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(TRI & Media Division)

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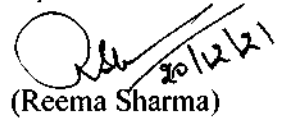
To,
Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner,
Tribal/ Social Welfare Department,
Government of Tripura.

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the APEX Committee held on 02.12.2021 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 02.12.2021 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 Tripura under the scheme, "Support to TRIs" for the year 2021-22.

Yours faithfully,


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Copy to Committee members:

- i. PPS to Secretary (TA) / JS(A)/ JS&FA, MoTA.
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- iii. Dr. S B Muniraju, Deputy Adviser, NITI Aayog
- iv. Dir(TRI), Tripura

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Minutes of Apex Committee Meeting dated 02.12.2021

A meeting of the Apex Committee was held on 02.12.2021 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 Tripura, 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. Naval Jit Kapoor, Joint Secretary (TRI), MoTA
3. Sh. Biswajit Das, DDG, MoTA
4. Ms. Yatinder Prasad, JS(FA)
5. Dr. Muniraju SB, Deputy Adviser, NITI Aayog
6. Sh. Rajender Kumar, Director (TRI)
7. Ms. Reema Sharma, Under Secretary (TRI)

State Representative

1. Shri Ananda Hari Jamatia, Director
2. ShriNaba Kumar Deb Barma, Head of Office & DDO
3. Shri BidyutKanti Dhar, Research Assistant (Rtd.)

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 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 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.

(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.

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

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.	Construction of New TRI Building for an amount of Rs.3511.00 lakhs (Rs.716.00 lakh is approved for construction of Administrative Building & Boundary Wall). Feasibility of funding from M/o DoNER be	2018-19	716.00	516.00	Nil	TRI advised to share DPR and current status of the progress. TRI to also explore funding from M/o DoNER

	explored.						
2.	Regular activities	TRI	2019-20	508.00	335.52	172.48	TRI advised to complete the activities expeditiously.
3.	Regular activities	TRI	2020-21	339.20	0	0	Activities have not been started by TRI

5.1(ii) New Proposals

(Rs. In Lakh)

S. No.	Activity	Amount Sought in Rs.	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
1.	Research & Evaluation				
1.2	Mapping The Critically Endangered Indigenous Tribes of Tripura: A Documentation Research For Vulnerable Tribal Groups (Santal, Uchai, Chaimal, Khasia, Lecha, Bhutia, Korbong and any other generic tribes less than 3000 population). Duration: 06 months	20.00	20.00	20.00	TRI may carry out a vulnerability assessment before taking up the research
1.3	Ethnographic study of De-Notified tribes, Nomadic tribes & Semi-nomadic tribes of the State of Tripura. Duration: 06 months	6.00	6.00	6.00	Approved
1.4	Study on understanding the market potential of different crafts and handloom products considering demand and supply chain. Duration: 06 months	5.00	5.00	5.00	Approved TRI to come up with an action oriented proposal with linkages with Vandhan Group / Co-operative societies to increase employment generation. TRI advised to create marketing strategies for bamboo products through / training workshops.
1.5	Natural Language Processing on Kokborok: Programming A Translation Lingo Software (Kokborok To Selected Global	15.00	15.00	15.00	Approved. The expert from Education department should be involved and reputed agency

	Languages & Vice versa) Duration: 06 months				who has done similar work earlier like CDAC may also be consulted.
	SUB-TOTAL	46.00	46.00	46.00	
2.	Training & Capacity Building				
2.1	Workshop on Job opportunity of the un-employed ST youths of Tripura. (Duration: 1 day).	6.00	6.00	6.00	Approved
2.2	Training on Mushroom cultivation for the ST farmers of Tripura. (Duration: 7 days, 4 Batches).	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved
	SUB-TOTAL	16.00	16.00	16.00	
3.	Tribal Festivals and Audio Video Documentation of Tribal Freedom Fighters				
3.1	Organization of State level Folk Dance competition in the eve of 26 th January, 2022.	20.00	20.00	20.00	Approved
3.2	Organization of State Level Tribal Festival	20.00	20.00	20.00	Approved
3.3	(i) Tirthamukh (ii)Kharchi Puja (iii) ChapcharKut/TharlaKut (iv) Hojagiri (v) Murashing Festival (vi) Biju (vii) Wangla (viii) Wah Festival (ix) Raibalmani Festival – Koloï&Rupini sub-tribes (x) LampraWathopTer,Sakungphai Festival of Kaipeng sub-tribe (xi) Khohui Festival of Ranglong community (xii) KhawpuiKhawser Festival of Molsom community.	19.00	19.00	19.00	Approved
3.4	Exposure Visit for Tribal Group – 3 Groups	20.00	20.00	20.00	Approved
3.5	Celebration of Kokborok day on 19 th January of every year since 2004 on its 25 years of recognition of Kokborok as State language on 19 th January, 1979.	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved
3.6	Traditional Food Festival (4 Days) State Level	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved

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3.7	i) Agartala Book Fair, ii) Kolkata International Book Fair, iii) New Delhi World Book fair, iv) Agartala Pustak Mela	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved
	SUB-TOTAL	109.00	109.00	109.00	
4.	Museum Management & Maintenance and Related Activities				
4.1	Purchase of 2 nos. Desktop Computer and printers (@Rs.50,000 for each PC & Printer)	1.00	1.00	1.00	Approved Procurements guidelines should be followed.
	SUB-TOTAL	1.00	1.00	1.00	
5.	Documentation and Publication & Preservation – E-book, ARVR, audio-video clips etc.				
5.1	Purchase of Reference Books, Research Journal, Newspapers etc.	5.00	5.00	5.00	Approved
5.2	Preservatives, Binding & Cleaning of Reference Books	1.00	1.00	1.00	Approved
5.3	Book Case for Reference Books, Steel Rack for Storing of Publications.	5.00	5.00	5.00	Approved
5.4	Arts & Crafts (Musical Instruments/Utensils/fishing materials/hunting materials/dress & ornaments/dwelling huts etc.) of the Tribes of Tripura.	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved
5.5	Religious places/Temples/Sculptures of the Tribes of Tripura.	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved
5.6	Revival of Traditional games & sports of the major Tribes of Tripura.	30.00	20.00	20.00	Approved
	SUB-TOTAL	61.00	51.00	51.00	
6.	Printing of Research Project/ Monographs/ Re-Printing of Books & Development and Promotion of Tribal Culture, Languages				
6.1	Printing of Research	15.00	5.00	5.00	Approved

	Project/Evaluation Reports.				
6.2	Livelihood-Based Entrepreneurship for Madhyamik Dropout Unemployed Tribal Youths (Start-Up Training Programme Series with 1.5 lakh each in 8 Districts)	20.00	20.00	20.00	Approved TRI advised to create linkage of such programmes with Vandhan Group / Co-operative societies to increase employment generation.
	SUB-TOTAL	35.00	25.00	25.00	
	TOTAL	268.00	248.00	248.00	

Total amount approved for release during 2021-22:

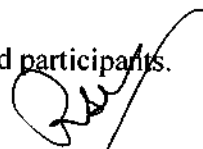
(in lakhs)

A	Committed Liabilities for FY 2018-19 (Construction of New TRI Building)	0.00
B	Committed Liabilities for FY 2019-20 (Regular TRI activities)	172.48
C	Committed Liabilities for FY 2020-21 (Regular TRI activities)	0
D	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	248.00
E	Total amount approved for FY 2021-22 towards 1 st installment of grant	248.00
F	Total amount approved for release of 1 st installment during FY 2021-22 for the sanctioned projects [A+B+C+ E]	420.48

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 shall be adhered to. The 2nd installment to be released after the project approved by committee is started and progress is uploaded on the portal. All procurements of works and equipment should be done in accordance with norms of transparency and cost-effectiveness. 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 adikalakar portal (www.adikalakar.tribal.gov.in). While organizing events, necessary permissions of concerned Departments must be obtained.

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



ANNEXURE-I

S. No.	Activity	Amount Sought in Rs.	Amount approved	Amount to be released as 1st Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
1.	Research & Evaluation				
1.1	Mooting A Pan Tribal Customary Courts In TTAADC: A Sui generis Design for Tribal Judicial Sovereignty in Tripura Duration: 06 months	10.00	0.00	0.00	Deferred. TRI to provide detailed project.
1.2	CAA, 2019 on Northeast Demographic Profile: Implications for Tripura Vis-à-vis It's Border Vulnerability. Duration: 06 months	10.00	0.00	0.00	Deferred.
1.3	Tribal Health Statistics In Tripura: Screening Risk Factors and Re-current Diseases for Intervention. (Mortality, morbidity, risk factors, health service coverage and prevailing health systems). Duration: 06 months	15.00	0.00	0.00	TRI advised to come up with action oriented research project on health issues
1.4	Role of NGOs/Individuals in respect of overall development of the STs of Tripura. Duration: 06 months	10.00	0.00	0.00	Not approved
	SUB-TOTAL	45.00	0.00	0.00	
2.	Seminars and Workshops				
2.1	Seminar on imparting knowledge to the ST leaders of the State about the scheme related to the development of the STs implemented by various development department of the State Government (Duration: 2 days).	15.00	0.00	0.00	TRI advised to come up with an action oriented research project with potential to create livelihood opportunities for tribal youth of the State.
2.2	Seminar on Glorious History of Kokborok Language of Tripura. (Duration: 2 days).	10.00	0.00	0.00	TRI advised to cover this activity under activity 1.8.
	SUB-TOTAL	25.00	0.00	0.00	
3.	Training & Capacity Building				

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3.1	Awareness Programme on Alcoholism/drug addiction/witch-hunt/Health Education/Safe Drinking Water & Sanitation Programme etc. among the tribes of Tripura	30.00	0.00	0.00	Not approved. There should be proper study in consultation agriculture & horticulture department and TRI to come up with action oriented research and ways to monetize it so as to benefit tribals
3.2	Training on Capacity Building to the Un-employed tribal youths of the State: (Effective Health Sector Service, Information and Data Management, Epidemiology, Natural Disaster Management). Duration: 4 Days.	20.00	0.00	0.00	TRI advised to carry out capacity building on sustainable employment generation such as fisheries, tourism, craft co-operatives etc.
	SUB-TOTAL	50.00	0.00	0.00	
4.	Museum Management & Maintenance and Related Activities				
4.1	Outsourcing of Anthropologist/Sociologist/Data Entry Operator/Typist/Technician (Rs.1.40 lakhs pm)	16.80	0.00	0.00	Not approved
4.2	Maintenance of departmental website, cost of shared web hosting with content updating	0.60	0.00	0.00	Not approved
4.3	Maintenance of office CCTV system, Projector, Touch screen kiosk, photocopier machine.	0.60	0.00	0.00	Not approved
4.4	Honorarium to Scholars/experts (Articles of "TUI"- A bi-annual Journal on Tribal Life & Culture and "SAIMA"- A Yearly Literary Journals, Experts/Scholars for contributing projects/folk tales etc.)	2.00	0.00	0.00	Not approved
	SUB-TOTAL	20.00	0.00	0.00	
5.	Documentation and Publication & Preservation – E-book, ARVR, audio-video clips etc.				
5.1	Notable Scheduled Tribes achievers/celebrities in various fields	30.00	0.00	0.00	Deferred TRI to share details of

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	like art, culture, literature, sports, science, military etc.				the project a/w detailed budget & activities to be carried out.
	SUB-TOTAL	30.00	0.00	0.00	
6.	Printing of Research Project/ Monographs/ Re-Printing of Books & Development and Promotion of Tribal Culture, Languages				
6.1	Re-Printing of old departmental Publications	5.00	0.00	0.00	Not approved TRI advised to build digital repository of such records / documents.
6.2	Printing of TUI & SAIMA.	2.00	0.00	0.00	TRI advised to bring e-edition of the journals.
6.3	Financial assistance to prominent tribal artists and apex tribal cultural organizations/societies of recognized tribes for procurement of cultural items/musical instrument/dress & ornaments etc. to promote and preserve tribal art and cultural activities of Tripura	20.00	0.00	0.00	Already covered under activity 6.4.
	SUB-TOTAL	27.00	0.00	0.00	
	TOTAL	197.00	0.00	0.00	

