

F. No. 15025/07/2020-TRI
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(TRI Division)

Jeevan Tara Building, New Delhi- 110 001
Dated: 04.08.2021

To,

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

Subject: Sanction and release of grants of ₹16,53,689/- (2nd instalment) to Sri Sri Institute of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Trust (Agriculture Trust of Art of Living International Foundation), Bangalore for the project **“Organic Farming in Tribal Villages (Making Tribal farmers Aatmanirbhar through Natural Farming)”** during the year 2021-22.

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry sanction order of even no dated 15.09.2020, I am directed to convey the sanction of President of India and to release grants-in-aid of **₹16,53,689/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine Only)** as 2nd instalment to **Sri Sri Institute of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Trust (Agriculture Trust of Art of Living International Foundation), Bangalore** for the project **“Organic Farming in Tribal Villages (Making Tribal farmers Aatmanirbhar through Natural Farming)”** during the financial year 2021-22, under the scheme “Tribal Festival, Research Information and Mass Education”, against their proposal which was approved by the Committee of COE in its meeting dated 07.08.2020 as under;

Activities	Amount Sought (Rs. in Lakh)	Decision/Discussion
Project : Organic Farming in Tribal Villages (Making Tribal farmers Aatmanirbhar through Natural Farming): SSIAST will nurture life of lands and add value to the Tribal farming communities by imparting alternative/ Holistic agricultural systems. SSAIAST aims to impart the knowledge and train the farmer clusters in the Natural Farming. Scope of Work : A. To adopt 10 villages and create sustainable chemical free farming based on Desi cow inputs. B. Sri Sri Natural Farming Training	₹150.00 (for three years) Year 1: Rs. 50.00 Lakhs Year 2: Rs.50.00 Lakhs Year 3: Rs. 50.00 Lakhs	1. The Committee agreed to recognize Sri Sri Institute of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Trust (Agriculture Trust of Art of Living International Foundation) as Centre of Excellence (CoE) of MoTA. 2. The Committee agreed to sanction the project as action research project. 3. Approved an amount of ₹150.00 Lakh in principle for the project. An amount of ₹50.00 lakh to be released during 2020- 21 based on progress of work. 4. Amount sought for subsequent years will be decided

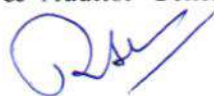
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<p>Programme for the farmers for training 10,000tribal farmers over a period of 36 months.</p> <p>C. The objective is to train and motivate the farmers to adopt natural farming using Go-Aadharith and organic / bio fertilisers and pesticides/ NPM with equivalent or better productivity in terms of quantity, quality and financial returns.</p> <p>D. To promote commercial production under Natural/Organic concept.</p> <p>E. To increase certified organic area through NPOP for export and through PGS for domestic needs.</p> <p>Location : Kannad, Vaijapur, Sillod and Soygaon tehsils of Aurangabad district .</p> <p>Beneficiary Tribal Communities : Bhil, Pardhi, Laman, Vadar, Kaikadi, Pardhan, Andh, Vaiduand, others</p> <p>Duration : 3 Years</p> <p>Documentation : Audio-Video , Papaer Format</p>		<p>after review of performance of 1st year.</p> <p>5. The Committee asked the organisation to contribute own funds or obtain CSR funds for other components of project and optimize the outcome.</p> <p>6. The research output should be well documented including audio visual report and shared with MoTA along with progress report.</p>

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:-

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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



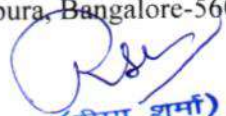
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- provision of C&AG (DPC Act, 1971) and Internal Audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry or Department whenever it is called upon to do so.
- vi. The grantee organization will spend the grants-in-aid exclusively in pursuance of the objectives 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 instalment. 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 Sri Sri Institute of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Trust (Agriculture Trust of Art of Living International Foundation), Bangalore immediately after closure of the current financial year along with progress report.

5. 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. 99 of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the year 2021-22.

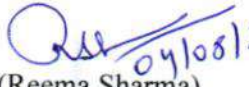
6. The Drawing and Disbursing officer of this Ministry is authorized to draw an amount of **₹16,53,689/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine Only)** to Sri Sri Institute of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Trust, Bangalore for COE Activities, Account No.- 39398425342, IFSC No- SBIN0040871 to State Bank of India, Branch Name – 21st K.M., The Art of Living dayapura, Bangalore-560082.


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7. 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. 17173/JS&FA/2021 dated 27.07.2021.

8. Certified that this sanction has been noted at S. No. -05 in the register of grant for the year 2021-22.

Yours faithfully,


(Reema Sharma)


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2. Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Expenditure) PF-I Section, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. Dr. Prabhakar Rao, Trustee, Sri Sri Institute of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Trust, Bangalore
4. DDO, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. IFD / Sanction Register.
6. Internal Audit wing, Principal Account Office, New Delhi
7. NIC: - with a request to upload the Sanction letter on the Ministry's Website.


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