

F. No. 22041/01/2022-NGO  
Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
(NGO Division)

Jeevan Tara Building, New Delhi  
Dated. 24.03.2026

To,

1. The Principal Secretary,  
Tribal/Social Welfare department of States/UTs,  
(As per attached list)
2. District Magistrates (As per attached list)
3. President/ Secretary,  
NGOs/VOs receiving Grants from MoTA as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 (As per attached list)

**Subject: Adherence to timeline for submission and processing of proposals for FY 2024-25 and 2025-26 under the Scheme "Aid to Voluntary Organizations Working for the Welfare of Scheduled Tribes" – reg..**

Madam/Sir,

It is informed that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs administers the scheme "*Aid to Voluntary Organizations Working for the Welfare of Scheduled Tribes*", under which eligible NGOs/Voluntary Organizations (VOs) are provided Grants-in-Aid for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes.

2. It has been observed that there are **significant delays** on the part of NGOs, State Govt./UTs, and District Authorities in applying, scrutinizing and forwarding project proposals to the Central Ministry for consideration of Grants-in-Aid under the scheme. Such delays adversely affect the timely processing and release of Grants-in-Aid to the NGOs/VOs.

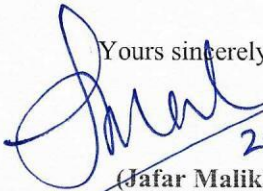
3. To address these issues and streamline the process, the Ministry has **prescribed a detailed timeline for pending projects of 2024-25 and 2025-26** covering submission, scrutiny, and forwarding of proposals at all levels from NGO to State and further to MoTA. The timeline is **enclosed** for ready reference and strict compliance.

4. In view of the above, all concerned State Governments/UTs, District Authorities, and NGOs/VOs are requested to strictly adhere to the prescribed timelines to ensure that proposals are processed in a time-bound manner.

5. These issues with the approval of the competent authority.

*Encl.: As above*

Yours sincerely,

  
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**TIMELINES FOR PROCESSING OF PENDING NGO GRANTS APPLICATIONS FOR  
2024-25 & 2025-26**

S.No	Activity	Timeline for submission of pending projects of FY 2024-25	Timeline for submission of pending projects of FY 2025-26	Remarks
1	District level Scrutiny and forwarding to State Govt.	25th March, 2026 ( all pending projects )	15th April, 2026 ( for 1 <sup>st</sup> installment)  15th July 2026 ( for full and final/2 <sup>nd</sup> inst)	District Authorities have to complete scrutiny and forward all applications to the State Government within prescribed timeline.
2	State level Scrutiny and forwarding to MoTA	31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2026	30th April, 2026 ( for 1 <sup>st</sup> installment)  31 <sup>st</sup> July 2026 ( for full and final/2 <sup>nd</sup> Inst)	States may simultaneously process proposals and forward to central ministry as and when received from Districts.
3	Process of Grants in MoTA	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2026 ( for 1 <sup>st</sup> installment)  30 <sup>th</sup> September 2026 ( for full and final/2 <sup>nd</sup> Inst.)	Efforts shall be made to process the first instalment of all projects in a time-bound manner, and files may be submitted simultaneously upon receipt of proposals.
4	Completion of sanction of Grants	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2026	No projects shall be considered for grants after the indicated dates.

1. For 24-25 projects NGO portal is opened for Districts and States and will remain open till end of above-mentioned timelines of each activity.
2. For 25-26 projects of full and final / 2<sup>nd</sup> installment, NGO portal will remain open till the end of above-mentioned dates.
3. Once the NGO portal is closed then request for reopening the portal **shall not be** considered in any circumstances.

  
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