muniraju SB, Deputy Adviser, NITI Aayog
6. Ms. Reema Sharma, Under Secretary (TRI)

### State Representative

1. Shri Ajit Narayan Hazarika, Director
2. Dr. Mitra Das, Deputy Director

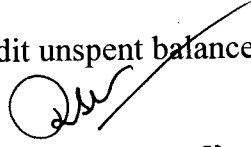
2. At the outset, Director (TRI) welcomed all the participants. Thereafter, JS & FA put forth procedure for release of funds to State Government under Centrally Sponsored schemes and its strict compliance by all TRIs. She elaborated on the following:

(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 in one occasion.

(iv) all implementing agencies (IAs) have to credit unspent balance to SNA account.

  
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(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.

(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.

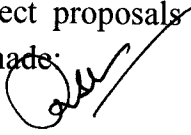
4. Secretary (TA) advised State TRIs on the following:

(i) 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.

(ii) 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 the repository of the State as well as Ministry. It was further advised to rationalize activities for Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav (AKAM).

(iii) States should take up meaningful activities during 15-22 November, 2021 which is being celebrated as 'Saluting Tribes & their contribution to India'.

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

  
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2021/11/17

## Committed Liabilities:

5.1 (i) 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	Remarks
	Regular activities TRI	2019-20	379.15	235.64	143.51	State was advised to complete the activities expeditiously.
	Regular Activities TRI	2020-21	114.00	Nil	Nil	
The State was not able to take any grants for the proposed activities for 2020-21 by PAC. The State was asked to prioritize the activities and take fresh approval of PAC if the activity proposed in previous year is still relevant.						
	Total				143.51	


### 6.1(ii) New Proposals

(Rs. In Lakh)

S.N.	Activities	Amount sought	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
<b>PROJECT PROPOSALS 2021 - 2022 UNDER 'SUPPORT TO TRI'</b>					
<b>I</b>	<b>Museum Management &amp; Maintenance and Related Activities</b>				
1.	Construction of tribal model houses in the new Museum Gallery	10.00	10.00	10.00	<b>Approved</b>
<b>II</b>	<b>Creation of Capital Assets (Charged)</b>				
1.	Construction of shed over Training Hostel Terrace, Renovation of water tanks, renovation of water pipeline, renovation of toilets and kitchen in first floor, construction of toilets for officer's in first floor.	150.00	150.00	50.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> installment to be released after DPR and Administrative approval of State is done.
2.	Repair and Renovation of Four Units of Office Quarter (Project cost: 32.85 lakhs)	32.85	0.00	0.00	<b>Approved.</b> The activity approved in

  
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S.N.	Activities	Amount sought	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
	(out of unspent balance available with the State)				financial year 2018-19 could not be initiated. So, TRI has requested to utilized the funds already available with them and approved during 2018-19 for "Construction of Three Storied Six Unit Staff Quarter".
<b>III</b>	<b>General Activities (Charged)</b>				
1	Photography competition to collect rare and good photographs on tribal life and culture (activity sanctioned in FY 2019-20)	0.00	0.00	0.00	The program to be organized as part of AKAM with logo of AKAM and MoTA. Activity at S.No. 5 (a, b, c) approved in FY 2019-20 under documentation & Preservation" could not be initiated by TRI. Hence, requested for change of activities for FY 2021-22 out of funds already available with them.
2	Documentation of tribal dance and Music	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Documentation of tribal art and culture	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>III</b>	<b>Celebrating India @ 75 "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav"</b>				
1	Support (to provide logistic support) to Technical Team for Audio Video Film on Tribal Dance in the state of Assam for celebrating India @ 75 "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav"	10.00	10.00	10.00	The program to be held as per the SOP issued by MoTA and all activities to be upload on Portal

  
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2	Organizing Functions in the Memorials of Tribal Freedom Fighters in the state of Assam for celebrating India @ 75 "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav"	10.00	10.00	10.00	
3	Publication / Documentation on Tribal Freedom Fighters in the shape of a Booklet for celebrating India @ 75 "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav"	1.00	1.00	1.00	
4	Funds for sending troupes for participating in National Level Dance and Craft Mela and other functions to be organized for celebrating India @ 75 "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav"	15.00	15.00	15.00	
	<b>Grant Total</b>	<b>228.85</b>	<b>196.00</b>	<b>96.00</b>	

**Total amount approved for release during 2021-22:**

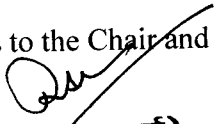
(in lakhs)

A	Committed Liability of FY 2019-20	143.51
B	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	196.00
C	Total amount approved for FY 2021-22 towards 1 <sup>st</sup> installment of grant	96.00
D	Total amount approved for release of 1 <sup>st</sup> installment during FY 2021-22 for the sanctioned projects [A+C]	239.51

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

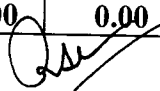
6. Funds to be released to the State Govt. subject to furnishing of Utilization Certificate and Physical Progress Report as per rules. Review will be done for the State to apprise on actual progress of projects sanctioned up to FY 2021-22. GFR provisions may please be adhered to strictly. The 2nd instalment 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](http://www.adikalakar.tribal.gov.in)).

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

  
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## Annexure – I

S.No.	Activities	Amount sought	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
	<b>PROJECT PROPOSALS 2021 - 2022 UNDER 'SUPPORT TO TRI'</b>				
<b>I</b>	<b>Museum Management &amp; Maintenance and Related Activities</b>				
1.	Renovation of existing museum, up gradation and replacement of old electrical wiring system, false ceiling for existing gallery, repairing and painting of showcase of existing gallery	200	0	0	The state to send proposal regarding details of upgradation with estimates of different components.
<b>II</b>	<b>Creation of Capital Assets (Charged)</b>				
1.	Balance Amount for the work "Construction of two floors of the new building for accommodation of the Conference/ training halls along with Office accommodation."	0	0	0	The said amount is covered under the committed liabilities for FY 2019-20 under Para 5.1(i) and has been approved therein.
	<b>Grant Total</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	

  
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