

F.No. 22054/10/2022-NGO (Part 1)
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs (NGO
Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 29th Dec, 2023

To

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

Subject: Opening of Ministry of Tribal Affairs' NGO portal for submission of ongoing project applications by NGOs / VOS for Grant in Aid under the scheme of "Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the Welfare of Scheduled Tribes" for the year 2024-25 — reg.

Sir / Madam,

I am directed to convey that online portal "NGO Grants Online Application & Tracking System" (<https://ngo.tribal.gov.in/>) will be opened for accepting ongoing project applications from NGOs for Grant-in-Aid for the year 2024-25 under the scheme of "Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes". The time line for receiving applications in this regard is indicted below:

NGOs / VOS	From 01 st Jan, 2024 onwards	For submitting only Ongoing projects applications FY 2024-25 by NGO
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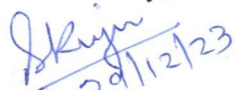
2. All are requested to comply the provision of revised NGO scheme guidelines issued by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) vide its communication F. No. 22040/06/2022-NGO dated 27/01/2023 including the following: -

- A minimum of at least 75 beneficiaries shall be the requirement for commencement of an educational project. However, in exceptional cases, a project with a minimum of 25 ST students may be considered by the Ministry with the approval of Minister, Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The ongoing projects of the NGOs receiving grants under the scheme need to comply with the minimum number beneficiaries within two years from the date of the issue of the revised guidelines.
- If a project has been rejected on serious violations, malafide grounds etc, it would be appropriate to debar it from receiving grants in future.
- Remuneration to Staff and other beneficiaries under the project of NGO should preferably be made by bank transfer (through DBT Mode).
- An organization running multiple projects of same nature of categories defined under the scheme, in a district may file single application for all such similar projects for which grant is being sought.
- The NGOs shall not charge any fees from the ST beneficiaries for the projects for which grants are received from MOTA.

- Ministry may appoint an independent agency for carrying out assessment and field inspection. Funding shall be discontinued if projects are not found conforming to the norms of the Government, or not meeting right standards.
- Recommendation on the applications for ongoing projects can be forwarded to the Ministry by the Principal Secretary/Officer in charge Tribal Welfare Department without seeking the approval of the SCSVE
- If there is any change in project specifications like location, nomenclature of project, increase in number of beneficiaries under the project, change will be considered / accepted by the Ministry with the approval of Secretary, Tribal Affairs on the specific recommendation of the Principal Secretary/Officer in charge of the TWD of the State subject to availability of funds
- The recommending authority will also have to certify that the project has sufficient infrastructure to cater to the increased number of beneficiaries recommended.
- In case a project has not been recommended for three successive financial years, the project will not be treated as ongoing for subsequent years.
- Annual Reports (AR) and Audited Accounts (AR) shall be submitted by organizations in English and Hindi as per the format prescribed by Ministry. if any information provided in the AR and AA submitted by the NGOs is found to be incorrect /false or fraud then the organization shall be de barred for availing grants from the Ministry.
- Due diligence to be done by the NGOs in preparation and submission of Annual Audited Account as already intimated vide this Ministry's letter dated 27.06.2023.

3. You are requested to give wide publicity for the above timelines among the stakeholders.

Yours' faithfully,


(Saroj Kujur)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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- a. NIC Cell, Ministry of Tribal Affairs for uploading this communication on Ministry's website. The NGO Portal may kindly be kept open as per the abovementioned timelines. The dates may also be scrolled on homepage of MoTA's website.
- b. All NGOs / VOS.