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Ministry of Tribal Affairs

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To,

1. Chief Secretary to State Govt. / UT Administration (All States / UTs)
2. Principal Secretary / Secretary (in charge of) Tribal Development (All States)
3. Director, Tribal Research Institute (TRI) (All States / UTs)

Sub: Operational Guidelines for The scheme "Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRI), 2017"

Sir,

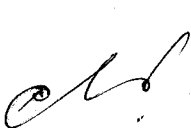
In supersession of existing guidelines of May, 2014, following guidelines are hereby laid down for use of funds under Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRI) during current fiscal 2017-18 and afterwards.

1. Introduction:

1.1 The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India has taken a decision to continue the scheme "Support to TRIs" with revised financial norms and identified interventions. Scheduled Tribe people comprise about 8.6% of the population (census, 2011) of the country and the policy adopted in independent India reaffirms the commitment of the state to preserve and protect the distinctiveness of their culture, habit and language. However, in spite of political, social and economic commitments, the development gaps exist between tribal and non-tribal people. Preservation of the uniqueness of the tribal culture becomes all the more important given the fast changing economic pattern and life style coupled with technological advancements across the country. There is lack of awareness about the various development programmes available to the ST population. Identifying challenges in the field of Socio-economic development of tribal is critical while formulating various developmental programmes for the tribals. It is equally needed for knowledge advocacy, which in return, would help formulate evidence based policy and planning.

1.2 It is envisaged that TRIs should focus on their core responsibilities as body of knowledge & research more or less as a think tank for tribal development, preservation of tribal cultural heritage, providing inputs to States for evidence based planning and appropriate legislations, capacity building of tribals and persons / institutions associated with tribal affairs, dissemination of information and creation of awareness. Efforts may be made to avoid involving TRIs in the activities like verification of Caste Certificates etc.

1.3 The basic objective of the scheme is to strengthen the Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) in their infrastructural needs, Research & documentation activities and Training & Capacity Building programmes etc.



2. Coverage of the Scheme:

At present, TRIs function in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur and Tripura. New TRIs will be set up in the States where no TRI exists.

3. Institutional Mechanism:

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), Government of India shall be the nodal Ministry for operationalizing the scheme. The scheme shall be a Central Sector Scheme with 100% funding by the Central Government to the TRIs directly or through State Government. A National Level Institute under MoTA could probably be set up to coordinate the activities of TRIs across the country, and to undertake National Level Activities.

4. Activities to be undertaken under the scheme:

4.1 Building Infrastructure

- (a) State-of-the-Art building for TRIs/ National TRIs
- (b) Repairs /Augmentation / Upgradation of existing TRI Building excluding routine maintenance like house-keeping, day to day maintenance, utility bills etc.
- (c) Support for setting up of Tribal Museum / Memorials including virtual museums.
- (d) Support for setting up of libraries including Digital Repositories.
- (e) Conference Hall, Training / Resource Centers, training hostels in TRI building.
- (f) Setting up of tribal food cafe, Artisans Corner, Exhibition-cum- Sale outlets of tribal art & artifacts, souvenirs, etc. in TRI/Museum campus, or at other places in the State.

4.2 Research & Documentation (including Audio/ Video/ Virtual Reality (VR)/ Augmented Reality (AR) & new technologies):

- (a) Tribal welfare measure
- (b) Success stories.
- (c) Tribal Profile.
- (d) Tribal language, culture, traditions, customs, art & artefacts, traditional medicinal practices, tribal myth & stories, tribal cuisines and other special characteristics and
- (e) Monitoring and evaluation of various government interventions.
- (f) Development and printing of primers in local tribal languages.
- (g) Any other aspects relating to tribal art, tradition and culture



4.3 Training and Capacity building:

- (a) Laws/constitutional provisions in respect of Scheduled areas / tribal rights. (including FRA, PESA, Prevention of Atrocity Act, L&RR, Land Acquisition etc.)
- (b) Capacity building of functionaries and tribal representatives on socio-economic programs.
- (c) Capacity building of Artisans- Art & craft, Metal craft, painting, dance/drama, textiles, handicrafts as well as value addition to art, craft and designs etc. This can include kits and tools etc.
- (d) Conducting of Seminars, Conferences, Workshops on various tribal related issues.
- (e) Think tank related activities.

4.4 Many tribal festivals/ yatras etc. are celebrated in States which can be publicized at National Level to attract more tourists, TRIs may propose such festivals/ yatras etc. for supplementary support under the scheme.

4.5 Organizing "exchange of visits by tribals": TRI shall arrange visit to other parts of the State/Country. The visiting groups may comprise of people for various tribes, have adequate representation from women and officials. The objectives should include to get a wider perspective of culture and traditions, to learn about socio- economic development/ best practices of other areas and to see how TRIs can be managed more efficiently and to see how socio-economic development can happen without losing core culture etc.

4.6 Innovative projects /initiatives / activities which can help the tribals or tribal majority area.

5. Manpower Requirement:

A dedicated core staff structure with an independent Director is essential in order for smooth management of the institutions and the same will be taken care of by the State Government. The salary of the entire staff will be borne by the State Government / UT.

6. Funding:

6.1 There is no uniformity of requirements among TRIs. Some of the TRIs have their own building, some others are running in rented building. Similarly, some TRIs have libraries, museums etc. on the other hand some others do not have. It is thus not feasible to lay down a strict criteria for allocation of funds to States. Funding under this Scheme would, however, be 100% grant-in-aid by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to the TRIs on need basis with the approval of APEX Committee. TRIs would be responsible to prepare proposal and detailed action plan for the year alongwith budgetary requirement and submit it to the Ministry through State Tribal Welfare Department.



6.2 The proposals shall be accompanied by utilization certificates as per provisions of GFR.

6.3 Item-wise proposed budgetary expenditure shall be clearly spelt out.

7. Monitoring:

7.1 Each TRI shall have its own web portal. All documentation to be put there as well as MoTA repository.

7.2 The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India will carry out concurrent monitoring through physical and financial reports and visits by officers of the Ministry to review the scheme.

7.3 The scheme will be evaluated by MoTA before the end of 2019-20 period.

7.4 An Apex Level Committee will approve the Annual plan submitted by TRIs through State Government and shall monitor implementation of the same.

7.5 The activities approved by the APEX Committee will be reviewed on quarterly basis and an appropriate mechanism shall be devised.

7.6 The Composition of the APEX Committee will be as follows:

1.	Secretary(TA)	Chairperson
2.	Joint Secretary, MoTA concerned TRIs	Member
3.	Joint Secretary, In-charge of Scheduled Tribe Component.	Member
4.	Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoTA	Member
5.	Joint Secretary, M/o Culture.	Member
6.	Joint Secretary, M/o Tourism	Member
7.	Joint Secretary, M/o Skill Development	Member
8.	Advisor, NITI Aayog	Member
9.	Principal Secretary / Secretary / Commissioner (in charge of) Tribal Development,	
10.	Director, State TRI	Member
11.	Director / Deputy Secretary / Under Secretary (TRI), MoTA	Member Secretary

8. This guidelines shall come into effect immediately.


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