

No-2-4/2020-IFD
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Integrated Finance Division)

Dated: 5th May, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Procedure for release of funds during 2022-23 under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and monitoring utilization of the funds released.

The undersigned is directed to refer to IFD's O.M. of even no. dated 29th March, 2022 and 7th April, 2022 on the above mentioned subject, wherein all the Programme Divisions dealing with the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) were requested to ensure the revised procedure for release of funds during 2022-23.

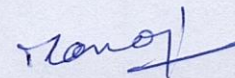
2. In view of the directions of DoE as conveyed by IFD as indicated above, the following need to be strictly ensured by Programme Divisions before submitting the file to IFD for release under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS):

- (i) The entire amount of Central Share of CSS released to the State in Financial Year 2021-2022 has been transferred to Single Nodal Account of the SNA concerned.
- (ii) Corresponding State share in full in Financial Year 2021-22 has been credited to by the State Govt. to the Single Nodal Account of the SNA.
- (iii) Interest accrued in the SNA account has been deposited in the Consolidated Fund of India as per the instructions contained in DoE's O.M. No. 1(13)/PFMS/FCD/2020 dated 30.06.2021.
- (iv) Unspent amount lying with sub-implementing agencies has been deposited in the Single Nodal Account of the SNA concerned.
- (v) PD must consider balance available in SNA account while proposing release of funds to IFD.

3. In this connection, attention is also invited to Finance Secretary's DO No. 40(2)/PF-S/2022-23 dated 21st April, 2022 (**copy enclosed**) regarding furnishing of wrong information though they were certified by competent officers of the State Government. As mentioned in the DO letter, M/o Finance has indicated that action may be taken against officers if falsification of financial information or provision of wrong information in a grossly negligent manner is detected.

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4. In view of the above, it is again reiterated that factually correct information regarding transfer of funds to SNA account needs to be ensured before proposing for release of funds.



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Director (IFD)

To

- 1) All Divisional Heads by name (including NAEB, NRCD and NTCA)
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- 3) All Autonomous Bodies/Statutory Bodies under the Ministry.

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DO No. 40(2)/PF-S/2022-23

21st April, 2022

Dear Chief Secretary,

As you are aware the Government of India gives permission for borrowings of State Governments under Article 293 of the Constitution and releases funds under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes and under recommendations of the Finance Commission. In carrying out these functions, it relies on information supplied by the State Governments and certified by their officers.

It has come to light that, of late, there are some instances where the factual information provided to the Government of India is wrong in material respects even though certified by competent officers of the State Governments, in a manner indicating either falsification or gross negligence. As an illustration, in one case, wrong information led to heavy over-borrowing by a State during the tenure of one Government which led to deduction of such amount during the tenure of a subsequent Government, causing difficulties.

3. You will appreciate that as per the All India Services Conduct Rules, particularly Rules 3(2B), 3(3) and other similar Rules, Civil Servants are responsible to tender proper and factual advice and are required to sign certificates and provide information in a truthful and correct manner.

4. It has been decided that if falsification of financial information or provision of wrong information in a grossly negligent manner is detected, this Ministry will take the following steps:-

- (i) In respect of All India Service Officers, the facts and names of officers involved will be communicated to the Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India to be taken into consideration, as deemed appropriate by them in matters relating to empanelment, Central deputation, inter-cadre deputation,

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deputation for foreign training at Government cost or foreign assignments, permission to take-up assignments under Rule 6(2)(ii), etc. For this purpose, the officers signing the wrong information and those putting up such wrong information will be taken into account.

- (ii) The matter may also be taken up with the State Government to initiate disciplinary proceedings in appropriate cases.
- (iii) In respect of officers of the Central Services on deputation to State Governments, the matter will be brought to the notice of their Central Cadre Controlling Authorities for such action as deemed appropriate by them, including possible recall from State deputation and/or disciplinary proceedings.
- (iv) Errors which are *bona fide*/not material/minor will not attract such action.

5. It is requested that the contents above may kindly be brought to the notice of all All India Service Officers of your State Cadre and to those Central Services officers who may be working on deputation to the State.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

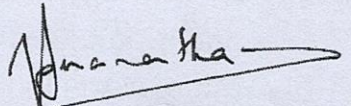
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