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Ministry of Tribal Affairs

ShastriBhawan, New Delhi
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To
The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries
Tribal Welfare Department,
States/UTs
(as per list)

Subject: Funding to NGOs for running their projects under the Schemes of "Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations", "Strengthening Education of ST girls in low literacy areas" and "Vocational Training Centre" of Ministry of Tribal Affairs. - regarding

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, proposals of NGOs for funding under various Schemes of Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) are considered and processed, based on the recommendations of the State Governments who get inspection of the projects carried out at the field level to verify their genuineness and functioning. The State Government place the proposals before the "State Committee for Supporting Voluntary Efforts (SCSVE)" and forward proposals recommended by the State Committee for funding to this Ministry.

2. However, of late it has been observed by the Ministry that inspections of on-going projects of NGOs / VOs being funded are often not being undertaken within a fixed time frame and consequently recommendations of State Governments in respect of proposals of NGOs / VOs for release of GIA from this Ministry are also being received very late.

3. It has also been noticed that the recommendation of the State Government for Grant-in-aid proposals for FY 2015-16 of the ongoing projects of some of the NGOs have still not been received in this Ministry (which should have been received by 30th April, 2015 as per the timelines indicated in the Scheme guidelines.)

4. An analysis of the funds granted to various NGOs in the past for running their projects has been done in the Ministry. Based on the analysis, it has now been decided that:

- (a) Timelines indicated in the Scheme guidelines for forwarding the recommendations to this Ministry should be strictly adhered to. Applications received through online mechanism shall only be dealt with henceforth. Once the proposal of NGO reaches State Tribal Welfare Department for their recommendation, the State Government

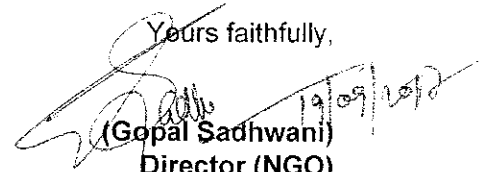
should forward the proposals with due recommendations to MoTA after two weeks of receipt of proposals in their Department.

- (b) GIA proposals for the year 2015-16 would not be accepted anymore by MoTA from the State Governments.
- (c) State Government while recommending the project for funding shall take into account service deficiency in tribal areas and ST literacy levels in the area, as well as quality of service rendered. Availability of Government infrastructure/ facility (distance in Km.) in the education, health and livelihood sectors, which is nearest to the project location is to be indicated by the State Government. State Government would certify that the State facilities are not sufficient in the areas where the NGO project is proposed or running and indicate a definite date by which service deficiency will be made-up.
- (d) Phase out / scale down ongoing projects of existing NGOs. Full funding would be given (subject to recommendation of the State Government and fulfilment of all conditions of Scheme guidelines) only for 5 years, thereafter funding will be tapered to 70% (of 5th year's annual grant) for the 6th year followed by 50% (of 5th year's annual grant) for 7th year. Thereafter, funding from MoTA would cease. The funding to NGOs will be given the phase out funding irrespective of the number of years the grant has been sanctioned i.e. legacy grant assumption does not guarantee further grants is reiterated and shall be strictly enforced. NGOs / VOs currently being funded by MoTA will be given 70% and 50% of funding (i.e. phase out funding) on above lines beginning from the year 2017-18 irrespective of length / duration of project implementation.
- (e) From FY 2018-19 onwards funding of the State Societies has been completely switched over from NGO Schemes to the Schemes of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Schemes (SCA to TSS)&Scheme under Proviso to Art. 275(1) of the Constitution. Thus, FY 2017-18 is the last year from GIA scheme.
- (f) The prioritizing of proposals would be based on service-deficient tribal areas.

5. All State Governments / UT Administrations are requested to take necessary action accordingly.

6. This has the approval of the Competent Authority

Yours faithfully,


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5. US (TSP)
6. US (Grants)