

Minutes of the meeting of the Expert Committee held on 11th & 12th May, 2017 in National School of Drama, New Delhi under the Scheme of Building Grants, Including Studio Theatres.

A meeting of the Expert Committee under the Scheme of Building Grants including Studio Theatre was held under the Chairpersonship of Shri Pranav Khullar, Joint Secretary(P.Arts) during 11th & 12th May, 2017 at National School of Drama, New Delhi to consider proposals received from various organizations for financial assistance under the Scheme. The list of expert members present in the meeting is at Annexure.

2. At the outset Chairperson welcomed all the members of the Committee and briefed them about the salient features of various provisions of the Building Grant Scheme under which the proposals included in the Agenda were required to be examined by the Expert Committee members. The Chairman emphasized to examine the proposals scrupulously in terms of the guidelines of the Scheme.

3. The Expert Committee considered and examined each proposal individually before taking a decision and recommended the following 22 proposals for financial assistance under the Scheme:-

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	DELHI					
1.	Kalashram, D-II/33, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi- 110011	Building & Equipment Grant New Construction of work space.	Rs.2 75,00,000/-	Rs.50,00,000/-	Rs.50,00,000/-	The organization Kalashram is very well known, being run by the Mt. Birju Maharaj. They are doing a new construction of their work space in Gulmohar Park which is a very elaborate building and faculties, being very esthetically and rich building. The cost of the total work is approx. Rs.3.00 crores. The assistance sought is Rs.50.00 lacs. Going by the architect calculation, the minimum cost of the covered area represented and equipping that would cost approx. Rs.1.00 crore, thereby committee feels that sanctioned Rs. 50.00 lacs for the project is fully justifiable and is approved.

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2.	Sangeet Shyamala, A-12, (Opp. A-11/6) Vasant Vihar, New Delhi- 110057	Building & Equipment Grant Renovation/ upgradation of existing institute and purchase of equipment	Rs.78,19,800/-	Rs.50,00,000/-	Rs.25,00,000/-	Sangeet Shyamala is an existing institute and they have their own space in Vasant Vihar. They are upgrading and adding equipment to their building. The total cost of their project has been projected is Rs.78.19 lakh (approx). The organization has asked for Rs.50.00 lakh as Ministry's share. The projection of estimate and the estimations from the vendors submitted seems to be in order, the committee feels that the estimation and the project should be approved in to-to as the scheme limits the maximum contribution of renovation & re-modelling to the amount of Rs. 25.00 lakh, the project is approved for sanction of Rs. 25.00 lakh.
3.	Urvashi Dance Music Art & Cultural Society, B-1/65/ 2, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi - 110029	Equipment Grant Purchase of equipments.	Rs.30,39,449/-	Rs.24,00,000/-	Rs.12,00,000/-	The organization is very well known Dance Academy and a performing group of Delhi being run by a very renowned Dancer Ms. Rekha Mehra. The organization has asked for equipment and costume grant. The total amount asked for is Rs.30,40,000/- approx. There are certain equipments such as RO System and multiple items which Committee feels are more than what is actually required. The organization is advised to revisit its inventory list and the project is being restricted to Rs.20.00 Lakhs only, thereby the Ministry's share would be Rs.12.00 Lakhs only.

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	HIMACHAL PRADESH					
4.	Rinchen Zangpo Society for Spiti Development, Spiti Hostel, Spiti Complex, Rakkar Road Sidhwari, Tehsil Dharamshala, Dist: Kangra H.P- 176057	Building Grant New Construction of performance space.	Rs.39,22,000/-	Rs.25,00,000/-	Rs.23,53,200/-	The organization is located in the district of Lahul & Spiti. The organization is culturally active but due to the extreme climatic condition half of the year they cannot organize any cultural programme, therefore, they have applied for a closed performance space. The committee has felt that the requirement of the closed performance space is very much required in this area. The documents pertaining to the project found satisfactory. The estimated cost of the project is Rs.39,22,000/-.
	KARNATAKA					
5.	Kala Sandesha Prathishtana #659, II Floor, Krishna Thulasi Nilaya, Opp. SBM Bank Road, Vivekananda Nagar, T. Narasipura, Mysore, Dist- Karnataka- 570008	Equipment Grant Provision of facilities like Electrical, A.C., acoustics, lights and Sound System and other items	Rs.42,40,590/-	Rs.25,00,000/-	Rs.12,00,000/-	A performing group from Mysore, Karnataka evidence shows that they are constantly working, they have asked for equipment grant, summary report of cost estimates has 54 heads on the page tagged at "X" the expert committee feels that there are few items that are not directly related to performance and should be approved. As per list, the dropped items numbers are 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26; 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40; 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 & 54. The total amount recommended is Rs.20.00 Lakh thereby Ministry's share at 60% will be Rs.12.00 lakh. Recommended for release of Ministry's share of 60% i.e. 12.00 lakh.

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6.	Pushkara Centre for Performing Arts Trust @ No. 25/2, 4th Cross, 1st Main, Athmananda Colony, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru - Karnataka	Equipment Grant Proposal for Equipment Grant Bharathanatyam costumes, temple Jewellery & bells etc.	Rs. 21,49,350/-	Rs. 20,00,000/-	Rs. 8,40,000/-	The performing art centre is highly vibrant & active organization. The centre is multi disciplined classical dance organization and they have sought support for costumes and jewellery for various forms. The total estimate submitted is approx. Rs. 21,50,000/- the number of costume sets asked for approx. 40 each disciple. The committee feels that the number of costumes should be reduced and the maximum limit amount being proposed should be Rs. 14.00 lacs thereby the committee suggests assistance of 60% of the amount i.e. Rs. 8,40,000/- sanctioned.
7.	The Bangalore School of Music & Fine Arts, No. 8, HMT/HBSC Layout CBI Main Road, R. T. Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka.	Building & Equipment Grant Renovation/ Upgradation/ Modernization/ Extension & Equipments	Rs. 1,21,67,972/-	Rs. 60,00,000/-	Rs. 25,00,000/-	A very highly, vibrant, culturally and functioning and is doing lots of work. They have asked aid for renovation and upgradation of their building 4th floor. They have submitted a project of Rs. 1,21,00,000/- and they are sought support of Rs. 60,00,000/-. Going by the scheme which says that the maximum limit for other projects than a new construction, the limit of assistance is Rs. 25,00,000/-, thereby the committee recommends the maximum amount of Rs. 25,00,000/-.

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8.	Sri Raja Rajeshwari Nritya Kala Mandira Trust @, No.1442, 2nd Cross, K.R. Extension, Tumkur - 1, Karnataka	Equipment Grant Purchase of musical instruments sound system etc.	Rs.41,25,709/-	Rs.40,00,000/-	Rs.5,60,000/-	<p>It is a dance institute and is a good functional group. They have asked for costumes, library, wooden flooring, furniture for class-room, musical instruments, sound system for rehearsal halls, lighting for shows, costumes maintenance, electrical, digital equipments. They have also asked for transportation and other expenditure. After lot of deliberation, the committee decided that the group should be given fund for the few items and few items as follows should be deleted from the list such as:-</p> <p>Item No. 3 — Books for library</p> <p>Item No. 4 — Wooden flooring works which is too expensive and did not find justification.</p> <p>Item No. 5 — Furniture for class-rooms, rehearsal halls,</p> <p>Item No. 8 — Electrical lighting for shows.</p> <p>The committee saw the detailed list it did not appropriate and found discrepancies with the suggested prices.</p> <p>Item No. 10 — Electrical and digital items for offices purposes. The committee felt that these are offices maintaining equipments and should not be part of the present scheme and grant.</p> <p>Item No. 11 — Transportation and other expenses, these expenses are not permissible. Hereby the committee felt that Item No. 1, the dance costumes for bharatnatyam, the amount asked for 100 dancers. The committee felt that they should reduce no. approx. 20 cost of Rs. 1,60,000/- is being proposed and asked for jewellery is also for 20 people the proposed amount for jewellery is Rs. 20,000/-.</p> <p>Item No. 6 — stands approved which is dance and musical instruments amount of Rs. 2,62,500/-</p> <p>Item No. 7 — Sound system for rehearsal hall also stands approved at Rs. 4,86,140/- Total cost has been worked out to Rs. 9,28,640/- say Rs. 9,30,000/- Thereby the grant of Rs. 5,60,000/- has been approved.</p>

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9.	Folk land Elambachi, Kasargod Distt. , Kerala- 671311	Equipment Grant Purchase of costumes, PA systems and music instruments.	Rs.5,00,000/-	Rs.2,50,000/-	Rs.2,50,000/-	Active performing group has participated in many festivals is asking for grant for costumes, PA systems and music instruments. Total budget given as Rs. 5.00 lacs. They have asked for grant of Rs. 2.50 lacs only. The committee feels that it is justified and approved it.
	MADHYA PRADESH					
10.	Pink Bird Socio-cultural Society, 1/55, Ibrahim Ganj, near Dawa Bajar, Hamidiya Road, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh 462001	Equipment Grant Purchase of equipment & music instruments.	Rs. 9,51,453/-	Rs.9,51,453/-	Rs.4,20,000/-	Pink Bird Social Cultural Society is based in Bhopal and active in surrounding village areas and also working with Tribal belt people. The organization has submitted the convincing details of their work. They have estimated the requirement of equipment & Music instruments and one SLR Camera. The total estimate of the equipments is Rs.9.51 lakh (approx) the committee approves the budget as follows :- 1. Light equipment asked for Rs.4,88,100/- approves as it is. 2. Musical instruments they have asked for various rhythms instruments to have 17 items, total cost being Rs.1,55,000/- and string instruments totaling to Rs.2.65 lakh thereby the total cost of musical instrument would be Rs.4.20 lakh. They are advised to re-visit the list and restricted to Rs.2.20 lakh the expert committee does not approve of purchase of SLR Camera. So the total cost sanctioned for the project is Rs. 7.00 lakh thereby Ministry's share would be Rs.4.20 lakh.

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MAHARASHTRA						
11.	Nalanda Dance Research Centre, Plot No.A-7/1, N.S.Road No.10, JVPD Scheme, Vile Parle (W), Mumbai, Maharashtra-400049	Building Grant Renovation of existing building.	Rs.1,17,00,000/-	Rs.50,00,000/-	Rs.25,00,000/-	The file was placed in earlier meeting and the committee advised to submit the detailed estimation along with the layouts plan. The Organisation has submitted the requisite documents and the file is placed in this meeting. The Organisation is well established dance research Centre and culturally activated for many-many years. The organization has applied for renovation of their building. After going through the file, the committee has found that Layout Plan is satisfactory although the BOQ should have been placed in more detailed way. The committee feels as the total project cost is Rs.1.17 crores and the maximum amount of assistance as per the scheme is Rs.25.00 lakh. Therefore, BOQ justifies the principle amount. Committee feels that Rs. 25.00 lakh may be sanctioned for this project.
MANIPUR						
12.	Aryan Theatre, Sagolband Road, Imphal Manipur 795001	Equipment Grant Purchase of lighting Equipment	Rs.8,58,200/-	Rs.5,14,920/-	Rs.3,00,000/-	1. Large list of lights over 100 lights so the details of venue are required. 2. Cultural profile of group is very well known, it is being run by Sh. Aramban Lokendra who is a known theatre personality. 3. Thereby the committee proposes that the project cost should be brought down to Rs.5.00 lacs and Ministry recommends Rs.3.00 lacs.

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13.	Kanglei Mime Theatre Repertory Moirangkhom Maukha Yumnang Leikai, Imphal Manipur 795001	Equipment Grant Provision of equipments & furniture	Rs.5,92,658/-	Rs.2,96,329/-	Rs.2,00,000/-	The Expert Committee feels that all the required equipments are not necessary for the activities and also feels that the total estimated cost should be maximum to Rs. 4.00 lacs. The committee has sanctioned Rs. 2.00 lacs.
14.	Meetei Thang Satjal Cultural Association (Meethasca) Khurai Konsam Leikai, Po-Lamlong, Imphal East Manipur-795010	Building Grant Construction of Cultural Hall	Rs.37,80,375/-	Not mentioned	Rs.15,00,000/-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of the backstage area and service area needs to be elaborated. • They would require most space preferably outdoor. • The height of the stage is too high above spaces. • Culturally organization is active and it found suitable for financial support. • Committee feels that they may have kind of rehearsal space where they can do indoor area practice as well as some small performances. <p>Thereby they should cut down on the elaboration of Audis thereby the cost will also come down and the cost of the project is restricted to Rs. 25.00 lacs. That committee feels that cost of the project concealed at Rs. 25.00 lacs out of which 60% will be central share.</p>

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15.	Kanglei Enat Thang Ta-Shindam Sanglen Kongpal Chanam, Leikai, Imphal Manipur-795001	Equipment Grant For purchase of equipments	Rs.15,00,000/-	60%	Rs.1,80,000/-	Active performance oriented martial arts group. Found suitable for financial support but it seems it will not be advisable to support for recurring items such as spears, swords, martial equipments that are virtually consumable, same for musical instruments. Requirement of cameras are found totally unjustified. Equipment Grant asked for light and sound seems justified thereby the committee proposes to sanction for equipment ceiling the limit to Rs.3.00 lacs and central share will be Rs.1.80 lacs.
16.	St. Michael School of Popular Music, New Checkon Road, PO - Imphal, PS - Porompat, Imphal East Distt., Manipur -795001	Building Grant Construction of a music school.	Rs.41,81,711/-	Rs.24,00,000/-	Rs.24,00,000/-	It is a popular musical school. The activities have been found good. They are mainly working on music. Scheme is for building a music school, architects have their doubts about sound, isolation between the spaces, and they advised to work on that. The project stands approved for Rs. 40.00 lacs out of which 60% will be central share.

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	TAMIL NADU					
17.	Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha @ "Vani Mahal", Old 50, New 103, G.N. Road, T. Nagar, Chennai Tamil Nadu- 600017	Building Grant Renovation/ Upgradation/ Modernization / Extension	Rs.90,00,000/-	Rs.25,00,000/-	Rs.25,00,000/-	<p>Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha is a functional organization, committed to art and culture. They have their own auditorium which was submerged during the recent flood. The flood has really damaged the flooring, walls and sittings of the auditorium. Total cost of renovation is coming to Rs. 85.00 lacs (approx.). As per the statement given the organization they have got Rs. 35.00 lacs (approx.) from the insurance company and they have arranged Rs. 25.00 lacs from their own resources. They have requested the balance amount of Rs. 25.00 lacs as grant-in-aid from the MoC.</p> <p>Considering the given facts the share position stands as 41% from insurance, 29.5% from their own resources and 29.5% from MoC. As such if we deducted the insurance components the cost of the project remain Rs. 50.00 lacs, thereby the amount will become 50-50. Therefore, the committee highly recommends an aid of Rs. 25.00 lacs for the project.</p>

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TELANGANA						
18.	Nishumbita Cultural Association, MIG A-24, (268) Damodhara Nilaya, Indian Airlines Colony, Paigah Lands Police Lines-Begumpet, Hyderabad - 500003	Building Grant Construction of a studio theatre on 3 rd floor of an existing building.	Rs. 74,27,730/-	Maximum	Rs. 25,00,000/-	The organization has submitted a lot of proofs of performance and it is a cultural organization. It proposes to built a studio theatre on a third floor of an existing building, available area is 1500 sq. Feet. The committee has studied all given plan & photographs in detail. It seems the sitting capacity projected is more than what can actually fit in. The cost projected is also high. The project cost is Rs. 75.00 lakh whereas the experts committee feels it should be approx Rs. 45.00 lakh there by the Ministry's contribution would be Rs. 27.00 lakh, as per 60% condition but the second applicable rule is that addition on the other floor, so it should be the maximum limit of Rs. 25.00 lakh.
WEST BENGAL						
19.	Gobardanga Naksha, C/o Ashis Das, Vill : Garpara, P.O. Gobardanga, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal 743252	Building Grant Infrastructural Development	Rs. 63,19,510/-	Rs. 25,56,308/-	Rs. 25,00,000/-	The organization is very active organization from West Bengal, its own auditorium with its own resources for last 2 years. Detailed drawings have been submitted. BOQ estimate has been submitted. The committee recommends possible support. The project estimate has been submitted by them as Rs. 63 lacs. The committee recommends assistance of permissible Rs. 25 lacs.

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20.	Padatik Cultural Centre, Andromeda Building, 5th Floor, DD 30, Salt Lake Kolkata West Bengal-700064	Building Grant Renovation/ Upgradation/ modernisation / extension of existing theatre and purchase of equipments.	Rs.46,63,744/-	Rs.26,18,246/-	Rs.25,00,000/-	Padatik Cultural Centre is old existing vibrant group. They have old building in Salt Lake where they have small running theatre. They want to do renovation of a theatre and instruments like Sounds, Lights & Air Conditioning. They also want to do re-flooring and chairs, interior. Refurbishing is also there. They have estimated the total cost as Rs. 43.63 Lakh (approx), the Ministry's share at 60% becomes Rs. 26,18,246/-. But as per rules the maximum amount permissible for renovation is Rs. 25.00 Lakh. The Committee sanctions the maximum permissible amount of Rs. 25.00 lakh.
21.	Ebong Amra, Vill- Satkahunia, Po- Bonkat, Ps- Kanksha, Dist-Burdwan, West Bengal-713148	Building Grant New Construction of Black Box Theatre	Rs.39,88,000/-	Rs.24,88,000/-	Rs.23,92,800/-	A very active cultural group doing good work. They have sought Ministry's assistance for the amount of Rs. 24,88,000/-. Total cost estimate of the project informed is Rs.39,88,000/- and valuation of land has been estimated at Rs. 4,45,000/-. But the committee being considered would go by the cost given by them and proposes the 60% of the declared cost of Rs. 39,88,000/- and sanctioned the amount of Rs 23,92,800/-.

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22.	Nandikar 47/1, Shyam Bazar street, Kolkata, West Bengal-700004	Building & Equipment grant Construction of Studio Theatre	Rs. 1,00,58,052/-	Rs. 50,00,000/-	Rs. 50,00,000/-	Nandikar is very well known theatre group of India being run by Prof. Rudraprasad Sen Gupta. They are making a new building. Total estimate cost of the project is Rs. 1,00,58,000/-. Details drawing and BOQ have been submitted. Everything has been found in order and properly placed. Accordingly, the maximum amount of assistance should be Rs. 60.00 lacs but due to the criteria of the scheme the committee recommends the maximum limit applicable may be sanctioned the amount of Rs. 50.00 lacs for the project. Reference:- 5.3 Illustration Case:1 (Building grant, including studio theatre schemes)

4. The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure

List of Participants

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| 1. Shri Pranav Khullar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture | - In Chair. |
| 2. Prof. Waman Kendre, Director, NSD, New Delhi | - Member. |
| 3. Shri I.N. Basu | - Member. |
| 4. Shri Rajan S. Bhise | - Member. |
| 5. Dr. Arjun Deo Charan | - Member. |
| 6. Ud. Wasifuddin Dagar | - Member. |
| 7. Ms Rajshree Shirke | - Member. |
| 8. Dr. Saroja Vaidyanathan | - Member. |
| 9. Sh. Pradeep Kumar, Director, Ministry of Culture | - Member Secretary |
| 10. Sh. I.A. Kamal, Under Secretary, Ministry of Culture | |