

Details of two MoUs MoTA signs with KVIC

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, through its associated agencies viz. National Scheduled Tribe Finance Development Corporation (NSTFDC) and National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) entered into 2 MoUs with KVIC for purposes as given below:

2. MoU between NESTS and KVIC:

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is running Eklavya Residential schools where at present 75000 are studying and proposes to establish a total of 750 schools by 2022 (3,60,000 students) as envisioned by Hon'ble Prime Minister with each school having 480 students. Ministry has recently standardised school uniform design for the students in the Schools with a distinct logo in partnership with National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), New Delhi. Keeping in view the focus of the government and the clarion call of Hon'ble Prime Minister to embrace Khadi as a philosophy and recently as a critical component of the Atma Nirbhar Bharat strategy, the Ministry felt it appropriate to source the fabric for uniforms of EMRS Students from KVIC after several round of discussions.

The current requirement is of around 6 lakh metre which shall increase in subsequent years as enrolment in the schools will go up. In order to take this forward, the Ministry through NESTS shall be entering into an MoU for procuring the fabric at an approximate cost of Rs. 1477.35 lakhs for 2020-21. As 2 dresses are given each year and number of students will increase every year with establishment of new schools, this would be an annual affair and procurement is likely to multiply every year and expected to be of Rs. 50 crore by 2022. This would not only give quality dress material to our students but also give employment to thousands of artisans and workers. Based on success of this initiative, other requirements of schools like Beddings, Towels, Dari etc. can also be procured from KVIC in future.

3. MoU between NSTFDC and KVIC:

NSTFDC is a Section 25 company under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs responsible for implementing concessional loan schemes for economic development of Tribals in India for funding entrepreneurial ventures of aspiring scheduled tribes in all sectors of economy. NSTFDC has been enrolled as implementing agency under PM Employment Generation Program (PMEGP scheme) in order to increase the coverage of PMEGP amongst STs. Therefore, the proposed MoU between NSTFDC and KVIC will formalize this arrangement and will be a landmark initiative to bring synergy between NSTFDC and KVIC in reaching out to tribal entrepreneurs under the larger ambit of PMEGP scheme.

4. Given the strategic nature of the partnership in lines with the larger focus of the government, it was felt necessary and appropriate that both the MoUs are executed in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister (Tribal Affairs) and Hon'ble Minister (MSME).