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Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
(TRI & Media Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 07<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

To,

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

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the APEX Committee held on 07.02.2022 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 07.02.2022 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Conference Room through VC for consideration of proposals of Tribe Research Institute of Maharashtra under the scheme, "Support to TRIs" for the year 2021-22.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Rajender Kumar)  
Director

Encls: As above

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## Minutes of Apex Committee Meeting dated 07.02.2022

A meeting of the Apex Committee was held on 07.02.2022 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 Maharashtra, for funding under the scheme 'Support to TRI'. The following officers were present:

### Members / representatives of APEX Committee

1. Sh. Anil Kumar Jha, Secretary (Tribal Affairs)
2. Dr. Navaljit Kapoor, Joint Secretary (Tribal Affairs)
3. Sh. Biswajit Das, DDG, MoTA
4. Ms. R. Mythili, Deputy Secretary (IFD)
5. Dr. Muniraju SB, Deputy Adviser, NITI Aayog
6. Shri Sanjay Kumar, Director, Directorate General of Training
7. Ms. Reema Sharma, Under Secretary (TRI)

### State Representative


1. Shri Hansdhvaj Sonawane, Deputy Director, TRI

2. At the outset, Joint Secretary (TRI), MoTA welcomed all the participants. The TRI Maharashtra has pending UC of Rs. 626.01 lakhs as per details given below.

(Rs. In lakhs)		
Financial Year	Fund released	UC Due
2018-19	485.01	485.01
2019-20	141.00	141.00
2020-21	0	0
		626.01

It is also seen that the TRI has been provided funds of Rs. 1.41 cr since 2019-20 for Establishment of Tribal Research & Training Sub-Centre at Nagpur. The TRI has neither updated the progress of the building nor it has submitted UC till date despite repeated requests. Due to pending UCs, the TRI was not released any amount during last year also. The TRI was asked to expedite the UCs, otherwise even if the projects submitted by it are approved, it would not be in a position to get funds.

ii. The State Govt has not completed formalities of designating a Single Nodal Agency (SNA) for each Centrally Sponsored Scheme. To open SNA account in a Commercial bank and all government business has to be carried through SNA account, which is

  
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required to be mapped on PFMS. 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. It is mandatory for all implementing agencies (IAs) have to credit unspent balance to SNA account. State was requested to expedite SNA formalities and comply with the above procedure and designate SNAs and open account on priority. It was further specified that no funds would be released if SNA accounts are not opened and mapped with PFMS by State TRIs.

(iii) In case if any activity is not initiated in a year for which it was approved and fund not released, the State TRI would be required to put up the proposal afresh in the PAC if it wants to go ahead with the project. For the projects approved by the committee in previous year, for which funds were not released, would be considered to have lapsed.

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

(i) A consolidated database may be created covering all the tribal museums across the country which are being administered / run by State TWDs / TRIs. TRI Odisha to co-ordinate with all the State TRIs for preparation of the database.

(ii) A SOP may be formulated, in co-ordination with TRI Odisha, for development of virtual touring of such tribal museums and libraries / artifacts available in these museums.

(iii) TRIs should minimize physical printing or publishing books / journal and should publish the same in digital mode as far as possible. Further, printing of coffee table books be refrained from. Ministry has also developed a "Tribal Digital Document Repository" (<https://repository.tribal.gov.in/>) which has provides facility to TRIs for uploading its publications / researches.

(iv) 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.

(v) 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).

(vi) TRI advised to utilize TRI funds for selective activities for filling gap areas and expand its activities by carrying out meaningful action research projects such as capacity building of PRI members, re-energizing local streams, organic farming, drinking water & sanitation, connectivity, training of tribal youth in hospitality & eco-tourism etc.



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

4.1 (i) Committed Liability of previous years:

**Committed Liability during 2021-22**

(Rs. In Lakh)

S. No.	Activities	Year of first approval	MoTA's support	Amount already released	Amount for release during 2021-22	Remarks
1.	Establishment of Tribal Research & Training Sub-Centre at Nagpur (Chikhali)	2019-20	300.00	141.00	Nil	TRI advised to share progress of the approved activity.
2.	Regular TRI activities	2020-21	464.12	0	Nil	Activities have not been started by TRI

4.1(ii) New proposals

(Rs. In Lakh)

S. No.	Activity	Amount Sought	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
<b>I.</b>	<b>Training &amp; Capacity Building</b>				
1.	Training for ST representatives in PRIs	200.00	50	0	In principle approved, however the funds will be released when the pending UCs and SNA formalities are completed.
2.	In-service trainings for Class-3 employees	250.00	50	0	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>450.00</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	



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

(in lakhs)

A	Committed Liability of 2019-20 approved for release during 2021-22	Nil
B	Committed Liabilities of FY 2020-21	Nil
C	New proposals approved by APEX Committee for 2021-22	100
D	Total amount approved for release during FY 2021-22 for the sanctioned projects	0

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

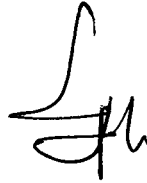
5. Funds to be released to the State Govt. subject to furnishing of Utilization Certificate and Physical Progress Report as per rules. Review will be done for the State to apprise on actual progress of projects sanctioned up to FY 2021-22. GFR provisions shall be adhered to.

(ii). All procurements will be done following the procedures of obtaining technical and administrative approvals from the competent authorities, with transparency norms.

(iii). 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)). The physical programs should be organised subject to covid.

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

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**Annexure-I**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount Sought in</b>	<b>Amount approved</b>	<b>Amount to be released as Ist Installment</b>	<b>Remarks /Decision /Discussion</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>Training &amp; Capacity Building</b>				
1.	Competitive Exams training for students in Ashram Schools / Hostels	500.00	0	0	The TRI was advised to put up the proposal in Grants under Article 275(1).



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