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Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
(NGO Division)

Shashtri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 28.01.2025

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

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 06.01.2025 & 07.01.2025 with representatives of State/ District/ NGO to discuss the issues in successful implementation of scheme of 'Grants-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Schedule Tribes'.**

Sir/ Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith minutes of the VC meeting held at 03.00 p.m on **06.01.2025 & 07.01.2025** with representative of State/ District/ NGO 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)

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**Minutes of the meeting held on 06.01.2025 & 07.01.2025 with representatives of State/ District/ NGO to discuss the issues in successful implementation of scheme of 'Grants-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Schedule Tribes'.**

A meeting was held at 03:00 p.m. on 06.01.2025 & on 07.01.2025 with representatives of State/ District/ NGO through Virtual Mode 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 'Grants-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Schedule Tribes'.

2. DDG (NGO) welcomed all the participants of meeting 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 result delay in release of Grants in Aid to NGOs/ VOs and ultimately ST beneficiaries get suffer.

3. During the meeting, DDG (NGO) requested all the representatives at State/ District level to take timely action pending applications lying in their account for recommending/ rejecting applications of NGOs/ VOs for Grants in Aid. They may not wait that they would take action once all the applications come at their end. 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, SO (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. State/ District wise number of pendency shared by MoTA are tabulated below: -

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Representative of State/ District</b>	<b>Number of pending proposals for FY 2024-25</b>
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	State Govt. level – 8 District Level – 2  Other issues – Representative from West Siang District was requested to upload Physical Inspection Report (IR) on NGO Grants portal. IR for the year 2023-24 was uploaded in place of year 2024-25.

2.	Assam	<p>State Govt. level – 7</p> <p>Principal Secretary State Govt. of Assam has stated that they have forwarded 6 proposals to Central Ministry for necessary action. Action on 1 remaining proposal will be taken soon.</p> <p>District Level – 9</p> <p>District Authority from Marigaon and Nagaon were requested to upload physical inspection report in prescribed format only. They have uploaded electronic Inspection Report in place of physical inspection report.</p>
3.	Manipur	<p>State Govt. level – 2</p> <p>District Level – 2</p> <p>Representative from Thoubal District has stated that they have rejected ongoing proposal of NGO - Integrated Rural Development and Educational Organisation. They are taking necessary action on pending proposals from NGO - United Rural Development Service.</p>
4.	Meghalaya	<p>State Govt. level – 0</p> <p>District Level – 0</p>
5	Mizoram	<p>State Govt. level – 0</p> <p>District Level – 0</p>
6.	Nagaland	<p>State/ UT Govt. level – 2</p> <p>No representative from State Govt. of Nagaland was found present in the meeting.</p>
7.	Odisha	<p>State Govt. level – 14</p> <p>District Level – 10</p> <p>No representative from State Govt. of Odisha was found present in the meeting.</p>
8.	Sikkim	<p>State Govt. level – 0</p> <p>District Level – 0</p>

		<p>Recommendation letter from State Govt. of Sikkim were not found in correct format. Information about the project i.e ack. No., project name, beneficiaries' details etc were missing in recommendation letter. They have been requested to send recommendation letter in prescribed format.</p>
9.	Tripura	<p>State Govt. level – 0</p> <p>District Level – 0</p> <p>District Authority from West Tripura and Sepahijala were requested to upload physical inspection report in prescribed format only. They have uploaded electronic Inspection Report in place of physical inspection report.</p>
10.	Jharkhand	<p>State Govt. level – 20</p> <p>District Level – 8</p> <p>Recommendation letter from State Govt. of Jharkhand were not found in correct format. They have been requested to send recommendation letter in prescribed format.</p>
11.	West Bengal	<p>State Govt. level – 0</p> <p>District Level – 1</p> <p>Recommendation letter from State Govt. of West Bengal were not found in correct format. They have been requested to send recommendation letter in prescribed format.</p> <p>Principal Secretary of West Bengal stated that they have also not recommended the project of the NGO –(i) Chakkumar Association for Social Service and (ii) Midnapur West Sister Nivedita Welfare Society.</p> <p>She further stated that the selection of new projects involves a rigorous process, time-consuming, and also entails field inspections, among other steps. She further stated we have recommended the new projects for 2023-24 but some projects not considered by the Ministry. NGOs that are performing well may be selected by the Ministry.</p>

		<p>DDG (NGO) replied that the EFC cycle will be effective from 2025-26, and new projects should be selected based on the funds available with the Ministry. She further stated that Ministry has shared a list of villages with gaps and deficiencies in education, health, and Anganwadi services. She suggested that this list be considered during project selection to ensure that these gaps are addressed, with the ultimate goal of benefiting ST communities where these services are currently unavailable.</p> <p>Requests made to the representatives from Districts in West Bengal are as follows:-</p> <p>(i) Birbhum - Class-wise break up of students in their Inspection report is required.</p> <p>(ii) Dakshin Dinajpur &amp; Hoghly - Inspection Report in revised format is required. They have submitted details in old format.</p> <p>(iii) Jalpaiguri - Inspection report with correct acknowledgment number of the project is required.</p>
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5. DDG (NGO) 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 results delay in release of Grants in Aid.

6. DDG (NGO) informed that all State Govt. recommendation letter format, Inspection report format are available on NGO Grants portal and would be shared with all by email also.

7. Representatives from following NGOs were requested to upload necessary documents on NGO Grants portal i.e UC, Annual report, Audited Account, list of staffs etc. Release of Grants is pending in absence of necessary document from their side.

Sl. No	State	District	Name of NGO	Ack. No	Project Name
1	Arunachal Pradesh	West Kameng	Buddhist Culture Preservation Society	AR/AR/00000450/ST/09-23/11887	Residential School
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Tawang	Buddhist Culture Preservation Society	AR/AR/00000450/ST/09-23/11962	Residential School
3	Odisha	RAYAGADA	SEVA SAMAJ	OR/OR/00000612/ST/09-23/11890	Strengthening of Education - Educational complex
4	Odisha	MAYURBHARAJ	Organization for the Rural Women and Youth Develop	OR/OR/00000025/ST/08-23/11824	Residential School
5	Odisha	CUTTACK	MAA BINDHYABASINI ANATH SISKHYASHRAM	OR/OR/00000991/ST/09-23/11907	Hostel
6	Odisha	MALKANGIRI	TAGORE SOCIETY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT ORISSA PROJEC	OR/OR/00000269/ST/08-23/11780	Strengthening of Education - Educational complex p
7	Odisha	RAYAGADA	SEVA SAMAJ	OR/OR/00000612/ST/09-23/11891	Hostel
8	Odisha	KANDHAMAL	BANABASI SEVA SAMITI	OR/OR/00000018/ST/09-23/11968	Hostel
9	Odisha	KHORDHA	NEHRU SEVA SANGH	OR/OR/00000027/ST/09-23/11922	Hostel
10	Odisha	KHORDHA	Ramakrishna Mission	OR/WB/00000344/ST/08-23/11825	Hostel

11	Sikkim	WEST	MUYAL LIANG TRU ST	SK/SK/00000500/ST/0 9-23/11957	Residential School
12	Tripura	WEST TRIPURA	Ved Vignan Maha Vidya Peeth	TR/KA/00004645/ST/0 9-23/11978	Non- Residential School
13	Tripura	WEST TRIPURA	Ved Vignan Maha Vidya Peeth	TR/KA/00004645/ST/0 9-23/11979	Non- Residential School
14	Tripura	WEST TRIPURA	Ved Vignan Maha Vidya Peeth	TR/KA/00004645/ST/0 9-23/11980	Non- Residential School
15	Tripura	SEPAHIJALA	Ved Vignan Maha Vidya Peeth	TR/KA/00004645/ST/0 9-23/11977	Non- Residential School
16	Tripura	SEPAHIJALA	Ved Vignan Maha Vidya Peeth	TR/KA/00004645/ST/0 9-23/11976	Non- Residential School
17	Tripura	SEPAHIJALA	Ved Vignan Maha Vidya Peeth	TR/KA/00004645/ST/0 9-23/11985	Non- Residential School
18	Tripura	SEPAHIJALA	India Tribal Care Trust	TR/WB/00003900/ST/0 9-23/12002	Non- Residential School
19	Jharkhan d	PURBI SINGHBHUM	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Society	JH/JH/00000002/ST/08 -23/11809	Hostel
20	Jharkhan d	PURBI SINGHBHUM	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Society	JH/JH/00000002/ST/08 -23/11810	Mobile Dispensary

8. Representatives from NGOs/ V)s running their projects in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Odisha

and West Bengal and receiving Grants from MoTA were also attended the meeting to discuss their issues.

9. Other issues discussed during the meeting: -

(i) DDG (NGO) informed all representatives that the portal for submitting new projects for the year 2024-25 is now open and last date for submitting applications for NGOs/ VOs is 15.02.2024.

(ii) DDG(NGO) emphasized that the State Government's recommendations and District Physical Inspection Report may be necessarily submitted in the prescribed format only.

(iii) NGO-SNEH, Odisha said that they had transferred the amount to the vendor's account, but the amount was transferred to NGO account. SO (NGO) was replied that Ministry has already forwarded these types of technical issues to PFMS Team handling TSA matters. Resolution may be provided soon.

(iv) NGO-Banabasi Seva Samiti, Odisha said that no amount has been showing PFMS account.

10. 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

(c) Sh. Subhash Kumar, SO, MoTA

(d) Sh. Ankit Khanna, Consultant, MoTA.

ii) Representatives from State Governments: -

a. Assam

b. Manipur

c. Jharkhand

d. West Bengal

(iii) Representatives from Districts: -

a. Arunachal Pradesh – (i) West Siang, (ii) West Kameng, (iii) Tawang, (iv) Tirap

b. Manipur – (i) Thoubal

c. Mizoram – (i) Aizwal

d. Odisha – (i) Khordha (ii) Sundargarh (iii) Rayagada (iv) Malkangiri

e. Tripura- (i) West Tripura

11. Representative from following State/ UT were not present: -

a. Arunachal Pradesh

b. Mizoram

c. Nagaland

d. Odisha

e. Sikkim

f. Tripura

Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks.

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