

No. 14/06/2014-IFD
Govt. of India
Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation

New Delhi, dated 19th November, 2014

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Expenditure Management – Economy Measures and Rationalisation of Expenditure.


1. The undersigned is directed to refer to OM of even number dated 05.11.2014 (IFD Circular 12/2014) in the aforesaid matter forwarding a copy of Dept. of Expenditure OM No.7(1)/E-Coord./2014 dated 29th October, 2014 for strict compliance by all concerned.
2. Broad import of the directions of Ministry of Finance were submitted as under for information/directions of Secretary(WR,RD&GR).
 - a) A mandatory 10% cut in non-plan expenditure has been introduced except in relation to salaries. No re-appropriation of funds to augment the non-plan heads of expenditure on which cuts have been imposed shall be allowed during FY 2014-15.
 - b) In terms of para 2.2(i) 10% cut is to be put on all plan and non-plan budgetary allocations for conferences, workshops, seminars etc. This implies that under OAE object head being operated under various schemes of MOWR, RD & GR, as also any other head where such expenditure is being incurred, this cut has to be affected.
 - c) There will be a ban on holding of meetings and conferences at five star hotels except in case of bilateral/multilateral official engagements to be held at the level of Minister-in-charge or Administrative Secretary, with foreign governments or international bodies of which India is a member. Further, in terms of directions issued administrative Secretaries are to exercise utmost discretion in holding such meetings in 5-Star hotels keeping in mind the need to observe utmost economy in expenditure. However, this expenditure has to be within Rs.10 lakh for such bilateral events/meetings in keeping with ceilings imposed by MOF separately on expenditure pertaining to conference, meetings, seminars etc. within powers of Ministries/Departments.
 - d) In terms of para 2.4(i) 10% mandatory cut has been put on DTE/FTE plan also. Re-appropriation/augmentation proposal on this account are also not to be approved. Accordingly foreign as well as domestic travel would need to be restricted to bare essentials, staying within budget available.
 - e) Ban on creation of posts, and need for reference to Ministry of Finance for revival of posts lying vacant for more than one year has been persisted with in terms of para 2.5.
 - f) In terms of para 3 - Observance of discipline in physical transfers to states, public sector undertakings and autonomous bodies *inter alia* the state governments are required to furnish monthly returns of Plan expenditure – Central, centrally sponsored or State Plan – to respective Ministries/Departments along with a report on amounts outstanding in their Public Account in respect of Central, centrally sponsored schemes. MOF has desired that this requirement may be scrupulously enforced and tasked Controller of Accounts with ensuring compliance. As the modalities and format for furnishing these returns are not

clear and need to be worked out, a meeting may be held under AS(WR) with participation of JS&FA, ADG(Stat), Commissioner(SP), Commissioner(Ganga), and CA, MOWR to work out the details.

g) Para 4 re-emphasises balanced pace of expenditure including adherence to FRBM ceilings and monthly expenditure plan. Advance releases for procurement have been restricted vide para 4.2. During FY 2013-14 a large number of state sector projects posed in March, 2014 were returned by MOF citing applicability of FRBM ceilings. SMDs handling proposals dependent on posing of such proposals by states viz. Ganga Wing (in relation to Flood Management Programme and River Management Activities & Works related to Border Areas), SP Wing (in relation to AIBP, RRR of Water Bodies and CADWM), and Stat Wing (in relation to RMIS) need to take note of these provisions and take pro-active steps.

3. Secretary(WR, RD&GR) has desired that this may be circulated to all concerned. Accordingly, all concerned are requested to kindly note and take further necessary action in line with above.

4. In relation to meeting at item (f) in pursuance of para 3 of Ministry of Finance directions dated 29.10.2014, CA, MOWR, RD & GR may please take necessary action for seeking convenience of AS(WR), holding of meeting and further follow action.


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Copy along with enclosures also to:

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister(WR,RD&GR)
2. PS to Hon'ble MOS(WR,RD&GR)
3. Sr. PPS to Secretary (WR,RD&GR)
4. PPS to AS (WR)
5. PPS to JS&FA
6. Under Secretary (E-Gov) – with request to put the orders on web-site of MOWR.

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