

F. No. 15025/06/2021-TRI
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(TRI Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi- 110 001
Dated: 07.03.2022

To,

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

Subject: Sanction of grant-in-aid of and release of ₹21,32,000/- to Biju Patnaik Tribal Agrobiodiversity Centre, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) for the project “Socio-economic upliftment of tribal communities of Koraput through quality seed production of indigenous varieties of paddy and millets” during the current financial year 2021-22.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of President of India and to release an advance of ₹21,32,000/- (**Rupees TwentyOne LakhThirty Two Thousand Only**) as 1st instalment to Biju Patnaik Tribal Agrobiodiversity Centre, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) for the project **“Socio-economic upliftment of tribal communities of Koraput through quality seed production of indigenous varieties of paddy and millets”** during the current financial year 2021-22, under the scheme **“Tribal Festival, Research Information and Mass Education”**, against their proposal which was approved by the Selection Committee in its meeting dated 15.09.2021 as under;

Activities	Amount Sought	Decision/ Discussion
<p>Socio-economic upliftment of tribal communities of Koraput through quality seed production of indigenous varieties of paddy and millets.</p> <p>i. To make available quality seeds of prominent indigenous varieties of rice and finger millet to cater to the annual requirement of around 5000 farm HHs.</p> <p>ii. Exploration and conservation of indigenous varieties of rice and millets through community conservation system to create scope for choice of varieties in future.</p> <p>iii. To promote sustainable agriculture practices, enhanced productivity and income of tribal farming communities</p> <p>iv. To develop community-based entrepreneurship/ institutions for</p>	<p>The requested support from the MOTA is Rs. 53.31 lakhs.</p>	<p>(i) The committee approved the Action research project with MoTA support of Rs. 53.31 lakhs.</p> <p>(ii) The project should be self sustainable beyond the period of project, and should be replicated by other villages through dissemination of information by the organisation in association with the State Agriculture Departments.</p> <p>(iii) The organisation will work in coordination with State Agriculture Department and State seed corporation.</p> <p>(iv) All necessary permissions will be obtained from relevant</p>


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<p>promotion, popularization and commercialization of farmer's seeds through self-certification and branding, at the end of three years</p> <p>v. 10 tribal WSHGs will be involved for production of 300-350 quintal of paddy and 200- 250 quintal of finger millet seeds of indigenous varieties and earn higher income</p> <p>vi. 40 Rural Youth Technology Incubators shall be trained on seed production technology, processing and marketing to be master trainers involved in providing handholding support to other farmers and earn additional income</p> <p>vii. There will be direct benefit to 500 tribal families engaged in cultivation of the indigenous paddy and finger millet varieties for seed production</p> <p>viii. Around 5000 farm families will get access to quality seeds of paddy and finger millet and experience higher yields.</p> <p>ix. Conservation, cultivation, consumption and commercialisation of at least 5 promising rice and 5 finger millet landraces on large scale and their popularisation.</p> <p>x. Development of a scalable business model: A scalable business model will be established for production and marketing of seeds of identified local landraces of paddy and millet that will be self-sustaining beyond the project period.</p> <p>Duration: Twelve months</p>		<p>authorities.</p> <p>(v) At the end of the project period, a report would be submitted by the organisation showing the outcome of the project which can be replicated in other areas showing best practices with a 10-minute video documentation.</p> <p>(vi) Database developed and research work done will be submitted to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, and will not be used by the organisation for any other purpose without permission of Government. In case there is any feasibility of patenting, the organisation will inform the State Agriculture Department.</p> <p>(vii) The progress will be updated on TRI Portal</p>
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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.


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- 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 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.



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4. Utilization Certificate of the grant received for the purpose, for which it has been sanctioned, is to be furnished by Biju Patnaik Tribal Agrobiodiversity Centre, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) immediately after closure of the current financial year along with progress report.

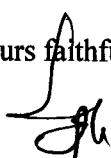
5. The expenditure involved will be met from within the sanctioned Budget amount of Ministry of Tribal Affairs under Major Head 2225 – Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other Backward Classes and Minorities, Sub Major Head – 02 – Welfare to Scheduled Tribes, 796 – Tribal Area Sub plan (Minor 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 **₹21,32,000/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Only)** to Biju Patnaik Tribal Agrobiodiversity Centre, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) for approvedactivities, Account No.- 10496978875, IFSC No-SBIN0006463to State Bank of India, Branch Name – A.U.College Campus, Sardar Patel Road, Guindy, Chennai-25

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. 21678/JS&FA/2022 dated 16.02.2022.

8. Certified that this sanction has been noted at S. No. २६ in the register of grant for the year 2021-22.

Yours faithfully,


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4. The Executive Director, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, 3rdCross Street, Taramani Institutional Area, Chennai - 600113
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.


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