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(As per list attached)

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the National Level Committee held on 10.01.2018 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (TA)

Sir/Madam

I am directed to refer to the captioned subject and to forward herewith a copy of minutes of the meeting of the National Level Committee held on 10.1.2018 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Tribal Affairs) to examine and consider proposals for setting up museums/memorials for tribal freedom fighters in the States of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Manipur under the scheme, “Support to TRIs” for the year 2017-18.

Yours faithfully,

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List of Addressees

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Copy for kind information to:

(i) PS to MTA
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(i) PPS to Secretary (TA) / JS(A/JS&FA, MoTA
(ii) Tech. Dir (NIC), MoTA, with the request to upload it on the Ministry's website
Minutes of the Meeting of National Level Committee held on 10.1.2018 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs regarding setting up Museum / Memorials for Tribal freedom fighters in the States of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Manipur

A meeting of the National Level Committee (NLC) was held on 10.1.2018 with representatives of the Government of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand Madhya Pradesh and Manipur to examine and consider proposals for setting up museums/memorials for tribal freedom fighters. List of participants is at Annexure - I.

2. Representatives of States made presentation on their proposals. Decisions taken by Committee are as under:

3.1 KERALA

(a) Principal Secretary, Department of ST Development, Government of Kerala presented detailed storyline with related architecture and leveraging of best technology in the field to narrate that story to the visitors. The proposal of Government of Kerala was deliberated upon in the meeting and was agreed to by the Committee, in principle, with total cost estimates of Rs. 16.00 Crore. MoTA will fund 90% of Capex Cost subject to upper limit of Rs. 14.40 crores, under the Schemes “Support to TRI”/ Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS)/ Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution keeping in view the share of allocation of the State under these schemes and availability of funds therein. Any expenditure over and above this may be met out of State TSP funds or any other State budget head.

(b) The representative of the State Government was asked to submit a copy of the detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) for approval of the Ministry.

3.2. GUJARAT

(a) The representatives of Gujarat State made a detailed presentation informing the Committee regarding action plan and other preparations made by them for construction of the proposed Museum. They informed the Committee that they have shortlisted 13 major tribal movements after considering 250 such tribal movements (160 before independent and 90 post independent) to be included in the proposed Museum action plan. Detailed discussion was made by the Committee on various aspects of the proposed museum and following suggestions were made:

- The proposal may include deployment of trained tribal guides to make the visitors acquainted with the facts and figures suitably.
- Committee desired that historians and curators should be involved suitably in designing various aspects of the Museum to make it lively.
Secretary (TA) directed that the design of the museum may be finalized without much loss of time in consultation with State Chief Secretary and RFP be issued at the earliest. The representative of the State Government was also asked to submit a copy of the detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) for approval of the Ministry.

3.3 Manipur

The Committee observed that the proposal of State Government of Manipur was in very conceptual stage with just an architectural drawing. It was advised to come up with a concrete proposal like Kerala.

3.4 Jharkhand

A detailed presentation was made by the representative of Government of Jharkhand. The presentation covered details of the project, audio-visuals of the project. It was informed to the Committee that the design of the museum is being developed while availing the consultancy services of an expert organisation 'Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)'. While the Committee agreed to grant in-principle approval for construction of the museum, it was observed that the cost was on higher side. The State representative was asked to revisit the cost estimate and come up with concrete action plan with timeline for completion. It was further advised that the open area between main road and jail building may be kept intact with natural vegetation. Revised cost estimate including State’s share should be again presented before MoTA.

3.5 Chhattisgarh

The Committee deliberated upon the concept, storyline and architectural designs of the museum on the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh presented by Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Chhattisgarh. It was informed to the Committee that another ten freedom fighters will also be showcased in the museum. The Committee suggested that the architectural design may be revisited to make it more visitor friendly and asked the representative of the State Government to come up with revised design. Revised design and cost estimate including state share should be again presented before MoTA.

3.6 Madhya Pradesh

(a) The proposal of Government of Madhya Pradesh for museum at Chhindwada was deliberated upon in the meeting and was agreed to by the Committee, in principle. However, cost estimates seemed on higher side, and the State was asked to revisit the cost. MoTA will fund 50% of Capex subject to upper limit of Rs. 15 crores, under the Schemes "Support to TRI" / Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS) / Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution keeping in view the share of allocation of the State under these
schemes and availability of funds therein. Any expenditure over and above this may be met out of State TSP funds or any other State budget head.

(b) The representative of the State Government was asked to submit a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for approval of the Ministry.

3.7 Andhra Pradesh

(a) A detailed presentation was made by the representative of Government of Andhra Pradesh. The presentation covered details of the project, audio-visuals of the project. The museum is focussing on the Shaheed Shri Alluri Seetha Rama Raju. It was advised by the Committee that other freedom fighters may also be showcased in the museum suitably. The concept of Mini India and the design of the huts for exhibition-cum-sale may be revisited to make it more relevant with tribal perspective. State may look at revising the cost, as it seems on higher side. MoTA will fund 50% of Capex subject to upper limit of Rs. 15 crores, under the Schemes “Support to TRI” / Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS) / Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution keeping in view the share of allocation of the State under these schemes and availability of funds therein. Any expenditure over and above this may be met out of State TSP funds or any other State budget head.

(b) The representative of the State Government was asked to submit a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for approval of the Ministry.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Annexure I

List of Participants

1. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs..............In Chair
2. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
3. Representative from Ministry of Culture
4. Representative from Ministry of Tourism
5. Special Secretary, ST/SC Department, Government of Chhattisgarh (with a team of Officers of the State Government and knowledge partners)
6. Director, Indian Council of Historical Research, Delhi
7. Sr. Project Manager, Govt of Gujarat (with a team of Officers of the State Government and knowledge partners)
8. Director, TRI, Govt of Jharkhand (with a team of Officers of the State Government and knowledge partners)
9. Principal Secretary, Tribal Department, Government of Kerala (with a team of Officers of the State Government and knowledge partners)
10. Director, TRI, Government of Andhra Pradesh