

No. 22040/30/2012-NGO(Pt.V)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
(NGO Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 22.09.2023

The Principal Secretary(s),  
Tribal Welfare Department(s),  
State Government(s) / UT Administration(s)  
(As per list attached)

Subject: Timeline for recommendations of project applications of NGOs / VOs under the scheme of Grants in Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the Welfare of Scheduled Tribes – reg.

Sir / Madam,

The undersigned is directed to say that this Ministry had invited applications from NGOs through the NGO portal(<https://ngo.tribal.gov.in>) for their New Projects for Grant-in-Aid under Scheme of “Grants in Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes”. The last date for applying for new projects for the year 2023-24 was up to 21.09.2023.

2. It is, however, observed that new project proposals are still lying unprocessed at State/ District Level in your state in spite of this Ministry’s letter dated 11.05.2023, 26.05.2023, 19.06.2023, 05.07.2023 & 30.08.2023 requesting for timely processing. The status of the applications submitted by the NGOs/ VOs is as under:

#### **Status of Project Proposals**

Status	New Project Proposal for 2023-24
Applications pending for forwarding it to District Authorities by the state	196
Applications pending for State recommendation and forwarding it to Ministry (Already recommended by the Districts)	204
Pending with District Authorities for Physical inspection, recommendation and forwarding it to State	1915

3. It is also observed that new project applications are being rejected by State Govt./ District Authorities without mentioning reasons for rejection of the applications. *This Ministry is receiving grievances from the concerns for status of the proposals and the reasons for rejection. In order to promote fairness and transparency, it is requested to mention specific reasons for rejection while rejecting the project applications on the NGO Grant portal, for which provision has been made.*

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4. Details of number of new project proposals for the year 2023-24 lying at State/ District Level are attached.

5. In view of the above, it is requested to ensure that the pending applications are processed on priority and if found suitable forward with their recommendations to this Ministry. Last date for sending applications with their recommendations are as below:

For District Authorities with Physical Inspection Report	11.10.2023
For State Govt with recommendation of State Level Committee(SCSVE)	16.10.2023

6. Ministry of Tribal Affairs solicits your co-operation and timely action in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: as above

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Copy to: District Collectors  
(As per list attached)