ADVISORY NOTE ON NGO PARTNERSHIP

1. Civil society organizations have complained of difficulties in accessing grant from the Government. A transparent and accountable system was, therefore, required to be devised and implemented which could help VOs/NGOs obtain information on various grant giving programmes, the procedure for obtaining the same and the status of their request once an application is made. This kind of arrangement also helps Government keep track of the applications and assist in speedy disposal within a rational framework.

2. With the above facts in mind, the Government of India has instituted the concept of NGO Partnership System to bring about greater partnership between government & the voluntary sector and to foster better transparency, efficiency and accountability.

3. The VOs/NGOs are mandatorily required to Sign Up on the **NGO Partnership System** (NGO-PS) at **http://ngo.india.gov.in** .

   • This is mandatory for NGOs applying for grant from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Culture, Human Resource Development, Health Ministry, NACO, Women & Child Development and CAPART.   These Ministries in turn have to mandatorily provide a web enable interface created by NIC to entertain applications for grants (this facility is not available at present).

   • The existing paper applications route will also continue to be available for the time being.

   • The Unique Identification No. assigned by the NIC software upon particulars being registered with portal data base, must be cited in all future applications, correspondences etc.

4. This facility will enable the NGOs/VOs to :
   • Get details of existing VOs / NGOs across India
   • Get details of grant schemes of key Ministries/Departments
   • Apply on – line for NGO grants and track status of application for grants (this facility is not available at present).