To,

The Pay & Accounts Officer  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Subject: Sanction of ₹30.00 Lakh and release of grants ₹12.00 Lakh to BAF Development Research Foundation, Pune (CoE) for the year 2019-20.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of President of India of ₹30.00 Lakh and to release an advance of ₹12.00 Lakh (Rupees Twelve Lakh only) as 1st instalment to BAF Development Research Foundation, Pune (CoE) for the financial year 2019-20, under the scheme “Tribal Festival, Research Information and Mass Education”, against their proposal which was approved by Committee of COE in its meeting dated 07.08.2019 as under:

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| Demonstration, Incubation, Piloting and Dissemination of technologies for advancing the livelihoods to ST communities by focusing area of innovative land-based livelihoods, water body based livelihoods and forest resource based livelihoods at select tribal clusters  
1. Bamboo based interventions  
2. Fishery development interventions  
3. Crop Diversification  
4. Forest resource centric interventions  
5. Other relevant tribal livelihood themes  
  - Piloting focused work on conservation and revival of THAS (Tribal Heritage Agriculture Systems) tribal culture, food, craft and traditions, art in select clusters  
2 themes in 2019-10 (2 fellowship support @ Rs 20000/-)  
  - Thematic research studies and Development and dissemination of learning modules based on SOPs (Standard Operating Practices) for tribal livelihood related capacity building areas/ themes (2-3 Thematic Learning Modules)  
  - Working as think tank, knowledge center for Tribal Development Mandate of India. | ₹30.00 | Approved an amount of ₹30.00 lakh for the entire project. No committed liability for future. |

Project Duration: 12 months
2. The Grant is sanctioned under the scheme of ‘Tribal Festival, Research Information and Mass Education’. The Research Study will be guided by the Terms of Reference enclosed with this sanction order. The provisions of General Financial Rule-231(1) would be applicable where the Voluntary Organization is being provided assistance for the prescribed amount.

3. The grants-in-aid is subjected to the General financial Rules, 2017, as amended from time to time, read with the Government of India’s decisions incorporated there under and any other guidelines which may be issued in this regard and in particular to the following conditions:

i. Certified that the pattern of assistance of rules governing such Grant-in-Aid have received the approval of the Ministry of Finance, as required under Government of India Decision No. (1) under DFPR- Rule 20.

ii. Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of Government Grants shall not be disposed of without obtaining the prior approval of the sanctioning authority of Grant-in-aid.

iii. The grantee will not obtain grant for the same purpose or activity (the purpose for which grant is sanctioned to it under the Scheme of “Tribal Festival, Research Information and Mass Education” from any other Ministry or Department of Govt. of India or State Government.

iv. The grantee organization agrees to make reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or OBC, as the case may be, in the posts or services under its control on the lines indicated by Govt. of India.

v. The accounts of grantee institution, shall be open for inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India under the provision of C&AG (DPC Act, 1971) and Internal Audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry or Department whenever it is called upon to do so.

vi. The grantee organization will spend the grants-in-aid exclusively in pursuance of the objectives envisaged in the scheme for the purpose it is being sanctioned.

vii. Grant-in-aid to the grantee organization is subject to the economy instructions issued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance or by the Competent Authority.

viii. The grantee organization has no utilization certificate as due for rendition under the rules.

ix. In the event of the grantee organization failing to comply with the conditions, it shall be liable to refund to the sanctioning authority the whole of the amount of the grant with interest at 10% per annum thereon.

x. The grantee organization will maintain a separate account of the Government grant as per guidelines of the scheme.

xi. The grantee organization has to forward an inspection-cum-commencement report in respect of the activities within the period of six months.

xii. The grantee will maintain and present its annual accounts in the standard format as required under GFR and will maintain subsidiary accounts of the Govt. grant.

xiii. The remaining sanctioned amount will be released based on the progress of work and submission of utilization certificate (in GFR form) of the grant sanctioned by the Ministry.

xiv. The grantee organization will start work as per the research project submitted to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and directions issued thereon by the Ministry. The work should be started within 15 days of the receipt of the actual amount of the first installment. The grantee will submit the quarterly progress report of the project after starting of the project. The organization shall make a presentation to the Ministry on the findings and recommendations, before submission of final report, if any.

xv. The views expressed in the report will be the responsibility of the grantee and the Ministry will bear no responsibility in this regard.

xvi. The executive summary and recommendations should be put up on the organization's website after six months of submission of final report to the Ministry.

xvii. No fixed assets are allowed. The organization will submit to the Ministry a statement showing the equipment/fixed assets purchased out of the grant-in-aid with its price. Equipment/fixed assets purchased out of the grant-in-aid shall be the property of the Ministry which shall decide about its disposal and/or acquisition on the completion of the project.
4. Utilization Certificate of the grant received for the purpose, for which it has been sanctioned, is to be furnished by BAIF Development Research Foundation, Pune (CoE) immediately after closure of the current financial year along with progress report.

5. The Agency will adopt Expenditure Advance Transfer (EAT) module and submit utilization Certificate through EAT module.

6. The expenditure involved will be met from within the sanctioned Budget amount of Ministry of Tribal Affairs under Major Head 2225 – Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other Backward Classes and Minorities, Sub Major Head – 02 – Welfare to Scheduled Tribes, 796 – Tribal Area Sub plan (Minor Head) 21 – Umbrella programme for Development of Scheduled Tribes: Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana 04 Tribal festival, Research information and Mass Education 21.04.31 – Grant-in-aid General under Demand No. 98 of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the year 2019-20.

7. The Drawing and Disbursing officer of this Ministry is authorized to draw an amount of ₹12.00 Lakh (Rupees Twelve Lakh only) to BAIF Development Research Foundation, Pune for COE Activities, Account No.: 053310110000811, IFSC No.: BKID000533, MICR Code: 411013033 to Bank of India, Branch Name – Warje Malwadi, S. N. 139 opp. National Highway No. 4, Pune, Maharashtra.

8. The sanction is issued in exercise of delegated power in consultation with the integrated Finance Division, Ministry of Tribal affairs vide their FTS Dy. No. 15472/JS&FA/2019 dated 06.11.2019.

9. Certified that this sanction has been noted at S. No. 37 in the register of grant for the year 2019-20.

Yours faithfully,

(Nadeem Ahmad)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to,

1. Director of Audit, Central Revenues, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi – 110002.
2. Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Expenditure) PF-I Section, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. Mr. Girish G. Sohani, President and Managing Trustee, BAIF Development Research Foundation BAIF Bhawan, Warje, Pune – 411068.
4. Director, Administrative Services, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), Darbarni Seth Block, IHC Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003
5. DDO, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. IFD / Sanction Register.
7. Internal Audit wing, Principal Account Office, New Delhi
8. NIC: - with a request to upload the Sanction letter on the Ministry’s Website.

(Nadeem Ahmad)

Under Secretary to the Government of India
The proposal of TRI Division is regarding release of grant-in-aid to BAIF Development Research Foundation, Pune (CoE) under the Scheme “Financial Assistance for support to Centres of Excellence” for 2019-20. The proposal was earlier examined vide note#8 wherein it was noted that calculation of 40% amount proposed by PD for release as first instalment was erroneous. Therefore, file was returned for necessary rectification. Accordingly, PD has now re-submitted with corrected amount.

2. PD has referred to the CoE meeting held on 07.08.2019 (ref. minutes at p-12-24/C) wherein total amount of Rs.30 lakh was approved in respect of BAIF Development Research Foundation, Pune (CoE) for activities during 2019-20 as detailed at para-2 of note#13.
3. Further, it has been submitted that no funds were released to BAIF during the last four years & no UC is due for rendition. Vide para-5 of note#13, PD has proposed for release of Rs. 12 Lakh i.e. 40% of total approved amount for release as first instalment. The stated expenditure is proposed to incurred from Grants-in-Aid General head of the scheme of Tribal Festivals, Research Information & Mass Education (2019-20).

4. In view of the above, we may concur in for release of Rs. 12 Lakh to BAIF Development Research Foundation, Pune (CoE) under the Scheme “Financial Assistance for support to Centres of Excellence” for 2019-20 subject to usual terms & conditions of the scheme/GFRs.

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DIXIT PAPANAI
(ASSISTANT SO)

Note No. #19

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Veer Vikram
(SECTION OFFICER)

Note No. #20
For concurrence, please.

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Jeewan Kumar
(UNDER SECRETARY)

Note No. #21
As proposed.

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YATINDER PRASAD
(JS&FA)