To

1. Principal Secretary / Secretary (in charge of) Tribal Development (All States/UT of Andaman and Nicobar Island)
2. Commissioner / Director (Head of Department), Tribal Development (All States)

Subject: Submission of project proposals under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP), Grants under proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution and Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) scheme for 2017-18-reg.

Sir / Madam,

As you are aware, the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) in this Ministry appraises and approves the annual plan of the State under the above schemes within their allocated amount. Based on the decision of PAC, funds are released to the State Government.

2. It has been decided to hold the PAC meetings for the year 2017-18 from the fourth week of April, 2017 which will give ample time to the State Governments for implementation of their Annual Plan. State Governments are therefore requested to initiate their process of formulation of plan accordingly. A composite proposal amounting to 1.25 times of the allocation for 2016-17 may be prepared / submitted for 2017-18.

3. State Governments are requested to furnish the proposal to this Ministry for 2017-18 by 15.4.2017 positively with following documents / details:-

   (i) Projects / activities proposed separately under SCA to TSP, Art. 275(1) Grants and Development of PVTGs (as applicable). (The state-wise allocation will be intimated shortly)
   (ii) In order that ongoing projects / activities (approved earlier) are completed, fund requirement for committed liabilities may be projected.
(iii) Sector wise physical and financial achievements of State TSP funds along with outcome of programmes implemented for tribal development in the State during 12th Five Year Plan i.e. from 2012-13 to 2016-17.

(iv) Pending Utilization Certificates (UCs) for the funds released (full UCs up to 2015-16 and amount released as recurring grants for 2016-17) under the above schemes.

(v) Activity-wise Physical Progress Reports under the above schemes.

4. The TSP guidelines may be followed and is requested that State TSP funds may be allocated at least in proportion to the State ST population.

5. Soft copy of the consolidated proposal and power-point presentation may also please be sent to this Ministry at the email addresses (SCA to TSP : rajeev.paraksh@nic.in, nadeem.ahmad@nic.in ; Art. 275(1) Grants: pk.sahoo@nic.in, Development of PVTGs : s.titus@nic.in)

6. PAC meetings may be attended by Principal Secretary / Secretary, Commissioner (in charge of) Tribal Development, and In-charge of Tribal Sub-Plan, as the case may be, from the States. Schedule of meetings shall be intimated shortly.

7. This has the approval of Secretary, Tribal Affairs (TA) (Chairman PAC).

Yours sincerely,

(P.K. Sahoo)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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