

F. No. 22054/05/2025-NGO
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(NGO Division)

Jeevan Tara Building, New Delhi
Dated. 01.04.2026

To,

President/ Secretary,
NGOs/VOs receiving Grants from MoTA

Subject: Timelines for submission of ongoing proposals by NGOs/VOs for FY 2026–27 under the Scheme “Aid to Voluntary Organisations Working for the Welfare of Scheduled Tribes” – reg.

Madam/Sir,

Kindly refer to this Ministry's letter dated 27.03.2026 on the subject mentioned above whereby the timelines have been prescribed for submission and processing of ongoing projects for FY 2026–27 under the Scheme “Aid to Voluntary Organizations Working for the Welfare of Scheduled Tribes” (**enclosed**). It is clarified that projects which are receiving grants as on 31.03.2026 are treated as "Ongoing Projects".

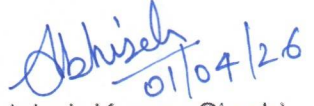
2. As per the prescribed timeline, all NGOs/VOs are required to submit their ongoing online project applications for FY 2026–27 on the NGO Grants Portal by **30th April, 2026**. In this regard, all NGOs/VOs are informed that the NGO portal will remain open up to 30th April, 2026, for submission of ongoing online project applications.

3. In view of the above, all NGOs/VOs are requested to submit their project applications within the stipulated timeline. It is further informed that requests for re-opening of the portal after the due date **shall not be considered**.

4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours sincerely,

Encl.: As above


(Abhishek Kumar Singh)
Section Officer

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

Jeevan Tara Building, New Delhi
Dated. 27.03.2026

To,

1. The Principal Secretary,
Tribal/Social Welfare department of States/UTs
2. All District Magistrates
(Districts with NGO projects receiving Grants from MoTA)
3. President/ Secretary,
NGOs/VOs receiving Grants from MoTA

Subject: Timelines for submission and processing of proposals for FY 2026-27 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 (MoTA) 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.

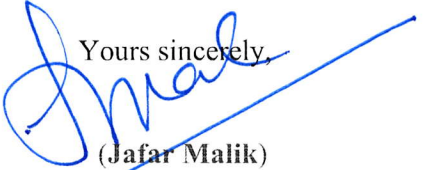
2. It has been observed that there are **significant delays** on the part of NGOs, District Authorities and State Govt./UTs in applying, scrutinizing and forwarding project proposals respectively to the Central Ministry for consideration of Grant-in-Aid under the scheme. Such delays adversely affect 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 timeline for ongoing projects of FY 2026-27** (*Projects which are receiving grants as on 31st March 2026 are treated as ongoing projects*) covering submission, scrutiny, and forwarding of proposals at all levels, as well 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 Govt./UTs, District Authorities, and NGOs/VOs are requested **to strictly follow 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,

(Jafar Malik)
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

**TIMELINE FOR PROCESSING OF NGO GRANTS APPLICATION FOR
ONGOING PROEJCTS of FY 2026-27**

| S.No | Activity | End date for completion of activity | Remarks |
|------|---|---|--|
| 1 | Issue of directions by MoTA for opening of portal for online application | End of March 2026 | |
| 2 | Submission of applications by NGOs on NGO Grants Portal | 30 th April 2026 | NGOs/VOs must submit applications within the prescribed timeline |
| 3 | District-level scrutiny, physical inspection, and forwarding to State Govt. | 30 th June 2026 - States having academic year from 1 st April onwards 31 st July 2026 - States having academic year from 1 st June onwards | Depending on academic schedule in the state, district authorities must complete inspection, scrutiny and forward all applications to the State Govt. within prescribed timeline. |
| 4 | State level Scrutiny and forwarding to MoTA | Within 15 days of receipt from Districts in NGO portal Portal will close by 15 th August for State submission. | States may simultaneously process proposals and forward to central ministry as and when received from Districts. |
| 5 | Processing of 1st instalment of grants in MoTA | Within 15 days of receipt from States in NGO portal | Files may be submitted simultaneously upon receipt of proposal in central Ministry and Efforts shall be made to process the first instalment of all projects in a time-bound manner. |
| 6 | Completion of Sanction of 1 st Installment to all ongoing projects | By 30 th November 2026 (subject to submission of documents for previous FY) | |

1. For **FY 2026-27 Projects**, NGO portal will remain open till the end of above-mentioned dates.
2. Once the NGO portal is closed then request for re-opening the portal **shall not be considered** in any circumstances.
3. Districts / States may not wait for the final date and submit the proposals simultaneously
4. Sanction of 1st installments of FY 2026-27 is **subject to clearance of final installment** of FY 2025-26 , therefore such applications may also be prioritized by States/NGOs/Districts.

