

Ministry of Culture

Minutes of the 7th meeting of Expert Committee on Museum Grant Scheme held on 06.05.2014

The seventh meeting of Expert Committee to consider the proposals received under "Museum Grant Scheme" was held on 06.05.2014 under the Chairmanship of Sh. K.K. Mittal, Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Culture. List of participants is enclosed at Annexure-1.

2. The agenda items on the proposals received for financial assistance under the Scheme were taken up for discussion as given below:

2.1 Discussion on the evaluation report of the Consultant

The reports of the Evaluator alongwith report of the Sub-Committee were placed before the Expert Committee. The Expert Committee examined the proposals, deliberated upon the reports and based on further discussion held during the meeting, the following recommendations were made:

2.1.1 Guru Kelu Charan Mahapatra Odissi Research Centre, Bhubneshwar (Project Cost: ₹ 1746.20 lakh)

The Committee discussed the report of the Sub-Committee and the evaluation report and observed that the details of museum collections have not been provided in the proposal. The Organization has also not furnished details about their plan of display. The project cost of the proposed museum consists of recurring expenditure of ₹ 54.08 lakhs, which is not admissible under the Scheme. Further it was also observed that maximum grants of ₹ 10 crore can be provided by the Government for setting up of Category-I museum. The source from which the remaining amount will be met by the Organization and the recurring cost to be incurred for running the museum has also not been mentioned in the proposal. It was also observed that the Organization has revised their estimates of 2010 from ₹ 10.78 crore to ₹ 17.46 crore. However, the detailed justification for enhancement in the estimates has not been provided. In order to avoid any duplication of work presently being done by Sangeet Natak Akademy and IGNCA on the subject matter, the Committee desired that Sangeet Natak Akademy and IGNCA may be requested to furnish their comments as to how the project submitted by Guru Kelu Charan Mahapatra Odissi Research Centre, Bhubneshwar for setting up of Odissi Museum is going to be different from

the work being done by them for the documentation of dance. Further action on the proposal may taken on the basis of comments of Sangeet Natak Akademy.

**2.1.2 Karnataka Janapada Vishwavidayala, Gotagodi, Haveri Distt, Karnataka
(Project Cost: ₹ 250.57 lakh)**

The Committee discussed the report of the Sub-Committee and the evaluation report and observed that the Organization is having land area of 2000 sq. feet with floor area of 638.24 sq. meter, and it is very unlikely to display their collections in 20 galleries in such a limited area . It was also observed that the Organization was registered in February, 2012 and thus it has been in existence for less than 3 years whereas as per the Scheme, the applicant Organization should have been in existence for at least three years before seeking financial assistance under Museum Grant Scheme. Therefore, the Committee desired that the proposal may be returned to the Organization with advice to apply afresh after completing the requisite period of three years with more details about their collections, display plan etc.

2.1.3 Himachal State Museum, Shimla (Project Cost: ₹ 185.00 lakh)

The Committee deliberated upon the report of the Sub-Committee and the evaluation report and observed that the proposal lacks details about the essential components of the museum like display plan, conservation, storage etc. It appears that the Detailed Project Report (DPR) has not been prepared by engaging any professional. The Committee desired that the State Government should submit a Revised DPR in the format prescribed by the Ministry containing the proposal for improvement of their display plan, storage and conservation of artefacts etc. For preparing Revised DPR, the Committee desired that the State Government may be provided initial assistance of ₹ 5 lakhs. It was also desired by the Committee that Prof. Naman Ahuja, Expert Member may visit the Himachal State Museum, Shimla and advise State Government/Museum authority on the preparation of Revised DPR for the project.

2.1.4 Vastuvidya Gurukulam Aranmula, Kerala Heritage Museum, (Kerala Govt. Institution –Department of Culture), Pathanamthitta (Distt.), Kerala (Project cost: ₹ 409.80 lakhs)

The Committee discussed the proposal and observed that the Organization has not yet got clearance from Government of Kerala for Setting up of Museum. The proposed area has been declared as an Industrial area by the State Government. Hence, the Committee recommended that the proposal may be returned to the Organization with the advice to re-submit their proposal after settlement of the issue regarding land for the proposed museum.

2.1.5 Regional Museum of Buddhist Heritage, Nagarjunasagar, Andhra Pradesh (Project cost ₹ 821.27 lakh)

The Committee deliberated upon the report of the Sub-Committee and the evaluation report and desired that following issues need to be clarified before the proposal is considered by the Committee:-

- 1) Proof of Ownership of the artefacts
- 2) Name of Department of State Government which will manage and look after the administration of the proposed museum
- 3) State which will own the proposed museum? Whether Telengana or Andhra Pradesh?
- 4) Is it not a duplication of the museum run by Archaeological Survey of India at Nagarjunasagar.

It was also decided to refer the case to the BTI section of the Ministry of Culture for obtaining their comments.

2.1.6 Research Institute of World's Ancients Traditions Cultures & Heritage (RIWATCH), Arunachal Pradesh (Project cost: ₹ 350.46 lakh)

The Committee deliberated upon the report of the Sub-Committee and the evaluation report and desired that some more essential information with regard to ownership of the objects and display area required for exhibition of these objects may be obtained from the Organization and the proposal may be submitted for consideration of the Committee in its next meeting.

2.1.7 Tagore Library, Art Gallery & Museum, Lucknow University, Lucknow (Project Cost: ₹ 395.30 lakh)

The Committee discussed the report of the Sub-Committee and the evaluation report and found that collections of the Library are unique and need to be preserved. However the Committee desired that the University authorities should first take necessary action on the following observations of the Committee:

- 1) The University has retained the proposal for construction of clock tower despite earlier advice of the Ministry to remove the extraneous items from their proposal. It was also opined that an element not built originally should not be build as a new addition, especially in building having heritage value.
- 2) The estimates/drawing submitted in the Revised DPR have not been endorsed by Govt engineer.
- 3) Assessment of Conservation work was earlier carried out by NRLC, Lucknow and the work should be carried out by them. However, as per the revised proposal, the assessment has been carried out by INTACH at an estimated cost of ₹ 20.62 lakhs whereas the earlier estimate given by NRLC, Lucknow was ₹ 8.25 lakhs

The Committee desired that clarifications on the above observations may be called for from the University authorities and revised estimates may be prepared by excluding the cost towards construction of clock tower and the same may be got endorsed by Government engineer. Thereafter the revised proposal may be placed before the Committee for its consideration.

2.1.8 Art Craft Museum, College of Arts & Craft, Faculty of Fine Arts, Lucknow (Project Cost: ₹ 357.50 lakh)

The Committee deliberated upon the report of the Sub-Committee and the evaluation report and observed that the college authorities have submitted the Revised DPR after complying with the observations made by the Ministry alongwith estimates endorsed by government engineer and cataloguing of objects. Hence the Committee recommended that the proposal may be approved as Category-II and 80% of the project cost may be released as per the norms.

3. Discussions on proposals for which additional information/documents received

3.1 Parashwanath Vidyapeeth Museum of Indian Art, I.T.I. Road, Karaundi, P.O. BHU, Varanasi-221005, Uttar Pradesh (Project Cost: ₹ 199.88 lakh)

The Committee discussed the proposal and observed that this was discussed in the last meeting held on 17.1.2014 and in principal approval was given subject to furnishing of estimates duly endorsed by government engineer, proper plan for conservation in consultation with NRLC. Estimates have now been endorsed by Government engineer and the same have been submitted to the Ministry.. However, as regard the proposal for conservation laboratory, NRLC, Lucknow has stated that the Organization does not have sufficient number of objects required for setting up of conservation laboratory. Therefore the Committee recommends that the proposal may be approved as Category-II and 80% of the project cost may be released as per the norms by excluding cost towards Conservation Laboratory.

3.2 Himalayan Museum, Rishikesh, Uttrakhand (Project Cost: ₹ 1220.95 lakh)

The Committee discussed the proposal and observed that the proposal had earlier been discussed in the meeting held on 20.9.2013 and the deficiencies of the proposal had been communicated to the State Government for submitting the revised DPR after completing the deficiencies. As desired by the committee, the proposal was also discussed with the representatives of State Govt in the Ministry on 20.2.2014 and the deficiencies of the proposal were explained to them. After completing the deficiencies, the State Govt. has submitted the revised DPR alongwith the documents related to ownership of land, undertaking for meeting the matching share and documentation work of objects. Keeping this in view, the Committee recommended that the proposal may be approved under Category-I and 80% of the project cost may be released to the State Govt after adjusting Rs. 30 lakhs released earlier for preparation of DPR and conservation work.

3.3 Agape Museum, Churachandpur, Manipur (Project cost: ₹ 327.20)

The Committee deliberated upon the report of the Sub-Committee and found that the proposal was earlier discussed in the meeting held on 20.9.2013. As per the recommendations of the Committee, the Organization has submitted the Revised DPR which needed to be evaluated before being considered by the Committee as cost of the project exceeds Rs. 1 Crore. The Committee desired that the revised DPR may be sent for evaluation.

3.4 IBN Sina Academy of Medieval Medicine & Sciences (Trust), Aligarh (Project cost: ₹ 370.19 lakh)

The Committee discussed the proposal and desired that the comments of Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare may be sought about the utility of the proposed museum. They may also be requested to inform whether this project can be covered under any scheme operated by them. Further, comments of Director General, National Archives of India may also be sought with regard to significance of the collection of the Trust.

4. Discussions on complete proposals

4.1 The Orient Museum, Tamenglong, Manipur (Project Cost: ₹ 97.61 lakh)

The Committee discussed the proposal there are only 117 objects with the Organization. Further the ownership of the objects is also not clear from the proposal. The Committee desired that the proposal may be returned to the Organization with the advice to increase their collection and approach the Ministry thereafter once they have a significant collection, alongwith proof of ownership of the artefacts.

4.2 Raja Ram Mohan Roy Memorial Museum, Kolkatta (Project Cost: ₹ 81.81 lakh)

The Committee discussed the proposal there are only 90 objects with the Organization. The Committee desired that the proposal may be returned to the Organization with the advice to increase their collection and approach the Ministry thereafter alongwith proof of ownership of the artefacts.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair

