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PUC is a DO letter regarding grant of financial assistance by way of term loans through various State level Channelising agencies (SCAs) by National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation (NSTFDC). The GOI have now proposed to extend the base of the existing network for channelising funds by the including Established Voluntary Agencies (EVAs)/ Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) of repute as channelising agencies which might help in reaching out to a large number of ST beneficiaries. The GOI have called for the stand of the Administration particularly in respect of point No.4 in the event of extending the financial assistance to the tribal beneficiaries through the Established Voluntary Agencies (EVA)/ Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

The ANIIDCO is the Channelising agency in respect of the fund provided by the NSTFDC for the tribal beneficiaries as per the Admn.'s order No. 1 dated 03/01/1996 at page 5/C. We are not aware if the NSTFDC has extended any financial assistance by way of term loans to the tribal beneficiaries of this UT through the channelising agency, ANIIDCO.

With regard to channelising the financial assistance to the ST beneficiaries through the EVAs / NGOs, it is stated that there is no EVA/NGO working for the tribal development in the tribal area of this UT, so there is no scope for involvement of such agencies for channelising funds of NSTFDC. However, we may call for the information regarding term loan extended to the ST beneficiaries through ANIIDCO including over dues, if any before a reply is sent to the GOI, if approved. A draft letter to General Manager, ANIIDCO is put up for approval please.

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