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Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(TRI & Media Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 22nd November 2021


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

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

Yours faithfully,


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Minutes of Apex Committee Meeting dated 29.10.2021

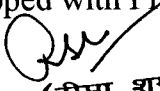
A meeting of the Apex Committee was held on 29.10.2021 under the chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs to appraise and approve the proposals for FY 2021-22 submitted by the Tribal Research Institute of **Tamil Nadu** for funding under the scheme 'Support to TRI'. The following officers 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. Dr.S. Udhayakumar, 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 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 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 instance.
 - (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).

(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:

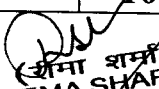
Committed Liabilities:

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
1	Regular activities TRI	2018-19	411.55	177.25	234.30	State was advised to complete the activities expeditiously.
				Total	234.30	


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6.1(ii) New Proposals

(Rs. In Lakh)

S.No.	Activities	Amount sought	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
	PROJECT PROPOSALS 2021 - 2022 UNDER 'SUPPORT TO TRI'				
I	Seminars and Workshops (Webinars)				
1	Workshop on Tribal Livelihood opportunities	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved The trainees should be connected with institutions for financial support and backward and forward linkages. The data of the trainees and trainers to be uploaded on Adi prashiskshan portal. Scientific practices should be conveyed to tribal healers, and the experience of AIIMS Jodhpur should be utilised.
2	Workshop on Tribal Art and Craft	6.00	6.00	6.00	
3	Kota Black smith, carpentry	4.00	4.00	4.00	
4	Workshop for Tribal Healers	3.00	3.00	3.00	
II	Training & Capacity Building				
1.	Skill Development Training for the EMRS School teachers on the subjects English, Maths & Science	12.00	12.00	12.00	Approved The data of the trainees and trainers to be uploaded on Adi Prashiskshan Portal.
2.	FRA Awareness for Tribal communities in 16 Tribal populated districts	16.00	5.00	5.00	
III	Museum Management & Maintenance and Related Activities				
1.	Maintenance of Open Air Museum and collection of artefacts for the nine tribal habitats at the Tribal Research Centre Campus	15.00	15.00	50.00	Approved Amount approved for renovation and upgradation of tribal


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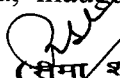
2.	Construction of Compound Wall for Museum	25.00	25.00		museum is Rs.50.00 lakh. A detailed project-note should be submitted about renovation. Technical sanction should be taken from the competent authority.
3.	Construction of Park near the Museum	10.00	10.00		
IV	Tribal Exchange Visit				
1	Inside the State	3.00	3.00	3.00	Approved
2	Outside the State	9.00	9.00	9.00	Approved
V	Tribal Festivals and Audio Video Documentation and preservation	82.00	50.00	50.00	Approved
VI	Library	10.00	5.00	5.00	Approved
	Grant Total	205.00	157.00	157.00	

Total amount approved for release during 2021-22:

		(in lakhs)
A	Committed Liability of FY 2018-19	234.30
B	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	157.00
C	Total amount approved for FY 2021-22 towards 1 st installment of grant	391.30
D	Total amount approved for release of 1 st installment during FY 2021-22 for the sanctioned projects [A+C]	391.30

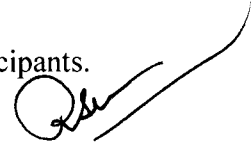
Note: New proposals not approved / deferred by APEX committee are at Annexure-I.

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 provision may please be adhered 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


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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).

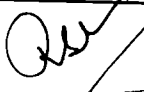
7. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and participants.



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Annexure- I

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	PROJECT PROPOSALS 2021 - 2022 UNDER 'SUPPORT TO TRI'				
I	Research and Evaluation Projects				
1	An Ethnological Study on Sholaga and Uraly Tribes of Tamilnadu	15.00	0	0	Not Approved The State was advised to complete pending projects on priority and submit UCs before taking up new projects and upload the completed projects on TRI Portal and repository.
2	Empowerment of Tribal Women through Livelihood Development: A case study of Nilgiri Tribe	15.00	0	0	
3	A Research Study on Indigenous Medicinal Knowledge practice of Kanikaran tribe of Tamilnadu.	15.00	0	0	
4	Training on Medicinal plants for sustainable Livelihood of Tribals in sothern western ghats of Tamil Nadu	15.40	0	0	
II	Seminars and Workshops (Webinars)				
1	National Seminar on Tribal Youth Development	10.00	0.00	0.00	Not Approved
III	Training & Capacity Building				
1	RDO's/ Sub Collectors capacity building Training programme for ST Awareness	10.00	0.00	0.00	Not Approved
2	Capacity Building Training Programme for District Superintendent of Police's working with ST certificate Verification Cell	10.00	0.00	0.00	
	Grant Total	90.40	0.00	0.00	


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