

F. No. 22040/11/2014-NGO
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
NGO Division

New Delhi, Shastri Bhawan

Dated 5th June, 2014

To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary, Tribal Welfare of States/UTs
(as per list)

Sub: Expansion of scheme of Grants-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes' for promoting livelihood opportunity.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been implementing the Central Sector Scheme of 'Grants-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes'. The prime objective of the scheme is to enhance the reach of welfare schemes of Government in the delivery of service, in service-deficient tribal areas, for filling in the gaps in important sectors affecting the quality of life and living standards of the Scheduled Tribes. This scheme is presently under revision for implementation during the XIIth Plan period.

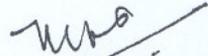
2. In the revised XIIth Plan Scheme, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs proposes to focus primarily on enhancement of in-situ livelihood opportunities for the Scheduled Tribes. Although a number of schemes for livelihood development are presently under implementation by different Ministries and State Governments, the tribal communities are still not able to effectively access and leverage these schemes for their overall economic development. In the revised scheme, it is proposed to engage NGOs in enabling reach-out of existing livelihood related schemes in areas such as horticulture, dairy, poultry, sericulture, fisheries, handicrafts, handlooms, technical trades etc., for the tribal people. It is proposed that the support to NGOs will be given primarily for providing support service in helping the tribal people to access the inputs and services available under such schemes and in making them employable, as far as possible, locally or in nearby areas.

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3. States/UTs are accordingly requested that while recommending the proposals of NGOs for sanction of grant by this Ministry under the revised scheme, it may be ensured that these are in consonance with the revised focus of this Ministry as indicated above and according to the extant guidelines for schemes for NGOs.

Yours faithfully



(**Manoj Kumar Pingua**)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India