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ORDER

Subject: Guidelines for Implementation of Tribal Sub Plan (TSP)

Vide O.M. No.M-11012/03/2013-SJ&SW dated 18/06/2014, the erstwhile Planning Commission (now NITI Aayog) had published 'Revised Guidelines for Implementation of Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) by the States/UTs'. Thereafter, vide O.M. No.M-11011/01/2021-SJE dated 26/08/2021, NITI Aayog clarified that "as the total budget includes allocations for non-plan expenditures like; establishment expenditure and other central / State sector expenditure etc. Therefore, only the Plan (Scheme) allocations should be considered for allocation of funds for Tribal Sub-Plan in proportion to the Scheduled Tribes population in the respective State/UT".

It has come to the notice of the Government that the TSP allocation is not in line with the aforesaid guidelines of the NITI Aayog. Considering the same the line departments shall ensure that the allocation under Tribal Sub Plan shall be necessarily in adherence with the guidelines of the NITI Aayog and that there is no diversion of TSP funds for non tribal purpose. The line department shall incur optimum expenditure towards the allocation under the Tribal Sub Plan so that, benefits reach to the Tribal population of the State. Further, the line Departments shall streamline the schemes to enable the Tribal population to seek maximum benefit.

In pursuance to the above observations, the following directions are hereby issued to bring more accountability into the process of implementation of Tribal Sub Plan in the State:

1. For any new scheme or amendment to the existing scheme, project and development works under the TSP, the line Department shall take the approval of the Department of Tribal Welfare for proposing works/projects under the Tribal Sub Plan before the respective Department takes Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction in order to ascertain the applicability of expenditure under the Tribal Sub Plan.

2. The Tribal Welfare Department shall have the liberty to recommend new scheme or amendment to the existing scheme, project and development works under the TSP to the line Department.
3. Upon receipt of proposal from the line Departments on TSP, the Tribal Welfare Department shall convey its decision expeditiously. The Line Departments are advised to submit the details of the projects that the Departments intend to undertake in the next financial year in the preceding year in the month of October – November to ascertain that the proposed projects are benefitting the Scheduled Tribes.
4. The Tribal Welfare Department shall have liberty to call the line Department for discussion on the proposal.
5. The reference number of Tribal Welfare Department wherein the prior approval is obtained shall be mandatorily mentioned in the scheme notification and sanction order by the line Departments for new / amended schemes.

All line Departments shall meticulously follow above directions, and any non compliance will be viewed seriously by the Government.

This is issue with approval of the Government of Goa vide their UO. No. 10427/F dated 15/01/2026.

By Order and in
the name of Governor of Goa




(Nilesch Dhaigodkar)
Director Tribal Welfare &
Ex-officio Jt. Secretary, Govt. of Goa.

To,
The Director, Directorate of Printing and Stationary, Government Printing Press,
Panaji-Goa with a request to publish the same in Government Official Gazette and
provide 5 copies of the said Gazette to this Directorate.

Copy to,

1. All Head of Departments implementing Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) (list enclosed).