F. No. 11031/21/2020-TRI (E.No.17740)
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(TRI & Media Division)
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi- 110 001
Dated: 6th March, 2024

To,

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

Subject :- Release Grant-in-aid-General (Charged) under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)" to Tamil Nadu for the year 2023-24.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to release an amount of **₹25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Only)** as 1st instalment (Grant-in-aid - General (Charged)) under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Support to TRIs" to the Government of Tamil Nadu for the year 2023-24 to carry out the activities approved by APEX committee of the Ministry in its meetings held on 06.09.2023 and 06.11.2023. The details of the activities are as under:

2.1.1. Committed Liabilities:

Amount (₹) in lakh

Sl. No.	Activities	Year of first approval	MoTA's support	Amount already released	Amount to be released during 2023-24	Remarks
1.	Regular TRI Activities	2018-19	411.55	294.10	Nil	**Not Approved**
2.	Regular TRI Activities	2021-22	157.00	18.19	Nil	**Not Approved**
3.	Regular TRI Activities	2022-23	324.00	Nil	Nil	**Not Approved**

It was noted that the TRI/State Government has not sought any funds for the projects/activities that had been approved in the previous years, though there are committed liabilities under the scheme with reference to the State. The Apex Committee decided that the TRI and the State Government may examine the requirement of funds for these activities and make a proposal for the same for consideration of the Apex Committee.

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2.1.2. New Project Proposals (FY 2023-24):

Amount (₹) in lakh

Sl. No.	Activity	Amount Sought	Amount Approved	Remarks/ Discussion/ Decision
A.	**RESEARCH OR EVALUATION PROJECTS**			
(i)	Socio –Economic condition and Health Status of Tribes at Anamalai Hills, Valparai, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu **Duration: 6 Months**	36.00	0.00	**Not approved** The TRI was advised to undertake an outcome-oriented project, which would benefit the tribal population of these areas, through which the aims of this study may also be achieved.
(ii)	The impact of welfare schemes on the current socioeconomic, educational, and health status of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in Tamil Nadu **Duration: 6 Months**	20.00	0.00	**Not approved** The TRI was advised to undertake an outcome-oriented project, which would benefit the tribal population of these areas, through which the aims of this study may also be achieved.
(iii)	Nilgiri Tribes Cultural Revival and Sustainable Development Project **Duration: 6 Months**	30.00	30.00	**Approved** The TRI was asked to ensure that the proposed activity would lead to economic or educational development of those tribes, adding to their livelihood options.. The outcomes of the project may be well-delineated and the tribal population may be the focus of development.
(iv)	Improvising Hemoglobinopathies & Pathological Services in The State of Tamil Nadu As a Pilot Project			**Not approved.** The area where the project will be implemented is not clear. Also, the number of tribal beneficiaries and the objectives of the project are not clear. In addition, the extent of involvement of the Health Department of the State and of other experts is also not known. The TRI, by and of itself, would not have the capacity to take up such specialized projects. The TRI was therefore advised to undertake activities oriented towards awareness generation regarding Sickle Cell Disease and the Mission to eliminate the same, as well as on
	a. Automated Patient/Donor Blood Grouping (ABO + Rh), Antibody Screening	150.00	0.00	
	b. Manual Blood Grouping Confirmation via ABDPAD by M Trap Technology designed for blood grouping and Rhesus RH D confirmation. ABD PAD@ is a 'CE' mark	90.00	0.00	

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	c. HEALTH ATM (Anytime Heath Monitoring Point of Care System)	68.00	0.00	other matters, such as health camps in PVTG habitation or in areas with predominant tribal population in collaboration with the Health Department of the State Government.
	d. Reagents required for health Check-up including all major tests	30.00	0.00	
	e. Skilled manpower to Operate health ATM and testing	19.20	0.00	
	Sub Total (A)	**443.20**	**30.00**	
B	**SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS**			
(i)	National Seminar on Tribal Development in Tamil Nadu: Addressing Issues and Challenges	20.00	0.00	**Not approved.** A less generic and more specific seminar may be organized which would lead to action-oriented recommendations.
(ii)	Workshop on Livelihood opportunities (PVTGs in Tamil Nadu) for 6 days **Duration: 6 Days**	30.00	30.00	**Approved** It may be ensured that follow up action with the participants is undertake to ensure that the workshop produces results in livelihood opportunities of the PVTGs on a long term basis. The workshop may be undertaken during the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebrations during 15th to 26th November, 2023.
(iii)	Higher Education Awareness Training for EMRS Teachers in Tamil Nadu: Preparing Tribal Students for NEET, JEE, and Beyond (3 days) **Duration: 3 Days**	15.00	15.00	**Approved.** The training may be undertaken during the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebrations during 15th to 26th November, 2023.
	Sub Total (B)	**65.00**	**45.00**	
C.	**TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING**			
(i)	Training Program on Snake Venom Extraction for Irula Tribal Youth **Duration: 2 Days**	10.00	10.00	**Approved**, subject to the condition that this activity is planned and executed by the Health Department along with wildlife and other experts in the domain.

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(ii)	Career Guidance for GTR and EMRS Schools in Tamil Nadu (3 Days) **Duration: 3 Days**	15.00	15.00	**Approved.** The career counselling should be done professionally, so as to enable the students to choose their course of higher studies in a manner as to reflect their attitudes, aptitudes and skills.
(iii)	Capacity Building Training Program for District Superintendents of Police Engaged in ST Certificate Verification Cell	12.00	12.00	**Approved.**
	Sub Total (C)	**37.00**	**37.00**	
D.	**MUSEUM MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES**			
(i)	LED Screen In building Entrance wall of Museum	25.00	25.00	**Approved** as CCA expenditure. The unit cost appears to be high; it is therefore required that technical specifications should be got approved from the competent authority and price should be discovered through transparent process.
(ii)	Construction of Seminar Hall with Equipment's	85.00	85.00	**Approved** as CCA expenditure. Technical specifications should be got approved by the competent authority and transparent process of procurement should be followed.
(iii)	Virtual Museum	90.00	90.00	**Approved.** The process of procurement should be as per the GFR and transparent. Technical specifications should be got approved by the competent authority.
(iv)	Construction of New Toilet in museum (2 nos)	10.00	10.00	**Approved.**
(v)	Live Demonstration of 6 PVTGs Statues	60.00	0.00	**Not approved;** details to be furnished.
	Sub Total (D)	**270.00**	**210.00**	

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E.	**TRIBAL CRAFT MELA**			
i)	National level Seminar & Tribal Craft Mela	55.00	55.00	**Approved.** The seminar should be on themes which would not be generic and academic in nature, but would lead to outcome, action-oriented recommendations. Both the seminar and the tribal craft mela may be held as part of the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebrations.
	Sub Total (E)	**55.00**	**55.00**	
F.	**TRIBAL EXCHANGE VISIT**			
(i)	Within the State (Tribal exposure visit) (No. of Groups 6 X Unit Cost Rs. 2.50 lakh)	15.00	15.00	**Approved**
(ii)	Outside the State (Tribal exposure visit) (No. of Groups 5 X Unit Cost Rs. 5.00 lakh)	25.00	25.00	**Approved**
	Sub Total (F)	**40.00**	**40.00**	
G.	**INFRASTRUCTURE/ CONSTRUCTION**			
(i)	Interior work in office	30.00	30.00	**Approved.** The maintenance of the infrastructure will be undertaken by the TRI/State Government and will not be funded by the GoI.
(ii)	Solar system at TRI Guest House and Canteen	24.00	24.00	**Approved.** Technical and administrative approvals should be obtained from the competent authorities. The maintenance of the infrastructure will be undertaken by the TRI/State Government and will not be funded by the GoI.
	Sub Total (G)	**54.00**	**54.00**	
	GRAND TOTAL (A to G):	**964.20**	**471.00**	

2.1.3 Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas (JJGD) - 2023 Proposal:

Amount (₹) in lakh

SL. NO	ACTIVITY	Amounts sought	Approved Amount	Remarks
1	Inauguration function at Tribal Museum with EMRS students	0.20	0.20	**Approved.**

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2	NATIONAL SEMINAR on Sustainable Development of Tribal Community: Issues and Challenges	14.00	14.00	**Approved. It should have outcomes related to suggesting solutions for better livelihood opportunities to tribal families.**
3	Sports Meet for EMRS & GTR School Students	24.00	24.00	**Approved.** This event may be aligned to the extent feasible with IEC programmes.
4	Competition in storytelling, speech competition, essay writing	3.00	3.00	**Approved.** This event may be aligned to the extent possible with the IEC activities.
5	OTHER ACTIVITIES: Puppet Show (Awareness about Sickle cell Anemia)	2.00	3.00	**Approved.** This event will be more effectively received if aligned with IEC events in villages/districts with significant ST population.
6	Drama (About Tribal Welfare Schemes)	2.00	2.00	**Approved.** This event may be aligned with IEC events in villages to spread awareness.
7	Health Checkup	4.00	4.00	**Approved.** This event may be aligned with IEC activities to increase awareness about health matters.
8	Tree Plantation	0.20	0.20	**Approved.** This event may be aligned with IEC activities.
		49.40	49.40	

Amount(₹) in lakh

Summary	
Total amount approved for released during 2023-24	
Committed liabilities Regular TRI Activities 2018-19	Nil
Committed liabilities Regular TRI Activities 2021-22	Nil
Committed liabilities Regular TRI Activities 2022-23	Nil
New proposals approved by Apex Committee	471.00
New proposals approved by Apex Committee for JJGD for 2023-24	49.40
Total amount approved for FY 2023-24	**520.40**

Funds being released are as under:

Amount (₹) in Lakh

GIA-General		
A	Funds proposed under GIA – Gen against new proposals for 2023-24{193.88 + 233.97 + 6.761 = }	207.00
B	New Proposal for JJGD-2023	49.40
C	Total Funds approved under GIA-Gen (A + B)	256.40
D	(-) UC Due	33.23
E	Funds proposed under GIA-Gen (C - D)	223.17
GIA-Creation of Capital Assets		

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F	Funds proposed under GIA –CCA against new proposals for 2023-24	264.00
G	Total Funds approved under GIA-CCA	264.00
H	(-) UC Due	0.00
I	Funds proposed under GIA-CCA (G - H)	264.00
J	Total funds proposed (GIA-Gen + GIA-CCA) (E + I)	487.17
K	**Total funds being released as GIA-CCA**	**25.00**

2. You may please transfer the amount immediately to the Government of Tamil Nadu advise RBI, CAS, Nagpur for crediting the above mentioned amount to the accounts of the State Government of Tamil Nadu accordance with the procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance's OM No. 2(45)/ 76-Spl. dated 30.8.1976 as modified by OM of even number dated 16.9.1976 under intimation to TRI Division of the Ministry.

3. The grant should be utilized for the purpose for which it has been sanctioned and should not be diverted for any other activities.

4. As per Rule 236(1) of GFR-2017, the accounts of the Organizations shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG (DPC) Act 1971 and Internal audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry or Department, whenever the Institution or Organization is called upon to do so.

5. The expenditure is debitable to the Major Head - 3601 Grants in aid to State Governments, 06- Centrally Sponsored Scheme (Sub Major Head), 796- Tribal Area Sub Plan (Minor Head), 85 – Programme for Development of Scheduled Tribes (PM Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojna), 03- Support to Tribal Research Institutes, 85.03.31 – Grant-in-aid – General (Charged) Under Demand No. 100 of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the year 2023-24.

6. Fund being released vide this sanction shall be immediately released in favour of TRI, Tamil Nadu.

7. The sanction is issued in concurrence with the Integrated Finance Division, Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide their FTS No. 17740/JS&FA/2024 dated. 01.03.2024.

8. Certified that this sanction order has been noted at S. No.- 19 in the register of grant for the year 2023-24.

Yours faithfully,

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3. Principal Secretary, Adi Dravida & Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
4. Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
5. Secretary, Planning Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai
6. Accountant General, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
7. DDO/IFD / Sanction Register.
8. NIC: - with a request to upload the Sanction letter on the Ministry's Website.

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