

F.No.11015/01/2019-Grants  
Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
(STWG Division)

August Kranti Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 28.02.2019

To,  
(As per list attached)

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the Project Appraisal Committee held on 12.02.2019 with Government of Sikkim, at the Conference Room, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.**

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith minutes of the meeting of the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) held on 12.02.2019 at Conference Room, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, to consider the proposals of Government of **Sikkim** in respect of Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India and Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Scheme (SCA to TSS) scheme of the Ministry for the year 2019-20.

Yours faithfully,



(P K Sahoo)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Encls: As above

**List of Addressees**

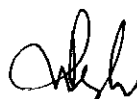
1. Secretary, D/o Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
2. Secretary, D/o School Education and Literacy, M/o Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
3. Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
4. Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries
5. Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
6. Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR), Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
7. Adviser, Social Justice Division, NITI Aayog, New Delhi
8. Principal Secretary / Secretary / Commissioner, Tribal / Social Welfare Department Government of Sikkim.

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**Minutes of Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) Meeting dated 12.02.2019 in respect of Sikkim State (2019-20)**

PAC meeting was held on 12.02.2019 for appraisal of proposals of Government of Sikkim for funding under Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India and Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Scheme (SCA to TSS). The following officers were present:

**Ministry of Tribal Affairs**

1. Secretary TA (PAC Chairman), Sh. Deepak Khandekar
2. Joint Secretary (A), Sh. Vinod Kumar Tiwari
3. Joint Secretary, Sh. Naval Jit Kapoor
4. Director (STWG), Sh. Gopal Sadhwani
5. Director (Fin.), Ms. Nivedita
6. Director (TRI), Sh. Anil Kumar Addepally
7. Under Secretary (Grants), Sh. P.K. Sahoo
8. Under Secretary (TSP), Sh. Nadeem Ahmad

**Government of Sikkim**

1. OSD, Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare, Shri T.T. Lepcha.
  2. Special Secretary-cum-Project Director, Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare, Shri A. Pradhan.
  3. Deputy Secretary, Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare, Shri Harka Giri.
  4. Under Secretary, Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare, Ms. Rajani Sharma.
2. The Committee was apprised about the funds allocated to the State of Sikkim by Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), under Article 275(1) grants and SCA to TSS, which are as follows:

- (i) Grants under Article 275(1) : **Rs. 608.32 Lakh**
- (ii) SCA to TSS : **Rs. 600.00 Lakh**

3. PAC directed the representative of Government of Sikkim as follows:

**3.1 The State must adhere to the following:**

- (i) At least one-third of the total beneficiaries should be women / girls.
- (ii) There should be no duplication with any intervention by other State/ Central Departments.
- (iii) Norms of concerned Line Ministries of Central Government or those of concerned State Department as applicable, may be followed (eg. PWD SoR, NSQF etc).
- (iv) Beneficiaries should be selected in a transparent manner. List of beneficiaries with their address and amount of benefit should be uploaded on the website of the State Government but the Bank Account Number, Aadhar Number, Mobile Number etc. should not be uploaded due to security and privacy concerns.
- (v) Time limit for completion of all new construction projects / works should be adhering to GFR norms.



- (vi) Progress Report and pending UCs of the funds provided under these schemes may be furnished urgently.
- (vii) A good monitoring and evaluation system may be put in place. Impact studies and concurrent evaluation on sample basis should be carried out.
- (viii) State Government of Sikkim requested to submit Detailed Project Report (DPR) where applicable and certificates with regard to the following:
  - (a) Confirmation of approval of these proposals by State level Executive Committee.
  - (b) Availability of land in case of construction projects.
  - (c) Preparation of cost estimates on the basis of SoR/ Norms of line Departments/ State Governments.
  - (d) Already released funds during 2018-19 are transferred to implementing agencies.
  - (e) Physical Progress has been uploaded in the Ministry's website.

**3.2 State must ensure the following :**

- i. State Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) funds should be in proportion to the ST population percentage of the State w.r.t. the total State population. The allocated funds be fully utilized.
- ii. It may be ensured that tribal sub-plan funds are utilized with proper convergence with the line departments in the State and periodic review of the expenditure may be done by the Executive Committee to avoid last minutes diversion of TSP funds.
- iii. State Government to monitor the utilisation of State TSP funds alongwith TSP funds available with the line Ministries. The Secretaries of the line Department should also brief the Chief Secretary in the States about the activities undertaken under TSP funds of that department. TDD should be the nodal department for this purpose.
- iv. State Government to consider enacting law for planning, allocation and utilization of financial resources under TSP in line with that of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.
- v. State Government to focus on saturating health infrastructure, availability of drinking water, provision of housing, electrification, road connectivity, toilets, mobile and internet facilities, insurance benefits etc. in coordination with State line Departments and concerned union Ministries.
- vi. State Governments should take advantage of the funds available under various schemes of Central Ministries dedicatedly meant for tribal development. Details of such schemes be accessed at <http://stcmis.gov.in>
- vii. State to ensure proper awareness of various developmental schemes/ programmes among tribals through Panchayati Raj Institutions. Incentive based involvement of Anganwadi workers and schools students (in vacations) can be considered for this purpose.
- viii. States to conserve germ plasm particularly against genetic dilution due to cross-breeding or breed improvement or development of new variety or similar other interventions. This is with a view to preserve (*in situ*) indigenous and endemic farm and off farm flora and fauna.
- ix. Functioning of Ashram Schools and hostels may be monitored regularly so as to ensure that these institutions run properly and efficiently. In the educational institutions, the students get the textbooks etc. at the beginning of the academic session itself.
- x. Screening for sickle cell for all children may be completed on priority.
- xi. Assessment may be made in woman trafficking prone areas and various development initiatives to overcome the situation must be taken up.
- xii. Activities related to sanitation and drinking water are also a part of Swachhta Action Plan (SAP).



**3.3** The recurring cost of EMRS per student has been increased substantially. State is to ensure that :

- i. Funds for recurring expenditure of the EMRSs should be immediately transferred to the schools.
- ii. Tracking of students from EMRSs may be done for further policy/ interventions.
- iii. Student/Teaching ratio as per RTE norms with particularly emphasis of availability of English, Science and Maths teachers.
- iv. Study materials, uniforms (including customized climatic clothing for hilly areas;
- v. Proper sports facilities;
- vi. Medical facilities including telemedicine and tie up with prominent hospitals in the vicinity and periodic check of students. Facilities for diagnostic and remedial medical needs of tribal children (e.g. Sickle Cell Anaemia, Tuberculosis, Malaria etc.) will be ensured where-ever possible. Special Nutritional requirements and provisions of menstrual hygiene (sanitary pads, incinerator, etc.) of girl students will be a priority. Provision of adequate filtered and purified drinking water and sanitation facilities to be ensured. RO systems in sufficient number to be installed at academic and hostel blocks;
- vii. Extra coaching for weak students and also focus on coaching for specific subjects like English, Mathematics, Science;
- viii. Design of curriculum to impart suitable skills in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development. Scouts, Guides, NCC, School bands and related activities will be encouraged as also extra-curricular activities like dance, music, painting, trekking, excursions / exposure visits, study tours will be a part of the curriculum;
- ix. Coaching classes for competitive / entrance examinations in engineering, medical, humanities, journalism, fashion technology and other professional courses to ensure that after 12<sup>th</sup> students enter into professional streams.
- x. Cleaning and white washing of the premises at regular intervals. Ensuring no seepages/leakages;
- xi. Maintenance of Hygiene, cleaning/mopping of the whole building daily;
- xii. Special Cleanliness drives;
- xiii. Developing Kitchen gardens;
- xiv. Water harvesting mechanism should be developed.

4. Details of proposals and decisions of PAC with regard to proposal of Government of Sikkim under Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution and Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS) are as under:

**4.1 Proposal under Article 275(1) proposal for the year 2019-20:**

**4.1.1 Committed Liability:**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Activity	Location	Funds already released	Committed Liability	Funds Sought during 2019-20	Remarks
1	Construction of Tribal Sports Complex (in 2016-17) released during 2016-17 = Rs. 50.00 lakh released during 2017-18 = Rs. 245.52 lakh		295.52	4.48	4.48	PAC has decided to defer the committed liability of Rs. 4.48 lakh to 2020-21.

Sl. No.	Activity	Location	Funds already released	Committed Liability	Funds Sought during 2019-20	Remarks
2	Construction of one EMRS (in 2015-16) Released during 2015-16 = Rs. 800.00 lakh	Melli, South Sikkim	800.00	800.00	800.00	PAC has decided to defer the committed liability of Rs. 800.00 lakh to 2020-21.
3	Construction of one EMRS (in 2016-17) Released during 2016-17 = Rs. 500.00 lakh	Parkha, East Sikkim	500.00	1100.00	1100.00	PAC has decided to defer the committed liability of Rs. 1100.00 lakh to 2020-21.
	<b>Total=</b>		1595.52	1904.48	1904.48	

#### 4.1.2 New Proposals :

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the proposed activities	Location	Amount sought during 2019-20	Remarks
1	Recurring Cost of EMRS (Total 1008 students)	2 EMRSs	1099.00	PAC approved <b>Rs. 1098.72 lakh</b> for 1008 students @Rs. 109000/- per student per annum.
	<b>Total=</b>		1099.00	<b>Rs. 1098.72 lakh</b>

#### Total amount approved for release during 2019-20 :

(i)	Committed liabilities :	NIL
(ii)	New Activities :	<b>Rs. 1098.72 lakh</b>
	<b>Total</b> :	<b>Rs. 1098.72 lakh</b>

**Committed Liabilities carried forward for subsequent years: Rs. 1904.48 Lakhs (as indicated at table 4.1.1)**

#### 5.1 Proposal for SCA to TSS for the year 2019-20:

##### 5.1.1. Committed Liabilities: NIL

##### 5.1.2. New proposals:

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Activities	Location	Amount sought for 2019-20	Remarks
	<b>Livelihood</b>			
1.	Up-gradation of 6 Self Help Group of GnonSandgong Ward, under Hee- Gyathang GPU, Lower Dzongu. @2.5 lakhs per unit	North District	15.00	Approved an amount of <b>Rs. 15.00 lakh.</b>

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S. No.	Activities	Location	Amount sought for 2019-20	Remarks
<b>Agriculture Development including Irrigation</b>				
2.	Providing irrigation facility to organic farmers of all four districts. @0.14 lakhs per unit	All four districts	100.10	Approved an amount of Rs. 35.00 lakh.
3.	Providing Kitchen Garden equipment to ST beneficiaries of North and South districts. @21.00 lakhs/ Each	North & South districts	42.00	Approved an amount of Rs. 42.00 lakh.
4.	Installation of Galvanized Steel Water Tank to provide safe drinking water to the ST beneficiaries of East and North districts. (20 Nos.) @6.00 lakhs/ Each	East and North districts.	120.00	Approved an amount of Rs. 120.00 lakh.
<b>Health</b>				
5.	Strengthening of Districts Hospitals located at South and East Districts. @50.00 lakhs/ Each	South & East	100.00	Approved an amount of Rs. 100.00 lakh.
6.	Strengthening of 8 PHCs @15.00 lakhs/ Each	All four districts	120.00	Approved an amount of Rs. 120.00 lakh.
7.	Diagnostic Centre at Singtam.	East district	75.00	Approved an amount of Rs. 75.00 lakh.
<b>Skill Development</b>				
8.	6 months Paragliding Pilot Training course to 10 ST beneficiaries.	East district	40.00	Approved an amount of Rs. 40.00 lakh.
9.	Photography/ Videography Training to 30 Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries of South district.	South district	15.00	Approved an amount of Rs. 15.00 lakh.
<b>Others</b>				
10.	Providing Gym equipment to Sports Academy/ Club (5 Sports Academy/ Clubs) @5.00 lakhs/ Each	All four districts	25.00	Approved an amount of Rs. 25.00 lakh.
11	<b>Administrative cost @ 2%</b>		13.042	Approved an amount of Rs. 13.00 lakh.
<b>Grand Total=</b>			<b>665.14</b>	<b>Rs. 600.00 lakh</b>

<b>Total amount approved for release during 2019-20:</b>	
Committed Liability of previous years:	Rs. Nil
New proposals:	Rs. 600.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>Rs. 600.00</b>

**5.1.3 Committed Liabilities being carried forward to 2020-21: Nil**

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

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