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(NGO Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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To

The Principal Secretary(s)
Tribal Welfare Department(s)
State Government(s) / UT Administration(s)

Subject: Modifications in guidelines of scheme of Aid to VOs working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes – reg

Sir / Madam,

As you are aware Ministry has been providing financial assistance to NGOs / VOs for running and maintenance of projects for welfare of STs under the scheme of Aid to VOs working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes. Grants-in-aid are considered by the Ministry based on the field inspection reports of district authorities and recommendation of multidisciplinary State Committee under the chairpersonship of Principal Secretary, State Tribal Welfare Department.

2. Implementation of the scheme was migrated from manual mode to online from the year 2017-18 with the development of online NGO Grants portal (www.ngograntsmota.gov.in). With the launch of the portal, the implementation of the scheme has been improved significantly. Ministry provides definite online windows to NGOs / VOs for application and State Governments for processing. However, with the experience of past two years, it is seen that State Governments in a number of instances do not complete the necessary procedures viz. field inspections and convening of meetings of State Committees within the timelines. This leads to opening of online windows at multiple time and delay in receipt of recommendations and subsequent of consideration of grants-in-aid.

3. In view of above, a need was felt for modifications in guidelines of the scheme in so far as procedural requirements are concerned. Accordingly, guidelines of the scheme are modified to the extent as detailed below:

(i). At District level, besides Collector, Divisional Commissioner or CEO Zilla Paishad can be the inspecting agency depending upon the structure of district so as to expedite the Ist level Inspection.

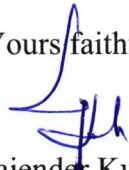
(ii). At State level, approval of State Committee will be applicable to the new projects only. In ongoing projects under the scheme, which have already been approved by State Committee in

previous year would not be required to be placed before the State Committee but can be recommended by the Principal Secretary of State Tribal Welfare Department.

In addition, a standardized recommendation format for recommendations (in format) be uploaded along with minutes of State Committee / approval of Principal Secretary (TWD) on the online NGO Grants portal at the time of forwarding the online applications to the Ministry.

4. The modified guidelines will be effective from FY 2020-21 and onwards.

Yours faithfully,


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Director

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Annex

List of project proposals of NGOs / VOs considered and recommended by State Committee or Principal Secretary (Tribal Welfare Department) (as applicable) under the scheme of Aid to VOs working for the welfare of STs for the financial year -----												
S. No.	Name of NGO	Project along with location	Ack . No.	Category (ongoing or new)	Last GIA sanction (in Rs.) (financial year)*	Budget submitted for current year	Budget recommended	Beneficiaries (classes) / beds recommended for previous year*	Whether any enhancement recommended (Yes / No)*	No. of beneficiaries (classes) / beds (in case of hospitals) recommended for current year	Remarks	In case of ongoing project, reasons for gap in recommendation for previous year(s), if any, be mentioned*

*In case of non-applicability, indicate N/A.