

TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR

PREPARATION OF DETAIL PROJECT REPORT

FOR

IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT

ON

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS' LIBRARIES AND DIGITAL

INFRASTRUCTURE IN MIZORAM

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1. Introduction :

Whereas Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India shall be providing funds for Children and Adolescents' Libraries and digital Infrastructure in the whole country under scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2023 – 2024.

Hence, being the nodal Department for promotion of libraries, Art & Culture Department, Govt. of Mizoram State shall be taking up the Scheme to fulfill the Aims and Objectives of the said Ministry for promotion of Libraries in Mizoram. Hence, the Department is calling for expression of interest from Govt. Empanelled Consultancy Firms only for preparation of Detail Project Report (DPR) for Construction /Renovation of Library buildings that is reflected in para No. 4, Clause (i) respectively. Where the remaining clause (ii) & (iii) shall be solely executed by Art & Culture Department as per existing DPAB approval and State Library Committee (SLC)

2. Objectives of The Scheme:

The main objectives of this part of the Scheme are as follows:

- i) Improved access of children and adolescents to the latest books;
- ii) Connect the children and adolescents countrywide with the National digital.
- iii) Promote reading habit among children and adolescents.

3. Scope :

Funds under this part of the Scheme will be made available to the States for the following activities:

- i) Construction/ renovation of the building : **(See Para No. 6)**
- ii) Purchase of computer, UPS, printer and networking hardware;
- iii) Purchase of books

Financial assistance will be limited to one library in each Municipal Ward and one library in each Gram Panchayat.

In case of new construction, funding under the Scheme will be limited to construction of upto 500 Sq. Feet. Revelation of existing building for its use as library will also be considered for providing financial assistance.

The recurring cost including provision of internet, maintenance of assets internet service provider charges etc. shall not be borne by the Government of India under this Scheme.

Financial assistance will be provided for procurement of following furniture/other items :

- i) Durable bookshelves, preferably of steel with anti-rust coating – 6 to 8 nos.
- ii) Reading Tables – 2 to 5 nos
- iii) Chairs 10 – 20 nos
- iv) Computer work desk with computer – 2 nos (one with printing/copying/ scanning facility) with internet connection.
- v) Low height display rack for Children – 1 set
- vi) Desk for Librarian/ Assistant
- vii) LED TV with internet for two way communications/ wherever feasible.
- viii) Aesthetic appeal of the Library should incorporate three elements –
 - a) National Theme
 - b) State specific art-form and culture
 - c) Local culture heritage.

4. Mode of submission of DPR :

- a) Any interested Govt. Empanelled Consultancy Firm shall prepare detail project for Construction of new Library building/ renovation of old building as per existing MPWD SoR. The plinth area of the building should not exceed 500 Sq. feet for new building.
- b) The number of new buildings and renovation of existing building shall be informed to selected firm by Art & Culture Department after confirmation of selection of Firm for preparation of DPR.
- c) No advance payment shall be provided to the Consultancy Firm for preparation of DPR for new building or renovation of existing old building. It will be their sole responsibility to utilize money and manpower etc. for preparation of the said DPR.
- d) Art & Culture Department will not be held responsible by any Consultancy Firm who submitted DPR for the said project even if no fund or any kind of assistance is received from Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
- e) No such kind of compensation/ remuneration shall be awarded by Art & Culture Department to any Consultancy Firm who submitted DPR for the

project. Moreover, it shall be clearly understood that any DPR submitted to the Department shall be fully become the property of Art & Culture Department. No complaint in this regard shall be entertained by Art & Culture Department

5. Selection of Books for Library:

A book selection committee may be constituted at the State level to select books for Panchayat Libraries. A suggestive committee may include Director, Samagra Shiksha/ Education, Director, Public Libraries, Director, ICDS/social Welfare, director, Tribal Welfare/ Development, Reputed Academicians, Representative from Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation and National Book Trust India.

50% of the content including books and digital material may be directly procured from panchayat Library Catalogues developed by National Book Trust India the content should include publications in local languages and dialects.

The States may utilize up to 50% of the funds for procurement of books (as per recommendations of the Committee) from open market as per terms of General financial Rules issued by the Central government or State Financial Rules.

10% of the funds may also be utilized for procurement of digital content and resources on purchase/subscription model.

Funds for procurement of books, furniture, computers etc. will be restricted to Rs. 4.00 lakhs per library out of which 50% should be used for procurement of books

6. In partial modification to scheme guidelines on the 'scheme for Special Assistance to States for capital Investment 2023 – 24 issued vide Department of Expenditure's (DoE's) letter No. 44(1)/PF-S/2023 – 24(CAPEX) dated 3rd February, 2023 a new Para (5)(i) – deductions for excess State VAT charged on natural gas used for manufacture for fertilizers has been added in the aforesaid scheme guidelines. The new Para (5)(i) may be read as below :

“(i) Deductions for excess State VAT charged on natural gas used for manufacture of fertilizers : There is a wide variation in the State VAT imposed by States on natural gas used for fertilizer production. Natural gas, which is used as major input for manufacture of fertilizers, is outside the ambit of GST and the existing tax structure i.e. Central Excise Duty; State VAT and Central Sales Tax are applicable to natural gas. The State VAT rate on natural gas varies from State to

State. In some States a discriminatory rate is being charged only for natural gas supplied for fertilizers. As MRP of urea price is fixed by the Central (Government to benefit the farmers, any increase in the State VAT rate on inputs viz., natural gas is borne by the Central Government and it has no impact on the final price of urea. The VAT on natural gas used as input is a part of raw material cost and is included in the calculation of concession rate (subsidy), which means the Central Government is paying VAT on natural gas to States. A base rate of State VAT for natural gas is being worked out by the Department of Expenditure based on a comparison of all India rates. If the VAT rate charged by a State is more than the base rate of State VAT for natural gas fixed by the Central Government, the annual difference in the State VAT charged by the State Government and the State VAT assessed based on the base rate fixed by the Central Government for the preceding year i.e. financial year 2022 - 2023 will be deducted from the 2nd installment under Part-I of the Scheme for 2023 - 2024." Funds saved will be used for additional outlay to other States under the Scheme for 2023 - 2024.

7. Further, Para (2) of the scheme guidelines issued vide Department of Expenditure's (DoE's) letter No. 44(1)/PF-S/2023-24 (CAPEX) dated 3rd February, 2023 is hereby revised by deleting the sentence - *Loan of upto 1 percent of GSDP provided under the Scheme will be over and above the normal borrowing ceiling allowed to the States for the financial year 2023 - 2024, . . .*" and modified Para (2) may be read as below :

*"After taking into consideration an extremely positive response of the State Governments to these Schemes and their requests for having a similar Scheme in 2023 - 2024 as well, the Government of India has decided to launch a redesigned and expanded Scheme for the year 2023 - 2024 to facilitate a higher capital investment by the States, The Scheme has been named as "**Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2023 - 2024**". An amount of Rs.1,30,000 crore has been allocated for the Scheme in the financial year 2023 - 2024. Under the Scheme, financial assistance will be provided to the State Governments in the form of 50-year interest free loan for capital investment projects. The loan amount is to be spent within the financial year 2023 - 2024."*