

Monthly Progress Report

To Executive Director of Sasakawa Health Foundation

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The following members were present.

1. Mr. V. Narsappa
2. Mr. Venu Gopal
3. Mrs. Maya Ranaware
4. Kamalesh
5. Jawahar Paswan
6. Prabhakar Sahoo
7. Prakash
8. Uday Thakar



The meeting was presided over by Mr V. Narsappa, President, APAL.

The following agenda was discussed and resolution to that effect was passed in the meeting.

Agenda1. To discuss the resignation of Mr Sarang Gaydhane.

The subject was discussed in detail. All participants expressed their views. Mr Narsappa & Mr. Venu Gopal explained about the discussion with auditor & change in FCRA rules. They further explained the technical difficulties rose during the renewal of FCRA certificate & IB enquiry. Considering all the facts & technical difficulty the resignation of Mr. Sarang Gaydhane was approved unanimously with heavy hearts. Mr. Narsappa & Mr. Venu Gopal, as well as all other members, appreciated Mr. Sarang's contribution to the making of APAL.

Agenda 2. To update information on

a) COVID-19 19 Project:

Mr. V. Narsappa & Mr. Venu Gopal informed that 25 colonies from 6 states were selected for this project. 3 days of online training was provided to 25 selected youth. Material required for the project was purchased. The project was started in October 2020.

Mr. Venu Gopal added that colony people are giving full support & cooperation during screening. Government Health staff is also cooperating with the team of volunteers. Members appreciated the efforts of Mr. Venu Gopal & Mr. Narsappa.

b) State Leader Activity Fund & its Position.

1. **Odisha-** It was informed that State Leader Mr. Umesh Nayak, is not cooperating with the SILF project. Lack of teamwork in the state. The budget submitted by the State Leader is not under the suggestion given by APAL. So it was decided that, to conduct a meeting with state leader team before sanctioning State Leader Activity Fund.
2. **Andhra Pradesh-** Due to lock down, meeting with State Leader, Nageshwar Rao, become difficult. Vouchers & bills are pending at his end. State Leader is not in a position to move from his colony to other places. The situation was discussed in detail & it was suggested that executive Committee Member, Mr. Prakash Done should coordinate the activity & help state leader in preparing expenditure statement & submission of vouchers.
3. **Telangana-** Mr. V. Narsappa, informed that bill & voucher along with expenditure statement is not submitted to Hyderabad office. It was decided that Mr. Prakash Done should help state leader in the preparation of expenditure statement. It was decided that activity fund will be released only after receiving expenditure statement, bills and vouchers from State Leader, Telangana.

4. **Rajasthan-** Mr. Venu Gopal informed that, state Leader, Mr. Prem Narayan, is retired & not keeping good health also till today no new leader is identified to take up the responsibility, hence it is decided to keep Rajasthan case pending.
5. & 6 **Bills & Vouchers-** Mr. V. Narsappa put before the committee that, bills and vouchers of state leader activity fund are not submitted in time to Hyderabad office. Auditor suggested that all vouchers must be received by the Hyderabad office within 5 days of organizing the activity. Mr. Venu Gopal further added that state leader & his team must observe certain discipline in submission of report, vouchers etc. If the statement & vouchers are not submitted within the prescribed time limit. The second installment of the activity fund should not be released. It was suggested by members that this issue must be discussed with all state leaders during the regional physical meeting of the state leaders.

C. FCRA - Mr. Uday Thakar informed the changes made by the Home Department in FCRA rules. They have put a limit of 20% on Administration expenses also. The separate bank account should be opened in the State Bank of India, New Delhi, branch & all foreign donations will be received first in the SBI, New Delhi branch account. The government can initiate summary enquiry at any time without prior intimation, as well as the renewal of FCRA certificate will become mandatory withholding IB enquiry of each functionary of the organization. As per the requirement of amended rules of FCRA, the bank account of APAL should be opened in New Delhi.

To open a Bank Account with State Bank of India, New Delhi

As per the circular dated 13 October 2020, (F.No.II/21022(35)/2019-FCRA-III) vide Gazette

Notification dated 29th September 2019 from Home Department, it is mandatory to open a

FCRA Bank Account in State Bank of India, New Delhi Main Branch (NDMB), 11, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi, 110001.

Resolution

“It is Resolved that FCRA Bank Account be opened in State Bank of India, New Delhi in the name of Association of people affected by leprosy, Hyderabad. The said account be operated jointly by any two of the following three office bearers”

1. Mr. V. Narsappa– President
2. Mrs. Nevis Mery – Joint. Secretary
3. Mrs. Maya Ranavare – Treasurer

Further, it is resolved that, Mr.V. Narsappa, President, APAL, and Mrs.Maya Ranavare, Treasurer, APAL are authorized to sign all the required documents for opening of Bank Account.

Proposed By –

Seconded By –

The resolution was passed unanimously.

D. 80 G & 12 A Renewal – As per the amendment in the Income Tax Act, 80G & 12A registration will be renewed for 5 years. All registered organizations have to submit an online application for the renewal of 80G & 12A certificates from 1st Jan 2021 onwards. Mr. V. Narsappa informed that Auditor, Mr. Ravpalli, will take necessary action in submitting the applications online.

E. Future Programmes for the next 6 months-

Keeping in view the COVID-19 -19 pandemic & restrictions on mobility following programmes can be organized during the next 6 months.

1. RPWD Training Programme on Zoom for 3 states at a time

Maharashtra, Gujarat, Bihar/
Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand/
Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh

2. Regional State Leader Meeting (Physical) for 9 states (3 states at a time)as follows

Maharashtra, Gujarat, Bihar/
Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand/
Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh

3. COVID-19-19 Programme will be continued in 6 states, for 25 colonies up to February end.

4. Executive Committee Meeting (Physical)

Agenda 3. CSR Fundraising & online Fundraising

Mr. Venu Gopal briefly explained the CSR fundraising by the organization, Innovative Financial Advisors Pvt. Ltd. (Innovation). The said company works on the following terms.

- a) A service charge at the rate of 10% of the total FCRA Fund sanctioned.
- b) The minimum proposal should not be less than 25,00,000/-
- c) Advance of Rs.1,08,00,00/-
- d) Fund will be released within 240 days from the date of signing the agreement.

After due discussion, it was suggested that in the beginning under the CSR project, “prevention of deformity” & “Educational support to the children of affected persons” these two projects should be considered.

Further, it was suggested that all committee members will contribute 10,000 to 15,000/- per head, to make payment of 1,08,000/- to the company. The suggestion was welcomed by all the members and it was approved unanimously.

For online fundraising, Mr. Mohan briefly explained the procedure to be followed up with Google & other agencies working for fundraising.

Members suggested that Mr. Mohan should work on some small project as a trial & should share his experience in the next executive committee meeting.

Agenda 4. Any other business with the permission of the chair.

Sub 1: Mr. Rao’s application for salary enhancement.

Mr. V. Narsappa tabled the request received from Mr. Rao for enhancement in the salary. It was discussed in detail & decided that this can be considered in the next budget of 2021-2022.

Further, it was informed that, as per amendment in FCRA Act, all the administrative expenses should limit only up to 20% of the total budget sanctioned.

Sub2: Payment to leaders who worked in COVID-19 Pandemic

It was informed that state leaders, as well as some colony leaders, worked very hard to provide relief to affected persons during COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in the field of medical support, food, nutritional support and coordinated COVID-19 screening with Government medical staff. It was decided to honour their initiatives by providing financial support to cover the cost of their expenses & incidental charges. APAL Executive Members per head- Rs. 10,000/- and 5000/- to each state leader who took special efforts during COVID-19 pandemic. The suggestion was approved unanimously.

As there was no other business to be transacted the meeting was concluded by proposing the vote of thanks to the chair.

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On the date of 10th December 2020 APAL and Maharashtra Khush Pidit Sanghatana associated with the Government conducted a meeting and discussed an increase Corporation pension to people affected by leprosy at Minumehta Nagar, Pune, Maharashtra; after discussions, the Corporation Commissioner and Mayor responded positively and they are willing to increase the pension INR 1000 to INR 2500.

Mrs. Maya Ranaware, treasurer of APAL discussed with Dr. Sable, Director of YCM hospital about the health care services by providing dressing materials to people affected by leprosy who are struggling with complicated ulcers; Dr. Sable also responded positively and be willing to provide dressing materials.

On behalf of people affected by leprosy, we thankful to the Corporation Commissioner, Mayor, Dr. Sable, and the Government of Maharashtra



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" Muthoot Snehasraya" is a Mobile Laboratory intended for the Prevention and early detection of Kidney related diseases, diabetes, and Hypertension ailments. The mobile ambulance is being operated across Telangana and facilitates the following blood & Urine tests and create awareness among people about the dreaded diseases. 1. Cholesterol 2. Creatinine 3. Sugar 4. BP 5. HBsAg



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Report on activities of the Indian Central Government and States/UTs related to leprosy control that you have learned about while conducting duties as APAL President Mr. Narsappa.

In November 2020 there is no activity in Central/ State Government programs.

a. Key findings which are important for SHF work

- a. To be Concentrated Advocacy on RPWD Act and Supreme Court should be expanded to some more states.
- b. APAL to organizing more coordinated activities with other disabled sectors like DPI & NCPEDP.
- c. The regular meeting of youth leader & women empowerment programs should be budgeted and organized.
- d. To form women empowerment among colony women

b. Difficulties/Challenges you faced during the period

Difficulties: The people affected by leprosy are also recently afflicted from sickness by COVID-19 positive. The affected people are already facing problems with less immunity and poverty. In October and November 2020 also people are impacted by floods in Telangana

Challenges:

- We are continue our office work because of India Ministry of Home Affairs released new guidelines that allow the opening of Private Offices, malls, restaurants, and religious places in all areas

- We are continue COVID-19 Awareness Pilot Project and continue 3rd month of screening tests
- Mostly using social media platforms and updating activities in the APAL India website

V. Narsappa