

F.No. 22040/27/2018-NGO
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(NGO Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 19.02.2025

To,

The Principal Secretary/ Secretary
Social Welfare/ Tribal Welfare Dept.
State Govt./ UT
(As per list attached)

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 14.02.2025 with representatives of State/ District to discuss the issues in successful implementation of scheme of 'Grants-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Schedule Tribes'-reg.

Sir/ Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith minutes of the VC meeting held at 03.00 p.m on 14.02.2025 with representative of State/ District Authority from **Jharkhand, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Nagaland, Rajasthan Manipur, Odisha, Maharashtra, Kerala & Gujarat** under the Chairpersonship of DDG (NGO) to discuss the status of ongoing project proposals for FY 2023-24 & 2024-25 and specific issues related to NGO projects under the scheme of 'Grants-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes'.

Encls: As above

Your faithfully



(S. P. Kalra)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
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To all officers/officials present in the meeting

Copy to:
District Collectors
(As per attached list).

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A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of DDG (NGO) at 03:00 p.m. on 14.02.2025 with representatives of State/ District from Jharkhand, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Nagaland, Rajasthan Manipur, Odisha, Maharashtra, Kerala & Gujarat through Virtual Mode to discuss the status of ongoing project proposals for FY 2023-24 & 2024-25 and specific issues related to NGO Projects under the 'Grants-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Schedule Tribes'.

2. DDG (NGO) welcomed all the participants and gave a brief overview about the NGO scheme, its objective and details of pendency at State/ District Level through a PPT presentation. She conveyed that delay in action at State/ District/ NGO level results in delay in release of Grants in Aid to NGOs/ VOs and ultimately ST beneficiaries suffer .

3. During the meeting, it was requested that the representatives at State/ District level take timely action on pending applications lying in their account for recommending/ rejecting applications of NGOs/ VOs for Grants in Aid. She told also that many of the files are lying at State/ District level for more than 2 months and Ministry has already issued reminders for taking necessary action on pending files.

4. During the meeting, US (NGO), MoTA shared the list of pending proposals lying at State/ District level and requested representatives of the concerned State/ District to take necessary action on these applications urgently. He also shared details of information awaited from NGOs/ VOs for releasing Grants in Aid to them. The state/ district wise number of pendency shared by MoTA are tabulated below: -

S.No.	Representative of State/ District	Number of pending proposals for FY 2024-25	Action promised by the District /State
1.	Jharkhand	State Govt. Level-0 District Level-9 Action required on pending issues: - (i) State Govt. recommendation forwarding the recommended	State and districts would expedite decision-making and forward/reject the applications within a week.

		<p>projects is not in the prescribed format. For instance the number of beneficiaries as well as the state's take on increase in their number is not mentioned clearly in the recommendations.</p> <p>(ii) There are 9 projects pending at District Level.</p>	
2.	Assam	<p>State Govt. Level-4</p> <p>District Level-5</p> <p>Action required on pending issues: -</p> <p>(i) There are 4 projects pending at the State Govt. Level.</p> <p>(ii) There are 5 projects pending at District Level.</p> <p>(iii) Inspection report of NGO-Gram Vikas Parishad and Sadau Asom Gramya Puthibharal Santha is required in physical format.</p>	<p>State and districts stated that they would expedite decision-making and forward/reject the applications within 10 days . Districts would provide the requisite inspection reports.</p>
3.	Tamil Nadu	<p>State Govt. Level-0</p> <p>District Level-1</p> <p>Action required on pending issues: -</p> <p>(i) There is 1 project pending at District Level.</p> <p>(ii) Clarification required from the District regarding NGO-Nilgiris Adivasi Welfare Association was requested to be expedited</p>	<p>District would forward the pending project and provide the requisite clarification within a week.</p>

		(iii) Details of the Mobile Van is not provided in the inspection report of NGO- Graameeya Makkal Abivirudhi Iyakkam.	
4.	Nagaland	State Govt. Level-0 District Level-2 Action required on pending issues: - There are 2 projects pending at District Level.	State Government did not attend the meeting.
5.	Rajasthan	State Govt. Level-7 District Level-0 Action required on pending issues: - There are 7 projects pending at State Govt. Level. The issue of pendency of application with the institution of Banasthali was raised by DDG.	The State Government officer replied that the applications would be forwarded within 10 days and the matter of Banasthali would also be decided within this period.
6.	Manipur	State Govt. Level-2 District Level-2 Action required on pending issues: - (i) There are 2 projects pending at State Govt. Level. (ii) There are 2 projects pending at District Level.	The State Government officer replied that the applications would be forwarded within 10 days.

7.	Odisha	<p>State Govt. Level-8</p> <p>District Level-8</p> <p>Action required on pending issues: -</p> <p>(i) There are 8 projects pending at State Govt. Level.</p> <p>(ii) There are 8 projects pending at District Level.</p>	<p>State and districts stated that they would expedite decision-making and forward/reject the applications within 10 days including the case of Kalahandi.</p>
8.	Maharashtra	<p>State Govt. Level-0</p> <p>District Level-1</p> <p>Action required on pending issues: -</p> <p>There is 1 project pending at District Level.</p>	<p>The state stated that it would expedite decision-making and forward the application within a week.</p>
9.	Kerala	<p>State Govt. Level-0</p> <p>District Level-1</p> <p>Action required on pending issues: -</p> <p>There is 1 project pending at District Level.</p>	<p>The state stated that it would expedite decision-making and forward the application within a week.</p>
10.	Gujarat	<p>State Govt. Level-0</p> <p>District Level-1</p> <p>Action required on pending issues: -</p> <p>There is 1 project pending at District Level.</p>	<p>The district did not know about the procedure of forwarding the application and was guided to do so . The concerned officer stated that they would forward within a week.</p>

5. DDG (NGO) informed that there is already a delay, and since 2024-25 is about to close, and requested concerned State/ District to take immediate action on pending items lying in their account. Further, she requested all the representatives of State/ District to recommend the project after submitting complete information about the project. It was informed to them that State Govt. recommendation letter is not being sent in format by some of the State/ UT. Inspection report submitted by some of the District are also not in format. It is also observed that information requested in Inspection Report are left blank. This result delay in release of Grants in Aid.

6. DDG (NGO) informed also that State Govt. recommendation letter format, Inspection report format are available on NGO Grants portal.

7. Other discussions made during the meeting are as below: -

(i) DDG (NGO) informed that any ongoing project applications for the financial year 2024-25 and 2023-24(if any) pending with the State Government or districts should either be forwarded to the Ministry or rejected, since 2024-25 is about to close, and requested concerned State/ District to take immediate action on pending items lying in their account.

(ii) DDG (NGO) has requested the District Officer, Tamil Nadu to provide clarification regarding two projects of the Nilgiris Adivasi Welfare Association, Tamil Nadu, specifically the Karnataka Medical Unit and Kunjapanai Dispensary. *Despite sending multiple letters, no response has been received from the district, resulting in a delay in the matter.* The District Officer replied that they have received the letter would send response to the Ministry shortly .

(iii) The Joint Secretary of the Tribal Welfare Department, Jharkhand, has requested a copy of the sanction order for grant of sanctions to NGOs. As they were unable to verify the grants received by NGOs. DDG (NGO) has assured that the matter will be discussed with their technical team and updates will be provided accordingly. *(Technical Team of NGO to provide the clarification.)*

(iv) DDG (NGO) has requested the State Government/District Authority to forward project applications for ongoing projects within the timeframe stipulated by the Ministry. However, the State Government/District Authority typically forwards these applications after a delay of almost a year, resulting in a subsequent delay in the grant disbursement process.

8. The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks.

9. The following officials attended the meeting:

- i. Representatives from Ministry of Tribal Affairs: -
 - a. Smt. Anshu Singh, DDG, MoTA (Chairperson)

- b. Sh. S.P Kalra, Under Secretary, MoTA
- ii. Representatives from State/ District: -
 - a. Sh. Jawed Anware, Joint Secretary of ST, SC, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department, Jharkhand
 - b. Sh. MC Sahu, Principal Secretary of Department of Tribal Affairs , Govt. of Assam
 - c. Sh. Kalaivani, Under Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu
 - d. Sh. Ashwani Singh Solanki, Tribal Area Development Department, Rajasthan
 - e. Sh. Ransing, Deputy Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Manipur
 - f. Sh. Laxman Kumar Mallick, Director, ST, SC, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department, Govt. of Odisha
 - g. Sh. Shanavaskhan, District Kerala
 - h. Dr. Krishna, Assistant Commissioner, District Baharuch, Gujarat.
 - i. District Welfare Officer, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand
 - j. Additional Deputy Commissioner, District Sonitpur, Assam
 - k. DADWO, District Nilgiri Tamil Nadu
 - l. District Welfare Officer, Khorda
 - m. Tribal Welfare Officer, Serega
 - n. District Welfare Officer, Dhenkanal
 - o. Project Officer, District Yavatmal, Maharashtra
- 10. Representative from following State/ UT were not present: -
Nagaland
