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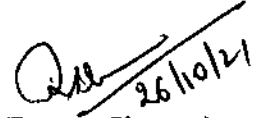
To,
Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner, Tribal/ Social Welfare Department,
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

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 Himachal 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 Himachal Pradesh, for funding under the scheme 'Support to TRI'. The following officers were present:

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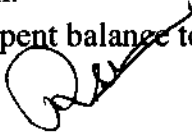
1. Sh. Anil Kumar Jha, Secretary (Tribal Affairs)
2. Sh. Biswajit Das, DDG, MoTA
3. Ms. Yatinder Prasad, JS(FA)
4. Dr. Muniraju SB, Deputy Adviser, NITI Aayog
5. Sh. Rajender Kumar, Director (TRI)
6. Ms. Reema Sharma, Under Secretary (TRI)

State Representative

1. Shri Kailash Chauhan, Director, TRI-HP

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 emphasised on the need for 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 with 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) TRI, HP to get augmented the sanctioned posts specially senior level positions for proper functioning of TRI

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

Committed Liabilities:

5.1 (i) Committed Liability of previous years:

Committed Liability during 2021-22



(Rs. In Lakh)

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S. No.	Project	Year of first Approval	MoTA's Support	Amount Already Released	Amount for release during 2021-22	Remarks
1.	Regular activities TRI	2019-20	136.10	68.05	28.00	TRI, HP advised to complete the activities expeditiously.
		2020-21	62.20	50.00	12.20	
	Total				40.20	

5.1(ii) New Proposals

(Rs. In Lakh)

S. No.	Activities	Amount sought	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
	Organising Cultural Activities under India@75 Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav				

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1	Tribal Primers – Kinnaur Lahaul&Spiti	28.00	10.00	10.00	Approved 14 dialects have been identified by TRI, HP for preparation of primers. Secy(TA) advised to use primers for primary education system.
2	State level dance festivals – Kinnaur	15.00	15.00	15.00	Approved
3	State level tribal craft festivals – Kinnaur	15.00	15.00	15.00	Approved. Secretary (TA) advised state representative to organize such events in a meaningful manner. Such melas should provide livelihood opportunities and sustainability for tribal youths and artisans. States may contact with State Development Commissioner for Handicrafts who have database of artisans with Aadhar number under the 'Pehchan Scheme'. State TRIs may involve TRIFED also for such craft melas so that it becomes part of a Campaign.
4	State level dance festivals – Lahaul	15.00	15.00	15.00	Approved.
5	Tribal art/craft festival – Lahaul	15.00	15.00	15.00	Approved.
6	Tribal painting/art competition and felicitating tribal artists and entrepreneur –Spiti	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved
7	Exchange visits of Tribals	5.00	5.00	5.00	Approved
8	Funds for sending	15.00	15.00	15.00	Approved

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	troupes for participating other functions				
9	Support to provide logistic support to technical team	6.00	6.00	6.00	Approved.
	Total	124.00	106.00	106.00	

Total amount approved for release during 2021-22:

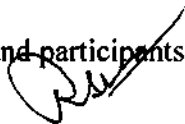
(in lakhs)

A	Committed Liability of FY 2018-19	40.20
B	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	106.00
C	Total amount approved for FY 2021-22 towards 1 st installment of grant	106.00
D	Total amount approved for release of 1 st installment during FY 2021-22 for the sanctioned projects [A+C]	146.20

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

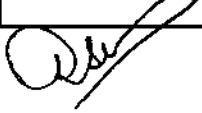
6. Funds to be released to the State Govt. subject to furnishing of Utilization Certificate and Physical Progress Report as per rules. Review will be done for the State to apprise on actual progress of projects sanctioned up to FY 2021-22. The 2nd instalment to be released after the project approved 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). In case of organising any festival or meet, necessary clearances from the point of pandemic protocols must be obtained.

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
	Organising Cultural Activities under India@75 Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav				
10	National level tribal festival	410.00			-Deferred. TRI to provide details of program along with State's commitment.
	Total	410.00	106.00	106.00	


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