

Revised minutes of the meeting of Expert Committee for Scheme of 'Financial Assistance for Setting up, Promotion and Strengthening of Regional and Local Museums' held on 29-04-2013.

The third meeting of Expert Committee to consider applications submitted under the Scheme of 'Financial Assistance for Setting up, Promotion and Strengthening of Regional and Local Museums' was held on 29.04.2013. Dr. Venu V. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, was in the chair. A list of participants is enclosed at Annexure- 1.

2. Chairman of the Committee welcomed the members of the Committee and informed them about the proposal of the Government to merge this scheme along with two other schemes, namely Modernisation of Museums in Metro Cities and Establishment of Large Scale Museums under Public Private Partnership, into a single new scheme and requested to offer their suggestions for the proposed new scheme. Members of the Expert Committee suggested that Ministry of Culture should consider incorporating parameters like documentation of collection and appointment of trained curatorial staff as conditions to receive grants from the Ministry under the new proposed scheme. The Chairman also directed to send a copy of the draft of the new scheme to all the members by email for their perusal and further suggestions. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

3. The agenda items were discussed as follows:

3.1 Discussion on the Report of the Sub Committee on the evaluation report on the DPRs received

The report of the Sub Committee was placed before the Committee for discussion. Shri Karni Singh Jasol, Member of the Sub Committee, briefed the members on the report. The following recommendations were made by the Committee after detailed discussion on each of the proposal vis- a-vis the report of the Sub Committee and the evaluation report thereon.

3.1.2 Aloyseum, St. Aloyseum College, Mangalore Jesuit Educational Society, Mangalore, Karnataka (Project Cost-397.68 Lakhs)

The Committee deliberated upon the report of Sub Committee and took note of the fact that the Museum has not submitted any progress report of seed money of Rs. 25 lakhs. It has also not submitted important aspects such as submission of drawing and list of objects. The Committee recommended that Ministry should give one last opportunity and send a letter to the Principal of the College to submit the progress report immediately without any further delay, failing which the seed money should be recovered and the application dropped for any further consideration.

3.1.3 Centre for Art and Archaeology, Gurgaon (Project Cost-337.09 Lakhs)

The Committee discussed the report of the Sub Committee and the evaluation report and found that the Centre for Art and Archaeology Gurgaon, had submitted revised DPR wherein they have reworked the cost of the project. The proposal was considered by the Committee under Category II and it was recommended to release 80% of the total cost of the project i.e. Rs. 298.47 Lakhs (80% of 373.09 lakhs).

3.1.4 SPS Museum Srinagar (Project Cost-1928 Lakhs)

The Committee discussed the report of the Sub Committee and the evaluation report and observed that the DPR did not contain some requisite documents in the prescribed format. The Committee recommended that observations brought out by the consultant in the evaluation report may be intimated to SPS Museum so that these can be factored in while revising the DPR. Subject to this, the proposal for the second phase development of SPS museum was approved in principle under Category I.

3.1.5 Ram Gopal Vijayyargiia Memorial Trust (RGVMT), Jaipur (Project Cost- 450 Lakhs)

The Committee discussed the report of the Sub Committee and the evaluation report and observed some gaps in the DPR submitted by RGMVT, Jaipur. Therefore, the Committee recommended that they should be requested to address the following issues:

- a) Detailed architectural drawings
- b) All drawings and details to understand the layout of the interiors and the display of treasures.
- c) Comprehensive list of all objects in the collection including their valuation.
- d) Details of revenue generation and sustainability of the Museum.
- e) Organizational structure and staffing profiles.
- f) In-house Conservation Laboratory together with Equipments.
- g) Documentation and Cataloguing.

The Committee recommended that after addressing above issues, the organisation may be invited for presentation in the next meeting of Expert Committee.

3.1.6 Tagore Library, Art Gallery & Museum, University of Lucknow, Lucknow (Project Cost- 335.48 Lakhs)

The Committee discussed the report of the Sub Committee and the evaluation report and accepts the recommendation made by the Sub Committee to advise Tagore Library, Art

Gallery & Museum to revise the DPR in the requisite format suggested by this Ministry. The observations brought out by the consultant in the evaluation report may also be intimated to Tagore Library, Art Gallery & Museum so that these can be factored in while revising the DPR.

Further, the Committee recommends 'in principle' approval, subject to the condition that the University will submit the revised DPR in the light of observations made in the evaluation report and will make presentation in the next meeting of the Expert Committee by excluding extraneous items .

3.1.7 College of Arts & Crafts, Faculty of Fine Arts, Lucknow University, Lucknow (Project Cost- Rs. 306.38 Lakhs)

The Committee discussed the report of the Sub Committee and the evaluation report and accepts the recommendation made by the Sub Committee to advise the College of Arts & Crafts to revise the DPR in the requisite format suggested by this Ministry. The observations brought out by the consultant in the evaluation report may also be intimated to the College of Arts & Crafts so that these can be factored in while revising the DPR.

3.1.8 La Martiniere Girls College, Lucknow (Project Cost-379.20 Lakhs)

The Committee discussed the report of the Sub Committee and the evaluation report and accepts the recommendation made by the Sub Committee to advise the La Martiniere Girls College to revise the DPR in the requisite format suggested by this Ministry. The observations brought out by the consultant in the evaluation report may also be intimated to the La Martiniere Girls College so that these can be factored in while revising the DPR.

4 Discussion on other Proposals

4.1 Bengal Natural History Museum, Darjeeling, West Bengal (Project Cost- 662.37 Lakhs)

The Committee discussed the report of the Sub Committee and accepts the recommendation made by the Sub Committee to support the proposal. The Expert Committee recommends to approve the proposal 'in principle' to release maximum possible support under Category II.

4.2 Chachadi Museum (Museum of Rural Heritage and Culture) Chachadi Taluk, Belgaum Dist., Karnataka (Project Cost- 44.40 Lakhs)

The Committee deliberated upon the report of the Sub Committee and approved the estimates of Rs. 34.40 Lakhs instead of Rs. 44.40 lakhs. As per the guidelines of the scheme, 80% of the cost would be provided by MOC. This comes to Rs. 27.52 Lakhs and the remaining 20% and balance, if any, will be met by the Organisation. However, the proposal for installation of 20 Dioramas at a total cost of Rs. 10 Lakhs needed re-examination.

4.3 BSF Museum, BSF Academy Tekanpur, Gwalior, M.P (Project Cost-270 Lakhs)

The Committee deliberated upon the report of the Sub Committee and recommended that the details of collection may be asked from the organisation. The proposed design is not acceptable. The Committee can consider the proposal only in respect of documentation and conservation of objects.

4.4 Sundarayya Vigana Kendram Museum, 1-8-1/B/25/A, Baghlingampally, Hyderabad (Project Cost-283.08 Lakhs)

The Committee deliberated upon the report of the Sub Committee and decided that recommendations of the Sub Committee may be communicated to organisation for necessary compliance as many requisite information has not been given by the organisation in its proposal.

4.5 J.D Centre of Art, VIP colony, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar (Project Cost- 750 Lakhs)

The Expert Committee discussed the evaluation report and recommended that the project may be considered as a special case for funding as Category-I Museum. However, it was noted that the despite repeated requests the Institution has not submitted clearcut sustainability plan in respect of the proposed Museum. As per the scheme, the Govt. of India's liability is only towards one time capital funding and the recurring expenditure has to be borne by the organisation concerned. It was, therefore, felt that the organisation may be requested to provide a definite sustainability plan to meet the recurring expenditure involved and they may be called for making a presentation during the next meeting of Expert Committee, after which the issue of funding of the proposal may be considered.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.