

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON SCHEME OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS WITH NATIONAL PRESENCE HELD ON 18.12.2014 AT 3.00 PM.

In continuation of the earlier meeting of the Steering Committee held on 11.09.2014, another meeting of the Steering Committee was held under the Chairmanship of Shri K.K. Mittal, Additional Secretary (Culture) to appraise the proposals shortlisted by the Committee for further examination, as decided in the earlier meeting held on 11.09.2014. The following attended the meeting:-

- (i) Smt. Arvind Manjit Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture.
- (ii) Shri S.K. Arya, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Culture.
- (iii) Shri Suman Kumar, Deputy Secretary, Sangeet Natak Akademi.
- (iv) Smt. Tripurari Sharma, Officer, National School of Drama.

1. Welcoming the members the Chairman allowed the aforesaid representatives from SNA and NSD to represent the official members from these organisations. Thereafter the Chairman pointed out the fact that 8 additional proposals had been received since the last meeting on 11.09.2014. However, it would not be advisable to consider these proposals received after prescribed cut-off date as it may lead to administrative complications. Accordingly, the Committee decided that all the proposals received after the prescribed cut-off date (including 8 such proposals placed before the Committee in its earlier meeting held on 11.09.2014) may not be considered for appraisal by the Steering Committee and may be returned to the respective applicants with the request that they may apply afresh against the advertisement for the scheme for the financial year 2015-16, which is expected to be placed on the official website.

2. Thereafter, the Committee examined the additional information/clarifications furnished by the 4 organisations (namely NCPA, SPICMACAY, SANKALP and Pt. Chaturlal Memorial Society) with reference to the detailed examination/appraisal carried out by the Committee in its earlier meeting held on 11.09.2014 and the subsequent requisition of information/clarification sought there under from the concerned organisations and took the following decisions:-

S.No	Name and Address of the Organisation	Recommendations of the Steering Committee
1.	SPICMACAY, 41/42, Lucknow Road, Delhi- 110054.	<p>The Committee noted that the organisation has an All India Character playing a crucial role in conserving the intangible heritage of the country by organizing a large number of programmes in the educational institutions throughout the country. It was noted that the organisation was aiming to conduct as many as 5000 programmes in different parts of the country during the year 2014-15 in a large number of educational institutions.</p> <p>The estimated cost of these programmes is reflected as Rs. 10 crores. The Committee approved the proposal and recommended a grant of Rs. 2 crores.</p>
2.	National Centre for Performing Arts, NCPA Marg, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400021	<p>The Committee noted that the organisation is a premier cultural institution fully devoted to preserving and promoting the country's rich and vibrant heritage of Music, Dance, Theatre, Film, Literature etc. with lots of innovative work in the field of performing arts. Besides the organisation has been organizing events all over the country in which artistes from different parts of the country get an opportunity to showcase their talent.</p> <p>It was noted that the estimated cost of the project reflected in the proposal is Rs. 6.02 crores. The Committee approved the proposal and recommended a grant of Rs. 2 crores.</p>
3.	Pt. Chaturlal Memorial Society, P-96, 2 nd Floor, Pt Chaturlal Road, South Ext. Part-II, New Delhi-110049	<p>The Committee noted that the organisation is engaged in preservation of Indian heritage by promoting Indian Classical Music for more than 2 decades with which great music maestros of our country have been associated. Also that the organisation has been organizing concerts to promote art and culture by providing a good platform to upcoming musicians of the country. It was noted that in its ongoing project for 2014-15, the organisation is going to organize an Indian Classical Music concerts series in various parts of the country to promote our rich cultural heritage and tourism.</p> <p>It was noted that the estimated cost of the project</p>

		reflected in the proposal is about Rs. 1.63 crores. The Committee approved the proposal and recommended a grant of Rs. 50 Lakhs.
4.	SANKALP, B-1/8, 2 nd FI.FI. Africa Avenue Road, Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi.	The Committee noted that the organisation had failed to provide justification/clarification/documentary evidence, as sought by the Committee in pursuance of its meeting held on 11.09.2014. The Committee noted that instead of giving appropriate clarifications, the organisation was seeking for relaxation of guidelines in its favour. Further, the organisation had not disclosed its income details. Further, that the organisation was already a grantee of the Ministry of Culture, already in receipt of financial assistance under various financial grant schemes of the Ministry viz. Cultural Function Grant Scheme, Salary Grant Scheme and Production Grant Scheme. The Committee therefore, rejected the proposal and did not recommend any grant in this case.

3. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
