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Government of India
Ministry of Culture
Library Section

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 11th January, 2023

To

The Director General,
Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation,
Block- DD-34, Sector-1, Salt Lake City,
Kolkata - 700064

Subject : Minutes of the 101st Meeting of the Foundation held on 24th November, 2022

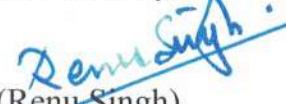
Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the approved Minutes of Meeting of 101st Foundation Committee Meeting of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) which was held on 24th November, 2022. In this regard, it may be stated that as per instruction of Hon'ble Minister (Culture), the Minutes may be issued with the signature of Member Secretary of the Foundation.

2. Hence, you are requested to take further necessary action at your end under intimation to this Ministry.

Enclos. - As above

Yours faithfully,


(Renu Singh)

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Minutes of the 101st Meeting of the Foundation held on 24th November, 2022

Members Present:

1.	Shri G. Kishan Reddy Hon'ble Minister (Culture)	Chairman
2.	Mrs. Mugdha Sinha Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Culture	Member
3.	Shri Harish Kumar Director, IFD, MoC	Member
4.	Dr. Mohan R Kherde President, Indian Library Association	Member
5.	Capt. Yuvraj Malik Director, National Book Trust	Member
6.	Dr. K. Sreenivasarao Secretary, Sahitya Akademi	Member
7.	Prof. Heeraman Tewari	Member
8.	Mr. Prafulla Ketkar	Member
9.	Prof. Rajneesh Kumar Shukla	Member
10.	Prof. Arunoday Saha	Member
11.	Dr. S. R. Leela	Member
12.	Prof. Uma Kanjilal	Member
13.	Prof. Shankar Saran	Member
14.	Mr. P. Stobdan	Member
15.	Prof. Chakradhar Tripathi	Member
16.	Prof. Ajay Pratap Singh	Member Secretary

The following members could not be present

1.	Representative, Ministry of Human Resources Development	
2.	Representative, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	
3.	Prof. Ishwar Sharan Vishwakarma	
4.	Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta	
5.	Shri Maalan Narayanan	
6.	Shri Rantidev Sengupta	

At the very outset, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister (Culture) and Chairman, RRRLF extended warm welcome to all the members of the Foundation. Thereafter, item-wise agenda points were taken up for discussion.

Item 1: To confirm the Minutes of the 100th Meeting of the Foundation held on 3rd March, 2022 at 11.00 AM in the Conference Room of RRRLF.

Confirmed.

Item 2: Action Taken on the recommendation of the 100th meeting of the Foundation held on 3rd March, 2022 at 11.00 AM.

ATR of the 100th Meeting of the Foundation was described and noted.

Item 3: Progress of work after the 100th Meeting of the Foundation held on 3rd March, 2022 at 11.00 AM

Noted

Item 4: To consider the Annual Accounts of the Foundation for the year 2021-22 for further submission to Office of the Director General of Audit, Central, Kolkata for Audit purpose under section 20(1) of CAG.

Approved

Item 5: To approve the Annual Report of the Foundation for the year 2021-22.

Approved

Item 6: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

i. To approve abolition of the post of Accounts Officer, Assistant and Field Assistant.

Noted

ii. To make use of services of Statistical Staff (Statistical Officer and Statistical Assistant) in different zones/zonal offices:

Approved.

The following points were also decided:

- a. Priority to be given to preserve the resources and infrastructure of old village libraries.
- b. Library Staff of State Central Libraries and District Libraries be provided training for book binding under capacity building training programme so that they can become the trainer of trainees (TOT) and give further training to the staff of village libraries. It should be started as "Mission Mode".
- c. Renowned local NGOs be motivated also and engaged to provide training to the library staff for binding of books as a part of "Jan Bhagidari."
- d. Reputed Universities and college libraries be approached to adopt village libraries.
- e. Village libraries should be converted into "information centres" in collaboration with college/university libraries.
- f. It was decided to ascertain from the State authorities, the status of Library Legislation Act in their respective states.
- g. Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) under National Mission on Libraries (NML) headed by Joint Secretary (Libraries) will also review activities undertaken by MoC libraries to avoid overlapping of activities.

iii. Proposed changes in Matching/Non-Matching Schemes of RRRLF

Approved

iv. Constitution of three (03) Committees in respect of ensuring, consistent, self-sustainable and quality Public Library development in the country:

Approved with following modifications.

Committee for framing of "Minimum standards for establishment of quality public libraries in India" should be renamed as "Benchmarking standards for establishment of quality public libraries in India"

Committee for drafting - "Model State Public Library Act", which will be common for each State/UT should be renamed as "Model Public Library Act"

In the Committee for "Development Plan for Public Libraries in India: Vision for 2047", emphasis to be given to the libraries of "aspirational districts" and 75 libraries to be chosen throughout the country to project those as a part of 2nd AKAM campaign. UNESCO guidelines may also be considered.

v. Providing periodical/magazines to the selected public libraries under Central Book Selection Scheme

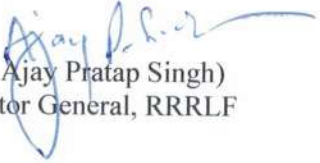
Approved with a count of 05 magazines/periodicals, 04 newspapers (02 in Regional Languages, 01 in Hindi, 01 in English)

Newspapers, Magazines/Periodicals will be selected in the similar manner of procurement of books under Central Book Selection Scheme of RRRLF.

vi. Hon'ble Chairman also advised on the following topics:

- a. Explore possibilities of public private partnerships for upliftment and betterment of public libraries.
- b. Media Team (Outsourcing staff) to be engaged for managing RRRLF Social Media and outreach within the budget provisions.

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


(Prof. Ajay Pratap Singh)
Director General, RRRLF

(Shri G. Kishan Reddy)
Hon'ble Chairman