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 Government of India
 Ministry of Culture
 National Mission on Libraries

Subject: Minutes of First meeting of Project Management Unit (PMU) held on 18.05.2015

The first meeting of Project Management Unit of National Mission on Libraries was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Mission Director, NML at Central Secretariat Library Conference Hall, Shastri Bhawan on 18.05.2015. The list of participants is enclosed at Annexure -I.

2. The agenda placed before the Project Management Unit was perused by the members of the PMU and after deliberation on each component of the scheme of National Mission on Libraries following decisions were taken with reference to the following components.

A. National Virtual Library of India

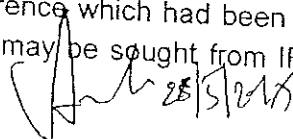
- I. With reference to recommendations of Technical & Evaluation Committee on the creation of National Virtual Library (NVLI) of India that Technical Partner or NVLI be selected either through NIC or any other government organisation /agencies. PMU noted that the selection of Technical Partner through global tender was envisaged in the scheme approved by Cabinet. Therefore, approval of the Cabinet, if required, may be sought for. A decision in this regard may be considered after holding a meeting with the Secretary. A central architecture for NVLI be finalised accordingly.
- II. Whatever software solutions have been developed by the NIC for libraries may be factored into NVLI. Mission Director, NML will take this up with the NIC.
- III. NVLI architecture would enable to conglomerate all kind of libraries data, museum data etc. available in different software. NVLI would be planned and designed accordingly.

B. Setting up of NML model libraries.

- I. The proposal of State Central Library, Imphal, Manipur and District Library, Senapati, Manipur were approved. These may be placed before the Finance Committee.
- II. The proposal of District Library, Jorhat, Assam and District Library, Guwahati, Assam were approved. These may be placed before the Finance Committee.
- III. A letter may be written to Rampur Raza Library to send a proposal for modernisation of library.

C. Capacity Building

- I. The Capacity Building programme may be started as per the training modules which have been finalised.
- II. The work order to conduct the capacity building programme may be placed on INFLIBNET at the earliest as per the concurrence which had been accorded by IFD, Ministry of Culture. Necessary consent may be sought from IFD and legal



cell for terms and conditions including Bank guarantee at least 10% of the order value before placing the order.

3. The matter regarding creation of and filling up of the posts of National Mission on Libraries was also discussed and it was decided that:
 - I. The matter may be taken up with Establishment Section of the Ministry to fill up the post of Under Secretary.
 - II. The RR's for the other five posts may be finalised.
 - III. It should be ensured that the expenditure on salaries of the posts of NML is booked under the heads of accounts provided for the NML scheme.
 - IV. Mission Director is authorised to engage two technical personnel on contract till the final recruitment is completed to expedite the work.
4. The following proposals were also considered by the Project Management Unit.
 - I. In future, Sr. Technical Director, NIC who is looking after the work of Ministry of Culture would be invited to the PMU meetings.
 - II. DG, RRRLF proposed for installation of a Z39.50 Server for publication and management of union catalogue of public libraries at a total project cost of Rs. 80.00 lakhs (approx...) The union catalogue is to be developed using Open source software KOHA. This Z39.50 server of RRRLF will also act as an input to the proposed NVLI project of OpenCat. The PMU decided that this may be referred to Finance Committee for consideration.
 - III. PMU also considered a proposal from American Institute of India Studies for financial support to Centre for Art and Archaeology, Gurgaon for digitization of their Library and Photos and Architectural Archives. The proposal was not approved considering that it does not come within the scope approved for the NML scheme.
5. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.


(Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty) 29/11/2015

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Annexure-I

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