

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NATIONAL APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (NAC) UNDER THE SCHEME OF "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TAGORE CULTURAL COMPLEXES(TCC)" HELD UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF SECRETARY (CULTURE) ON 6th JUNE, 2022 AT 05:15 PM AT CONFERENCE HALL, CENTRAL SECRETARIAT LIBRARY, G-WING, SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI.

A meeting of the National Appraisal Committee (NAC) was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Culture) on 6th June, 2022 at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. The list of participants is annexed.

2. At the outset Chairperson welcomed the participants of the meeting and Joint Secretary (Performing Arts) & Member Secretary, NAC briefly explained the salient features of the Scheme to all the participants. It was also apprised to the members of NAC that the Scheme which was earlier a component of the 'Scheme of Financial Assistance for Creation of Cultural Infrastructure' has now been designated as an independent Scheme in the name of 'Scheme of Financial Assistance for Construction of Tagore Cultural Complexes (TCC)' in the meeting of Expenditure Finance Committee held on 20.01.2022.

3. The NAC thereafter deliberated upon the Agenda Items and took the following decisions:

1. Item No. 1: Confirmation of minutes of the NAC meeting held on 28.02.2020.

The Minutes of the earlier meeting of NAC held on 28th February, 2020 were confirmed.

2. Item No. 2: Project evaluated by the Sub-Committee and due for final recommendations of the NAC

The NAC deliberated on the twelve project proposals submitted for financial assistance under the scheme which have been already evaluated by the concerned Sub-committees. Based on the documents/DPR submitted by the applicants and keeping in view the evaluation report submitted by Sub-committees along with the current status of the projects already sanctioned / assistance released for the concerned State, the NAC recommended the following:

Sl. No.	Project Title, Authority	Brief of the Project	Recommendations of the NAC
ARUNACHAL PRADESH			
Projects earlier sanctioned by the Ministry in the state Arunachal Pradesh: The NAC took note of the status of earlier projects sanctioned under the scheme to the state of Arunachal Pradesh i.e. Construction of New Tagore Cultural Complex at Raga, Arunachal Pradesh and at Nago Puttu, Dree Ground, Ziro Division, Lower Subhansiri Dist., Arunachal Pradesh and directed evaluation of both the projects by concerned Zonal Culture Centre of the Ministry to find out if they are proceeding satisfactorily.			
1.	Construction of Tagore Cultural Complex at Leduwa Moring, Upper Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh. Forwarded by: Department of Cultural Affairs, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh	Total Project cost : ₹1500 lakhs Assistance Sought: ₹1350 lakhs Matching share: ₹150 lakhs.	The NAC evaluated the project proposal based on the documents submitted by the applicant organization. NAC observed that Ministry of Culture has in 2020 already approved the project under Tagore Cultural Complex



	<p><u>Project Authority:</u> Executive Engineer, Daporijo Division, PWD, Arunachal Pradesh</p>	<p><u>Project Components:</u> Auditorium, Stage, Open Air Theater, Hall, Dance class, gents and ladies toilet, lounge, lobby, reception etc.</p>	<p>Scheme in Ziro Division, Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh which is presently under construction. Therefore, it will not be feasible to approve another project in Subansiri Region at this stage.</p>
2.	<p>Construction of Tagore Cultural Complex at DeraNatung Govt. College, Itanagar, Papumpare Arunachal Pradesh</p> <p><u>Forwarded by:</u> EE, PWD, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh</p> <p><u>Project Authority:</u> Executive Engineer, Capital Division-B, PWD, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh</p>	<p><u>Total Project cost :</u> ₹2451.83 lakhs</p> <p><u>Assistance Sought:</u> ₹2206.65 lakhs.</p> <p><u>Matching share:</u> ₹245.18 lakhs.</p> <p><u>Project Components:</u> Site Development, Auditorium, Open Air Theater, Parking etc.</p>	<p>The NAC evaluated the project proposal based on the documents submitted by the applicant organization and evaluation report submitted by Sub-committee. After discussing the project in detail, NAC did not approve the project for financial assistance under the scheme.</p>
3.	<p>Construction of Tagore Cultural Complex at Lemmi, PakkeKessang District, Arunachal Pradesh</p> <p><u>Forwarded by:</u> Department of Cultural Affairs, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh</p> <p><u>Project Authority:</u> Executive Engineer, PakkeKessang Division, PWD, Arunachal Pradesh</p>	<p><u>Total Project cost:</u> ₹1498.00 lakhs</p> <p><u>Assistance Sought:</u> ₹1348.20 lakhs</p> <p><u>Matching share:</u> ₹149.80 lakhs</p> <p><u>Project Components:</u> Conference/ Seminar/ Rehearsal hall, Stage, Hall, Exhibition hall, lounge, dormitory (ladies and gents), library / reading room, training centre, dance hall etc.</p>	<p>The NAC evaluated the project proposal based on the documents submitted by the applicant and evaluation report submitted by the Sub-committee and provisionally approved the project with Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 1348.20 lakh out of the total project cost of Rs. 1498.00 lakh. However, the approval is subject to the following:</p> <p>North East Zonal Cultural Centre (NEZCC) of Ministry of Culture will carry out physical inspection of the project sanctioned earlier in the state of Arunachal Pradesh namely "Construction of New Tagore Cultural Complex at Raga, Arunachal Pradesh" (which has now become time-barred) to assess the progress of the project. In case the project has not been completed, the amount of Rs. 315.00 lakh released as 1st instalment along with applicable penal interest from the date of release of 1st instalment will be required to be refunded by the project authority or to be adjusted against the amount of Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 1348.20 lakh sanctioned for</p>

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			the instant project at Lemmi, Pakke Kessang District, Arunachal Pradesh.
HARYANA			
No project has been sanctioned earlier in the State of Haryana under the scheme.			
4.	<p>New Tagore Cultural Complex</p> <p>Forwarded by: Shri K. K. Jha, Chairman</p> <p>Project Authority: Mahabir Educational Welfare Society, Bullana, Ambala City, Haryana</p>	<p>Total Project cost : ₹27.00 crore</p> <p>Assistance Sought: ₹15.00 crore</p> <p>Matching share: ₹12.00 crore</p> <p>Project Components: Auditorium, stage, training centre, Exhibition Hall, Seminar hall, Workshop, conference room, library etc.</p>	<p>The NAC evaluated the project proposal based on the documents submitted by the applicant and evaluation report submitted by Sub-committee. Based on the evaluation / discussion and keeping in view the fact that the applicant organization does not have predominant cultural profile and is primarily working in the field of education, did not approve the project for financial assistance under the scheme. It was further suggested that the organization may apply to the Ministry of Education given its profile.</p>
MADHYA PRADESH			
<p>Projects earlier sanctioned by the Ministry in the state Madhya Pradesh: The NAC took note of the status of earlier projects sanctioned under the scheme to the state of Madhya Pradesh i.e. Renovation of Ravindra Bhawan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh; Construction of Ravindra Cultural Complex, Khandwa Madhya Pradesh and Tagore Culture Centre, Vidisha Madhya Pradesh. The NAC noted that the project at Bhopal has been completed and directed evaluation of projects at Khandwa and Vidisha by the concerned Zonal Culture Centre/other bodies of the Ministry/State PWD to find out if they are proceeding satisfactorily.</p>			
5.	<p>Tagore Cultural Complex at Sanchi University of Buddhist-Indic Studies</p> <p>Forwarded by: Department of Culture, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh</p> <p>Project Authority: Sanchi University of Buddhist Indic Studies, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh</p>	<p>Total Project cost : ₹49,94,69,218/-</p> <p>Assistance Sought: ₹ 29,96,81,531/-</p> <p>Matching share: ₹19,97,87,687/-</p> <p>Project Components: Auditorium Hall-1 (capacity 568 persons), Auditorium Hall-2 (capacity 207 persons), seminar hall (04), library, exhibition area, dining area, stage, green room, lobby and common toilet, cafeteria etc.</p>	<p>The NAC evaluated and discussed the project proposal based on the documents submitted by the applicant organization and evaluation report submitted by Sub-committee. It was noted that the total cost of the project was Rs. 49,94,69,218/- and the assistance being sought from the Ministry of Culture amounted to Rs. 29,96,81,531/-. As per the scheme guidelines, Financial assistance under the scheme for any project will normally be up to a maximum of Rs.15 crores. In extremely rare cases, of outstanding merit and relevance, the financial assistance can go up to Rs.50 crores, but then each such individual case of Central assistance beyond Rs.15 crores will be subjected to the</p>

usual appraisal/ approval mechanism prescribed for new Plan schemes. Keeping this in view, the NAC provisionally approved the project with Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 15.00 crore out of the total project cost of Rs. 49,94,69,218/-. The approval is subject to the following:

1. Keeping in view the fact that as per scheme guidelines, a project is required to be completed within a period of three years from the date of release of 1st installment by the Ministry, a physical inspection of the projects sanctioned earlier at Khandwa and Vidisha (which have now become time-barred) will be carried out by the South Central Zonal Culture Centre/IGRMS.
2. Further, the applicant organization is required to get the rates of construction mentioned in the project vetted by State PWD and submit the same to the Ministry. Thereafter, a consolidated view will be taken on the basis of receipt of reports as mentioned above.
3. The organization is also required to submit concrete proof of arrangement of matching share on their part.

MANIPUR

No project has been sanctioned earlier in the State of Manipur under the scheme.

6.	<p>Extension, Upgradation and Modernization of the existing Auditorium of the Kanglei Mime Theatre Repertory, Imphal, Manipur</p> <p>Forwarded by: Secretary, Kanglei Mime Theatre Repertory</p> <p>Project Authority: The Secretary, Kanglei Mime Theatre Repertory,</p>	<p>Total Project cost : ₹4,37,77,000/-</p> <p>Assistance Sought: ₹3,93,99,300/-</p> <p>Matching share: ₹10%</p> <p>Project Components: Theater, Compound Work, Gate, Parking etc.</p>	<p>The NAC after evaluation provisionally approved the project with Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 3,93,99,300/- out of the total project cost of Rs. 4,37,77,000/- subject to the following conditions:</p> <p>(i) The project application of Kanglei Mime Theatre Repertory should be forwarded by Secretary/</p>
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	MoirangkhomMakhaYumnamLeikai, Imphal, Manipur		Director, Department of Art & Culture, Govt. of Manipur with proper justification. (ii) On receipt of forwarded application, physical verification will be carried out by the concerned Zonal Cultural Centre, Ministry of Culture to establish the authenticity of application, land and other related documents for taking a final view in the matter.
7.	<p>Setting up of Tagore Cultural Complex at Yairipok, Top Chingtha, Imphal East, Manipur</p> <p>Forwarded by: Secretary, Integrated Rural Welfare Association</p> <p>Project Authority: Integrated Rural Welfare Association, Yairipok, P.O. Yairipok, District Thoubal, Manipur</p>	<p>Total Project cost : ₹15.00 crore</p> <p>Assistance Sought: ₹13.50 crore</p> <p>Matching share: ₹1.50 crore</p> <p>Project Components: Auditorium cum rehearsal hall, state, green room (female / male), conference and exhibition hall, training hall, dining, dormitory, reception etc.</p>	The NAC evaluated the project proposal based on the documents submitted by the applicant and evaluation report submitted by Sub-committee and based on the same did not approve the project for financial assistance under the scheme.

MEGHALAYA

No project has been sanctioned earlier in the State of Meghalaya under the scheme.

8.	<p>Construction of New Tagore Cultural Complex at Rilbong, Shillong, Meghalaya.</p> <p>Forwarded by: Department of Art & Culture, Govt. of Meghalaya</p> <p>Project Authority: Director Arts and Culture, Department of Meghalaya.</p>	<p>Total Project cost : ₹15,00,97,867/-</p> <p>Assistance Sought: ₹13,50,88,080/-</p> <p>Matching share: ₹1,50,09,786.70/-</p> <p>Project Components: Auditorium & conference block, Library & reading room, dormitory and service space, main entrance, ticket room etc.</p>	The NAC after evaluation provisionally approved the project with Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 13.50 crore out of the total project cost of Rs. 15,00,97,867/- subject to the condition that a physical verification will be carried out by the North Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Ministry of Culture to establish the authenticity of application, land and other related documents for taking a final view in the matter.
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MAHARASHTRA

Projects earlier sanctioned by the Ministry in the state Maharashtra: The NAC took note of the status of earlier project sanctioned under the scheme to the state of Maharashtra i.e. Construction of New Tagore Cultural Complex Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, Maharashtra (A central University). The NAC noted that an amount of Rs. 2.00 crore out of sanction amount of Rs. 8.97 crore has been released on 28.03.2016 and thereafter lack of communication/response from project authority on the letters / reminders

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issued by the Ministry and directed that a physical verification of the project be carried out by the concerned Zonal Culture Centre of the Ministry to find out the status of the project after more than six years from the date of release of part of 1st instalment.

9.	<p>Tagore Cultural Complex Building A & B</p> <p>Forwarded by: Swamy Srikantananda, Adhyaksha</p> <p>Project Authority: Ramakrishna Math, Pune, Maharashtra.</p>	<p>Total Project cost: ₹ 30.00 crore</p> <p>Assistance Sought: ₹ 20.00 crore</p> <p>Matching share: ₹ 10.00 crore</p> <p>Project Components: Auditorium, Art Gallery, Exhibition Hall, Library, Compute Room, various class room, music room, administrative block & residential block for students with parking facility etc.</p>	<p>The NAC after evaluation of the project report noted that the project is already under construction since 2016. NAC also noted that the Subcommittee has recommended certain changes to the project construction including downsizing of the project cost to Rs. 19.17 crore instead of Rs. 30.00 crore being projected by the applicant organization.</p> <p>Thereafter, the NAC provisionally approved the financial assistance of Rs. 11.50 crore (60% of Rs. 19.17 crore) project subject to the following:</p> <p>(i) A physical verification will be carried out by the concerned Zonal Cultural Centre, Ministry of Culture to establish the authenticity of application, land and other related documents.</p> <p>(ii) The applicant submits a concrete proof for arrangement of matching share.</p>
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MIZORAM

No project has been sanctioned earlier in the State of Mizoram under the scheme.

10.	<p>Construction of New Tagore Cultural Complex at Aizwal, Mizoram</p> <p>Forwarded by: Directorate of Art & Culture, Govt. of Mizoram</p> <p>Project Authority: R. Hmingthanzuala, Director, Department of Art & Culture, Govt. of Mizoram.</p>	<p>Total Project cost : ₹15.00 crore</p> <p>Assistance Sought: ₹13.50 crore</p> <p>Matching share: ₹1.50 crore</p> <p>Project Components: Auditorium (350 capacity), Back stage, Rehearsal room, music and clock room, DG set room, office and parking, conference room, exhibition room, recreation room, gents and ladies dormitory,</p>	<p>The NAC after evaluation provisionally approved the project with Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 13.50 crore out of the total project cost of Rs. 15.00 crore subject to the condition that a physical verification will be carried out by the concerned Zonal Cultural Centre, Ministry of Culture to establish the authenticity of application, land and other related documents for taking a final view in the matter.</p>
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		dining hall etc.	
11.	Construction of Tagore Cultural Complex at Old Darngawn, Khawzawl, Mizoram Forwarded by: Directorate of Art & Culture, Govt. of Mizoram Project Authority: R. Hmingthanzuala, Director, Department of Art & Culture, Govt. of Mizoram.	Total Project cost : ₹15.00 crore Assistance Sought: ₹13.50 crore Matching share: ₹1.50 crore Project Components: Stage, Auditorium, reception, greenroom, dormitory etc.	The NAC evaluated the project proposal based on the documents submitted by the applicant and evaluation report submitted by Sub-committee and based on the evaluation / discussion did not approve the project for financial assistance under the scheme.
12.	Construction of New Tagore Cultural Complex at Tlangsam, Champhai District, Mizoram. Forwarded by: Directorate of Art & Culture, Govt. of Mizoram Project Authority: R. Hmingthanzuala, Director, Department of Art & Culture, Govt. of Mizoram.	Total Project cost : ₹15.00 crore Assistance Sought: ₹13.50 crore Matching share: ₹1.50 crore Project Components: Multipurpose Hall, Auditorium, Open Air Theater, RCC Approach Road, Ramp / Walk Way etc.	The NAC evaluated and discussed the project proposal based on the documents submitted by the applicant and evaluation report submitted by Sub-committee and based on the evaluation / discussion did not approve the project for financial assistance under the scheme.

3. Item No. 3: Status of the projects recommended by the NAC in its last meeting held on 28.02.2020.

The NAC noted the present status of the case recommended in its last meeting held on 28.02.2022 and directed to follow-up with project authority for timely completion of the project.

Sl. No.	Project Title, Project Authority and brief of the Project.	Recommendations of the NAC meeting held on 28.02.2020	Present status
ARUNACHAL PRADESH			
(i)	Construction of New Tagore Cultural Complex at NagoPuttu, Dree Ground, Ziro Division, Lower Subhansiri Distt., Arunachal Pradesh. Project Authority: Executive Engineer, PWD, Ziro Division, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. Total Project cost: ₹12.00 crores. Assistance Sought: ₹10.80 crores. Matching share: ₹1.20 crores.	NAC after thorough evaluation/discussion with the Project Authority/Architect who made a presentation about the project and taking into account the recommendations of Sub-Committee has recommended the project with the total cost of the project as ₹12.00 crores and directed to release ₹5.40 crores as an amount of 1 st installment out of the total Central Share of ₹10.80 crores which is 90% of the total cost of the project i.e ₹12.00 crores. In addition, NAC has suggested following technical modifications to be mentioned invariably in the sanction letter to be implemented by the project authority within three months	1 st installment of Rs. 5.40 crore has been released on 18.03.2020. The technical modification recommended by NAC was included in the sanction order. The Ministry vide its letter dated 01.05.2020 has requested the project authority to submit the revised designs/drawings in compliance with the direction by NAC but no concrete response has been received from the project authority.

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<p>Project Components: Open Stage for performance, Cafeteria, viewing Gallery and Auditorium with Seating capacity of 350 seats along with Display area, Rehearsal Rooms, Green Rooms etc.</p>	<p>post which review will be done by the Ministry:-</p> <p>(i) Back of the stage design to be modified in order to provide more wing space which can be done by removing the walls of the stores on either side.</p> <p>(ii) The width of seating area could be reduced and one more row of seats at the back could be added in order to improve viewing/sight angle.</p> <p>(iii) Acoustics & stage machinery treatment to be kept in mind while designing with latest technology.</p> <p>(iv) The guidelines of National Building Code (NBC), 2016 has to be followed in the construction work.</p>	
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4. Item No. 4: Status of the ongoing Projects under TCC scheme for perusal and direction of NAC (Annexure-III of the Agenda).

Joint Secretary (Performing Arts) & Member Secretary, NAC explained the issues involved with the project recommended in earlier meetings of NAC. It was mentioned that 20 out of 23 projects recommended earlier by NAC have been time barred due to non-submission of requisite documents after release of 1st instalment and closure report after release of both the installments. It was further informed that the Ministry has issued various letters/reminders to the project authority but no concrete response has been received from them so far.

The NAC after evaluation/discussion of these cases, has opined the following:-

- (i) That a physical inspection of all the projects may be carried out by the concerned Zonal Cultural Centers to assess the status of 20 projects.
- (ii) Final decision will be taken after receipt of report from the agency carrying out physical inspection of the project.

5. Item No. 5: Incomplete proposals returned (in original) as per point no. 6.3 and 12.16 of the scheme guidelines.

The NAC noted the same.

6. Item No. 6: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Item No. 6.1: Project proposal for Construction of New Tagore Cultural Complex at Kakoi, Papumpare Distt., Arunachal Pradesh

The NAC was apprised by Member Secretary about registration of FIR by CBI in the case. The NAC noted the same.

Item No. 6.2: Matters related to the Sub-committee for evaluation of the proposals



Following matters were placed before NAC for discussion w.r.t. evaluation of the proposals by Sub-committees:

- Fixing of time-line for submission of evaluation report by the Sub-committee.
- Submission of the report by all members of the Sub-committee.
- Allowing payment of sitting fee for virtual meetings for evaluation of the proposals by Sub-committees.

The NAC discussed the matter in detail and recommended as follows:-

1. The Sub-committees will be required to submit their report within a period of one month from the date of receipt of application / DPR by the Sub-committee.
2. All three members of Sub-committee are required to submit their report. Only those projects will be placed before NAC where evaluation report has been received from all the three members of Sub-committee.
3. Non-official members of Sub-committee will be paid a sitting fee of Rs. 3500/- per project for both physical meeting as well as virtual evaluation of projects.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Amita Prasad Sarbhai)
Joint Secretary & Member Secretary, NAC
