

SOUTH ZONE CULTURAL CENTRE, THANJAVUR

**Minutes of the Virtual Finance Committee Meeting of the South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur
for the year 2022-23 held on 04th August 2022 at 3.00 P.M**

The Virtual (Online) meeting of the Finance Committee of South Zone Cultural Centre for the year 2022-23 was held on 04th August 2022 at 3.00 P.M under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Rani George IAS, Principal Secretary, Cultural Affairs Department, Govt. of Kerala.

The following members from the Member States and Union Territories were present :-

1. Dr. Chandra Mohan, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Tourism, Culture & Religious Endowment, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
2. Dr. Kanchana, IAS, Additional Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Kerala.
3. Shri. S. R. Gandhi, IRPFS, Director, Art & Culture, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
4. Smt. Vatsala Kumar, Deputy Secretary (Finance) Govt. of Karnataka .
5. Deputy Secretary, Finance, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
6. Shri. Sandeep Mishra, Special Secretary (Finance) Lakshadweep.
7. Director, Kannada and Culture, Govt. of Karnataka.
8. Shri. Suman Kumar, Department of Language & Culture, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.
9. Shri. Muhammed Riyaz, Director, Directorate of Culture, Govt. of Kerala.
10. Shri. K.Candane & Sivaradjane, Director, Art & Culture, Govt. of Puducherry.
11. Shri. Saminathan, Auditor from M/s. Rajarathinam Associates, Thanjavur.
12. Dr. Deepak S. Khirwadkar, Member Secretary & Director-in-Charge, SZCC.

Dr. Deepak S. Khirwadkar, Member Secretary & Director-In-Charge, South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur welcomed the Chairperson, Finance Committee and Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee who were present for the meeting and briefed about the activities of SZCC during the financial year 2021-22. All the members were welcomed with a welcome song on the eve of Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava. Then, with the permission of the Hon'ble Chairperson, the agenda items were taken up for discussion one by one.

AGENDA - I

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
DT. 11th JANUARY 2022 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-22.**

Decision : Upon brief discussion, the Finance Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting.

AGENDA – II

ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11th JANUARY 2022

During the discussion, Hon'ble Chairperson directed the representative of Andhra Pradesh Govt. to contribute and expedite the settlement of balance amount of corpus fund. The representative from Lakshadweep assured to take immediate action for contribution of the balance corpus fund.

Decision : After detailed discussion on the action taken report of the virtual Finance Committee meeting held on 11th January 2022, the house approved the agenda.

AGENDA – III

PRESENTATION, CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021-22.

A) PROGRAMMES conducted during 2021-22 :-

Decision : After discussion on the organization of various programmes by SZCC which are conducted during the year 2021-22, the Finance Committee approved the Annual Activity Report for the year 2021-22.

AGENDA – IV

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CENTRE

A) Statement showing the status of Corpus Fund :-

Decision : After a brief discussion and upon assurance by the representatives of the concerned member states with whom the corpus fund is outstanding to expedite the payment of balance corpus fund to SZCC, the Finance Committee approved the Status of Corpus Fund.

B) Details of investment of Corpus and General Reserve Fund :

Decision : After a brief discussion, the Finance Committee approved the investment of Corpus and General Reserve Fund.

B 1) CORPUS FUND AS ON 31.03.2022.

Decision : After a brief discussion, the Finance Committee approved the Corpus Fund as on dt. 31.3.2022

C. Actual Income (Receipts) & Expenditure for the year of 2021-22 and Expected revenue for the year 2022-23

(i) Receipts (For Administration)

Decision : After a brief discussion, the Finance Committee approved the Actual Income (Receipts) & Expenditure for the year of 2021-22 and Expected revenue for the year 2022-23.

(ii) Expenditure (For Administration)

Decision : After a brief discussion, the Finance Committee approved the Expenditure (For Administration).

GRANT IN AID STATUS OF THE CENTRE

D) Summary of Grants received from Government of India & Expenditure there from for the Financial Year 2021-22: (For Programmes)

Decision : After discussion, the Finance Committee approved the summary of grants received from Government of India & Expenditure there from during the Financial Year 2021-22 (For Programmes) .

AGENDA – V

MINUTES OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE HELD ON DT. 03.09.2021

Decision : After a brief discussion, the Finance Committee approved the Minutes of the Programme Committee held on dt. 03.09.2021.

AGENDA – VI

MINUTES OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE HELD ON DT. 19.07.2022

Decision : After a brief discussion, the Finance Committee has approved the Minutes of the Programme Committee held on dt. 19.07.2022.

AGENDA – VII

A) Budget allocation with physical and financial targets approved by the Ministry of Culture for FY 2022-2023:

Decision : After a brief discussion, the Finance Committee approved the budget allocation with physical and financial targets as approved by the Ministry of Culture for FY 2022-23.

B) State wise Budget allocation with physical and financial targets for FY 2022-2023:
(Approved by the PC 2022 on dated 19th July 2022)

Decision : After a brief discussion, the Finance Committee approved the state wise budget allocation with physical and financial targets for FY 2022-23
(As approved by the programme committee - 2022 on dt. 19th July 2022)

B:2) Shilpagramam/ Kalagram Activities in SZCC for the year 2022-23 :-

Decision : After a brief discussion, the Finance Committee has approved the Shilpagramam/ Kalagram Activities in SZCC for the year 2022-23.

AGENDA – VIII

STATEWISE EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 2021-22 AND STATEWISE ALLOCATION OF FUND FOR THE YEAR 2022-23.

Decision : After a brief discussion, the Finance Committee approved the State wise Expenditure for the year 2021-22 and State wise Allocation of fund for the year 2022-23.

AGENDA – IX

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE INCURRED FOR THE YEAR 2021-22 AND PROPOSED BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR FY 2022-23 :

Decision : After a brief discussion, the Finance Committee approved the Administrative Expenditure incurred for the year 2021-22 and Proposed Budget Estimate for Financial Year 2022-23.

AGENDA – X

Submission of Certified Accounts of SZCC for the financial year 2021-22:

Decision : After a brief discussion, the Hon'ble Chairperson enquired from all the members who were present for the meeting whether there are any corrections or suggestions in the certified accounts; all the members unanimously consented for approval to the agenda. As such, the Finance Committee approved the Submission of Certified Accounts of SZCC for the financial year 2021-22

AGENDA – XI

Extension of tenure of Centre's Auditor for the financial year 2022-23

It was informed by the Member Secretary that as per the decision of the Finance Committee for the year 2020-21 SZCC had appointed M/s Rajarathinam & Associates, Chartered Accountants, Thanjavur for auditing the accounts of SZCC for the year 2021-22. The said auditor is CAG empanelled and appointed by following all the procedure. The Member Secretary requested the Finance Committee to kindly permit extension of the same auditor to conduct the audit of SZCC, Thanjavur for the next year i.e. 2022-23 also since the service provided by the firm is satisfactory.

Decision : After a short discussion, the Finance Committee approved the extension of tenure of Centre's Auditor for the financial year 2022-23.

AGENDA – XII

FINANCIAL UPGRADATION OF TYPIST GRADE-I AND ELECTRICIAN GRADE-I

The agenda was submitted before the Finance Committee by the Member Secretary explaining all the factual position and it was requested to grant the financial up-gradation to the two employees of the Centre namely Shri M. Mariappan, Typist Gr. 1 & Shri K. Sekar, Electrician Gr. 1.

Decision : The Finance Committee has noted and suggested to place this proposal for financial upgradation of Shri. M.Mariappan, Typist Grade-I and Shri. K.Sekar, Electrician Grade-I, before the Executive Board and Governing Body of SZCC.

AGENDA – XIII

COMPASSIONATE APPOINTMENT

The Member Secretary read out the agenda and informed that the opinion of the legal standing council of Govt. of India has already been sought in this respect and it has recommended the proposal of the compassionate appointment.

Decision : The Finance Committee noted and suggested to place this proposal of compassionate appointment of Shri. S. Pragadeesh S/o Late P. Sekar before the Executive Board and Governing Body of SZCC.

AGENDA – XIV

PROPOSAL FOR DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COUNCIL

The Member Secretary read out the agenda. The matter was discussed in the meeting and it was suggested to place the issue before the EB / GB of SZCC for needful, being the final authority.

Decision : This matter does not come under the purview of Finance Committee.

AGENDA – XV


ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN


The representative from Lakshadweep enquired about any formula for distribution of corpus fund contribution. In turn, the Finance Committee Chairman has asked SZCC to respond to this. The Member Secretary, SZCC informed that the policy of the corpus fund contribution is Ministry of

Culture, Govt. of India's policy.

On further discussion, the Hon'ble Chairperson, Finance Committee appreciated the efforts taken by the Director In-charge, though he is holding the additional charge of SZCC Thanjavur in addition to South Central Zone Cultural Centre, Nagpur. The Chairperson, Finance Committee appreciated that despite this being an additional charge, the Director In-charge is very receptive to the points raised by Member States and actively interacting for conduct of various programmes. In concluding remarks, Hon'ble Chairperson, Finance Committee emphasized the need for a full time Director for SZCC and desired for more programmes post COVID situation & to expedite the revenue generation for the Centre.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the Member Secretary & Director-In-Charge, SZCC, Thanjavur.


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