# IFD Circular 06/2016

No. 14/6/2014-FD Government of India

Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation

Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi, dated /////////May, 2016

# OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines/Instructions to be followed on creation of Reserve/Corpus funds.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of OM No F.No.1 (9)-B(AC)/2014 dated 28th April, 2016 received from Department of Economic Affairs (Budget Division) on the subject cited above (Copy enclosed).

- 2. Department of Economic Affairs has issued guidelines/Instructions to be followed on creation of Reserve/Corpus funds
- 3. It is accordingly requested that compliance of the revised guidelines/instructions contained in the said OM may kindly be ensured. \*\*
- 4. This issues with the approval of JS&FA, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation.

(Vijay Srivastava) Under Secretary (IFD) Tel. 23719302

Encl: As stated.

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- 2. Joint Secretary (Admn), Ministry of Water Resources, Shram Shakti Bhavan, New Delhi
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- 11. Economic Advisor, Ministry of Water Resources, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi Attached/subordinate Offices and Organisations of Ministry of Water Resources
- Chairman, Central Water Commission, Sewa Bhavan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.
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- 8. Director, CSMRS, Hauz Khas, New Delhi
- 9. Chairman, GFCC, Sinchai Bhawan, 3rd Floor, Patna 800015 (Bihar)
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- 11. Chief Engineer, Betwa River Board, Nandanpura, Jhansi 284003 (UP).
- 12. Member Secretary, Polavaram project Authority, Krishna Godavari Bhawan, H.No. 11-4-648,(Ist floor), AC Guards, Hyderabad- 500 004
- 13. Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Copy along with enclosures also to:

- 1. PS to Hon'ble Minister(WR,RD&GR)
- PS to Hon'ble MOS(WR,RD&GR)
- 3. Sr. PPS to Secretary (WR,RD&GR)
- 4. PPS to SS (WR,RD&GR)
- 5. PPS to JS&FA

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6./Under Secretary (E-Gov) - with request to put the orders on web-site of MOWR

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### F.No.1(9)-B(AC)/2014 Ministry of Finance Department of Economic Affairs ( Budget Division )

New Delhi. 28th April, 2016.

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Guidelines/instructions to be followed on creation of Reserve/Corpus Funds.

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- Despite issuing instructions restraining reserve/corpus funds in Public Account of India, there has been a surge in the demands/proposals from Ministries/Departments for creation of dedicated reserve/corpus funds in the Public Account of India. The funds so created in the Public Account and the balances lying idle therein create a liability for the Government alongwith inflexible entitlements. It is the endeavor of the Government to ensure prioritization of expenditure considering various competing needs.
- While the reserve/corpus funds are agreed for creation with 3. dedicated receipts in the form of cess or levies, funds from Government's contribution out of its borrowings are best avoidable.
- Keeping this in view, Ministries/Departments are requested to strictly follow the instructions/guidelines conveyed in this Ministry's O.M. dated 7.1.2005 while processing the proposals/suggestions for creation of reserve/corpus funds in the Public Account of India.

- Now Y. (N.M.Jha) Director (Budget)

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The CGA, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure.

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# No.F.1(30)-B(AC)/2004 Ministry of Finance Department of Economic Affairs ( Budget Division)

New Delhi, 7th January, 2005.

#### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines/instructions to be followed on creation of Reserve/Corpus funds.

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- 2. With the annual targets set out in Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Rules, 2004 framed in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8 of Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003 for reduction of revenue deficit by an amount equivalent to 0.5 per cent or more of the GDP at the end of each financial year, beginning with the financial year 2004-05 in order to eliminate the revenue deficit by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009, it has been decided to bring out the under-mentioned guidelines/instructions to be followed by all Ministries/Departments:
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