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

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 25th October 2021

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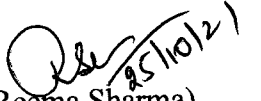
Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner, Tribal/ Social Welfare Department,
Government of Meghalaya.

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 Meghalaya under the scheme, "Support to TRIs" for the year 2021-22.

Yours faithfully,


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- i. PPS to Secretary (TA) / JS(A)/ JS&FA, MoTA.
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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 Meghalaya, 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. F. R. Kharkongor, Commissioner & Secretary,

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 the need of 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 also 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 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.

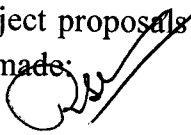
4. Secretary (TA) advised State TRIs on the following:

(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).

5. Secretary, Meghalaya informed the Committee that the events proposed for Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav are tentatively planned to be conducted during the period 27th November to 3rd December, 2021 as a part of "North East Saptah" and in the week leading to 21st January, 2022 coinciding with the Golden Jubilee celebrations and 50 years of the statehood of Meghalaya. He further informed the Committee that SNA account has been opened by them. The Committee advised to link the account with PFMS.

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


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Committed Liabilities:

6.1 (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
1.	Setting up of the Tribal Research Institute at Babadam (Chidekgre), West Garo Hills District	2018-19	4186.05	574.35	0	TRI advised to provide detailed status of progress of project along with details of tendered amount for the project.

6.1(ii) New Proposals

(Rs. In Lakh)

S. No.	Activities	Amount sought	Amount approved	Amount to be released as 1st Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
	Organizing Cultural Activities under the India@75 Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav				
1	Holding of State level tribal dance festival	15.00	15.00	15.00	Approved
2	State Level Tribal Craft Festivals	14.06	14.06	14.06	Approved. The craft melas should not be organized as one-time event. Such melas should provide livelihood opportunities and sustainability for tribal youths and artisans. These melas should be organized on a larger scale at National

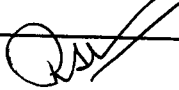
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					level. States should involve TRIFED and the Development Commissioner for Handicrafts who have database of artisans with Aadhaar number so that artisans get assistance in getting funds and they are promoted for marketing linkages.
3	Video Film on Tribal Dance	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved
4	State level tribal painting / art competition and felicitating tribal artists and entrepreneurs	9.164	9.164	9.164	Approved
5	Memorial function of tribal freedom fighters	12.00	12.00	12.00	Approved
6	Publication / Documentation on Tribal Freedom Fighters (Booklets)	1.00	1.00	1.00	Approved
7	State tribal costume / display festival to showcase the rich textile tradition and heritage of state.	10.00	10.00	5.00	Approved
Total		71.224	71.224	66.224	

Total amount approved for release during 2021-22:

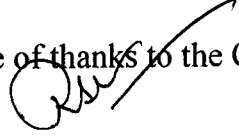
(in lakhs)

A	Committed Liability of FY 2018-19 (for TRI building)	0
B	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	71.224
C	Total amount approved for FY 2021-22 towards 1 st installment of grant	66.224
D	Total amount approved for release of 1 st installment during FY 2021-22 for the sanctioned projects [A+C]	66.224


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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 of the 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. All audios, videos and photographs of music, dance and cultural festival to be uploaded on adi-kalakar portal (www.adikalakar.tribal.gov.in). Physical programs should be organised subject to position of covid pandemic.

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


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