

No.F.9/2/2013-14/Fin (B)/
GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
(BUDGET DIVISION)

1372-1376

4th Level, A-Wing,
Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi

Dated: 10/8/2021

To

All Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/
Secretaries/Head of Departments,
Government of NCT of Delhi,
Delhi / New Delhi

Sub: Procedure for release of funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS).

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide letter F No.1 (13)/PFMS/FCD/2020 dated 23.3.2021 has issued procedure for release of funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and monitoring utilization of the funds released, which has been circulated by the Finance Department vide letter No.04 (08)/2016/T-1/Pr.A.O./P.F/jsfin/1245-1246 dated 21.5.2021(Annexure 1).

2. For the purpose of implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes by the Departments and release of funds instructions have been issued from time to time. Detailed modified procedures for release of funds was issued vide this office letter of even number 07.8.2018(Annexure 2) to streamline the process at various levels to minimize the time to process file. These instructions were further modified vide this office letter of even number dated 19.10.2020 (Annexure 3) and suo-moto authorisation of funds was allowed to the concerned Department implementing the Centrally Sponsored Schemes immediately on receipt of funds from Nodal Ministry, Government of India.

3. As per point number 16 of the revised procedure issued by Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide letter F. No. 1(13)/PFMS/FCD/ 2020 dated 23.3.2021,

"the State Government will transfer the Central share received in its account in the RBI to the concerned SNA's Account within a period of 21 days of its receipt. The Central share shall not be diverted to the Personal Deposit (PD) account or any other account by the State Government, Corresponding State share should be released as early as possible as and not later than 40 days of release of the Central share. The funds will be maintained by the SNA in the Single Nodal Account of each CSS. State Governments/SNA/IAs shall not transfer scheme related funds to any other bank account, except for actual payment under the scheme".

4. With the introduction of new procedure of transfer of CSS alongwith their proportionate State shares to SNA account within the prescribed period, Finance (Budget) Division will authorise funds under CSS on receipt of funds from Government of India and its confirmation by the Principal Accounts Office, GNCT of Delhi to the designated SNA only.

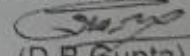
5. Keeping in view the revised guidelines of Govt of India, the procedure for authorisation of funds under CSS to the Departments will be as under:

- i. The authorisation shall be for transfer of funds, (with the approval of the Competent Authority to incur expenditure in accordance with Finance Department's Delegation Order dated 07.08.2019) from the State Treasury to the SNA Account opened by the department in accordance with the Ministry of Finance OM No.1(13) PFMS/ FCD/2020 dated. 23/03/2021 and subsequent instructions issued from time to time.
- ii. The authorisation of funds shall be to the extent of budget provision as available in the Detailed Demands for Grants or the amount received from Govt. of India, whichever is less.
- iii. The Department may ensure that the proportionate State share is also transferred with the approval of the Competent Authority to incur expenditure as per the Finance Department's Delegation Order dated 07.08.2019 to the SNA Account in accordance with the Ministry of Finance OM dated.23/03/2021 quoted above and subsequent instruction from time to time.
- iv. The Department may further ensure that the expenditure from the SNA Account is with the approval of the Competent Authority; through the mechanism of allocation of drawing limits to be decided by the SNA concerned from time to time, as explained in the Ministry of Finance OM dated 23.03.2021 and subsequent instructions issued from time to time.

6. The Pay & Accounts Office will transfer the funds to SNA account on presentation of bill by the Department.

7. In view of the new procedure issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide letter referred above, all the Departments are requested to ensure that entire process of release of funds under CSS to SNA account is completed within the prescribed period.

Yours faithfully,


(D B Gupta)

Joint Director (Budget)

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Dated: 10/8/2021

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2. The Director (Planning), Planning Department, GNCT of Delhi.
3. The Deputy Secretary (I, II, III & IV), Finance Department, GNCT of Delhi.
4. All Pay & Accounts Officer of GNCT of Delhi through Controller of Accounts, Principal Accounts Office, Vikas Bhawan, New Delhi.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi
4th Level, B-Wing, Delhi Secretariat, I.P. Estate, New Delhi

No.04(08)/2016/T-1/Pr.A.O./P.F/JS/ma/1245-1246

Dated: 21/05/2021

To,

All the Head of the Departments,
Govt. of NCT of Delhi/Autonomous Bodies,
New Delhi.

Sub: Procedure for release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) issued by the Department of Expenditure.

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the Revised Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Govt. of India vide its letter dated 23.03.2021 regarding **Procedure for release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS)**, which are self explanatory.

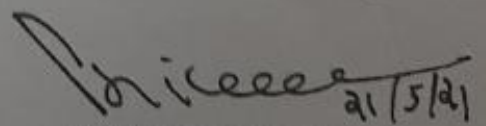
You are requested to take following initiative as per revised procedure in respect of CSS being implemented by your Department:-

1. Designate State Nodal Agency (SNA) for each CSS.
2. Open a Single Nodal Account by SNA for each CSS.
3. Registering the SNA in the PFMS and bank account of SNA is opened and mapped in PFMS.
4. Zero balance bank accounts of the implementing agencies down the ladder are opened, if required.
5. All the Implementing Agencies (IAs) are registered in PFMS and their zero balance bank accounts are mapped in PFMS.
6. Funds available in the bank account of all IAs are transferred to the bank account of concerned SNA.

You are also requested to provide the status of completion of preparatory activities to implement the new procedure for release of funds under CSS within 7 days as per proforma enclosed. Department-wise list of Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in Govt. of NCT of Delhi is also enclosed herewith.

This may be treated on **Priority**.

Yours faithfully,



(PRINCE DHAWAN)
Special Secretary (Finance)

Encl: As above

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GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI
FINANCE (BUDGET) DEPARTMENT:

4th Level, A-Wing,
Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi
Dated: 07/08/2018

To
All Head of departments,
Government of NCT of Delhi,
Delhi/New Delhi.

Sub: Procedure/SOP for release of Grant-in-Aid under Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Sir/Madam,

It has been reported that funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) are not being released within the stipulated period to the Implementing Agencies. Finance Department has issued detailed guidelines to be followed for release of funds from time to time. Vide letter dated 25.11.2014 a specific time schedule was also prescribed. But these instructions have not been followed in letter and spirit resulting in unwanted delays and adverse remarks from Ministries of Government of India.

2. Finance Department has again reviewed the procedure for release of funds to the Department implementing CSS in view of the procedural changes in mode of payment and receipt of funds from Government of India. To streamline the process at various levels and minimize time to process files, following procedure/SOP will be followed henceforth in release of funds:-

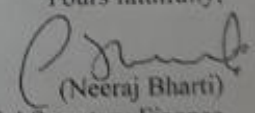
- (i) Proposal for Grant-in-aid in respect of ongoing CSS or new CSS relating to the Government of NCT of Delhi is submitted to the Nodal Ministry in Government of India for budget provision as well as release of grants directly by the concerned Administrative Department implementing the Scheme. Administrative Department is well aware of the progress of the processing of scheme at different levels. Therefore, it is emphasized that Departments implementing centrally sponsored scheme should ensure to keep adequate budget provisions under Central/State share in relevant Head of Accounts/Object Heads for incurring expenditure.
- (ii) Only in exceptional cases, when a scheme is introduced in mid of the financial year provision may be made at Revised Estimates stage or Supplementary Demands for Grants as the case may be.
- (iii) With the introduction of the payment through Inter Government Advice (IGA) by the Ministries/Departments of Government of India, the payments now being received within a day in the account of Government of NCT of Delhi. To further expedite the process, the Principal Accounts Office, GNCT of Delhi will intimate the receipt of funds to the concerned Departments, Finance Department and Planning Department **within 02 days** of receipt of funds into the Government account.
- (iv) After the receipt of the communication regarding receipt of funds from Principal Accounts Office, the Administrative Department should submit duly completed case containing following information/documents:-
 - (a) copy for the sanction letter from Government of India,
 - (b) letter of confirmation of credit of funds by the Principal Accounts Office,
 - (c) Head of Accounts upto 15 digit level with detailed nomenclature,
 - (d) opening balance as on 1st April of relevant year,

- (e) copy of permission granted for utilization of unspent balances in subsequent year from Government of India.
- (f) and any other relevant documents relating to the proposal.

The case file should be sent to the Planning Department **within 02 days** of receipt of the communication from the Principal Accounts Office with regard to credits of funds into the accounts of Government of NCT of Delhi.

- (v) The Planning Department after examining the proposal will submit the case file to Finance (Budget) Department for authorization of funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) **within 02 days**.
- (vi) The process of issue of letter of authorization of funds to be completed by the Finance (Budget) Department **within 02 days** and thereafter file may be sent to the Associate Finance for necessary concurrence of proposal of the Department.
- (vii) The Associate Finance will process the case wherever approval of the Finance Department is required **within 03 days** and necessary concurrence given to the Administrative Department who will take necessary action for drawal of payment. In those cases which are within the power of Administrative Secretary/HOD, file may be immediately sent to the Department after receipt from the Finance (Budget) Department. The budget provision available in the Detailed Demands for Grants and the authorization issued by the Finance (Budget) Department to be kept in by the Associate Finance, while expenditure concurrence is given.
- (viii) Administrative Department will process the bill and drawal of payments from Pay & Accounts Office for transmission to the respective agencies on top priorities **within 04 days** of concurrence of the Finance Department.
- (ix) **It may please be ensured that entire process of release of funds under CSS to Implementing Agency is completed within 15 days of receipt of funds from Government of India.**
- (x) The reconciliation, opening of head and other instructions relating to Centrally Sponsored Schemes shall be as per the instructions already issued by Finance Department.

Yours faithfully,


(Neeraj Bharti)

Special Secretary Finance

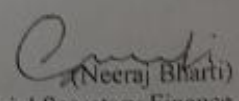
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(Neeraj Bharti)

Special Secretary Finance

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GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI
FINANCE (BUDGET) DEPARTMENT:

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Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi
Dated: 19/10/2020.

To

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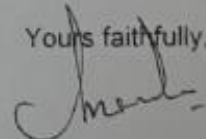
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that for the purpose of implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes by the Departments, a detailed procedure for release of funds was issued on 07.8.2018 (Copy enclosed) to streamline the process at various levels to minimize the time to process file. The same is being further modified to the extent as detailed below:

2. Finance (Budget) Department suo-moto will authorise the funds to the concerned Department implementing the Centrally Sponsored Schemes immediately on receipt of funds from Nodal Ministry, Government of India and confirmation of the same by the Principal Accounts Office, GNCT of Delhi without waiting for any request from the Department. This authorization shall be applicable to the extent of budget provisions as available in the Detailed Demand for Grant during the relevant financial year or the amount received from Government of India, whichever is lower. Department will thus not be required to send any specific request for authorisation of funds.

3. For the purpose of the expenditure, the Department will have to follow the procedure as per GFR and Delegation of Financial Powers issued from time to time by the Finance Department and conditions laid down in the sanction issued by the Nodal Ministry, Government of India.

Yours faithfully,



(Manju Sahoo)
Joint Secretary (Budget)

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