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Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
(NGO Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 07.02.2025

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

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 14.01.2025 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'.**

Sir/ Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith minutes of the VC meeting held at 03.00 p.m on 14.01.2025 with representative of State/ District Authority from Maharashtra, Rajasthan & 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'.

Your faithfully

Encls: As above



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(As per attached list).

**Minutes of the meeting held on 14.01.2025 with representatives of State/District Authorities from Maharashtra, Rajasthan & Gujarat to discuss the issues of ongoing project proposals for 2024-25 under the scheme of 'Grants-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Schedule Tribes'.**

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of DDG (NGO) at 03:00 p.m. on 14.01.2025 with representatives of State/ District from Maharashtra, Rajasthan & 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 Leve 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 on pending applications lying in their account for recommending/ rejecting applications of NGOs/ VOs for Grants in Aid. She stated that State/ District may not wait for all the applications 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, 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. 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
1.	Maharashtra	State Govt. Level-3 District Level-1 <b>Action required on pending issues: -</b> There are 3 projects pending at State Govt. and 1 project is pending at District level for necessary action.
2.	Rajasthan	State Govt. Level-7 District Level-0
3.	Gujarat	State Govt. Level-1 District Level-1

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 and would be shared with all by email also.

7. As per the scheme guidelines, a minimum of 75% beneficiaries is required. Please ensure that there are at least 75 students. State/ District may verify details before recommending the project.

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

(i) State Government may verify whether recommended hospitals or mobile dispensaries possess the necessary operational approvals. Approvals should align with the regulations of the state or district where the project is being implemented.

(ii) Inspection report should bear the signature and stamp of the inspecting officer on each page of the inspection report, and comments on recommendation should also be provided by the inspecting officer.

(iii) Inspecting officers should fill in all pages of the inspection report and submit a complete report to the State Govt. for their recommendation.

(iv) Dropout details should be filled in the inspection report. In case the State Government/District faces any difficulty while calculating dropouts, Ministry may conduct a workshop to address the issue. Drop out details include how many children were there last year and how many are continuing this year.

9. The following officials attended the meeting:

i. Representatives from Ministry of Tribal Affairs: -

- a) Smt. Anshu Singh, DDG, MoTA (Chairperson)
- b) Sh. Mahendra Prakash Gupta, Director, MoTA
- c) Sh. S.P Kalra, Under Secretary, MoTA
- d) Sh. Subhash Kumar , Section Officer, MoTA

ii. Representatives from State/ District: -

- a) Representative of Tribal Development Department, Maharashtra
- b) Representative of District Yavatmal.
- c) Representative of District Ahmednagar.
- d) Representative of District Nashik.

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

a. Rajasthan

b. Gujarat

Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks.

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