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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub.:- Principles and procedure for award of Grants-in-aid – adherence reg.

While the grants-in-aid are to be released by following the laid down rules in the GFRs and as per the scheme guidelines, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in a recent communication has desired that transparency and objectivity criteria are adhered to while selecting NGOs/VOs.

It is advised that the existing procedure for selection of NGOs/VOs for release of grants by the various Ministries/Departments may be reviewed/critically examined periodically so as to ascertain that the procedure for selection of NGOs/VOs for release of grants satisfies the test of objectivity in selection. Further, to ensure that the procedure is sufficiently transparent and that there is a level playing field in terms of availability of information to the NGOs/VOs regarding various schemes, etc., under which they are eligible to get grants from various Ministries, all information pertaining to grants made to the voluntary sector should be available in the public domain, preferably, on the website of the concerned Ministry/Organisation. Steps may also be taken to ensure adherence to the laid-down system for audit, etc., of NGOs/VOs receiving grants.

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To,

- 1. All Secretaries to the Government of India
- 2. All Financial Advisers of the Government of India.

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