GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

letter No. 21352/F., Bhubaneswar, dated the 18/1/2014
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government./
Principal Secretary to Government./
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government./
Secretary to Government./
EIC-cum-Secretary to Government./
All Departments of Government.

Sub:- Time Bound Compliance on Inspection Reports, Draft Audit Notes, Draft Audit Para, C&AG Para and on recommendations of Public Accounts Committee.

(1) Instructions issued by the Finance Department for time bound compliance to Inspection Reports (IR), Draft Audit Notes (DAN), Draft Audit Para (DAP), C&AG Para and on recommendations of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) are available in shape of a compilation namely “Hand Book of Instruction for Speedy Settlement of Audit Objections, Scrutiny of CAG Reports and initiation of Action thereon, Public Accounts Committee – Procedure and Work Programme” published in the year 2006. Of late, it came to the notice of the Finance Department that the guidelines and instructions issued from time to time are not followed, resulting in huge pendency in compliance. In absence of reply from the Department concerned, Draft Paragraphs are taken to the C&AG Report without incorporating the views of the State Government. Therefore, it is now felt necessary to refresh the memories of the concerned authorities regarding time line fixed for such compliance and their role and responsibility.

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(3) Role and Responsibilities :-

(a) Head of Office :-
   (i) To ensure submission of first reply to each IR Para to the Head of Department/Controlling Officer for approval within the prescribed time limit and to submit an interim reply if final reply is to be delayed.

   (ii) To ensure that lapses pointed out in Audit are not repeated in future.

(b) Head of Department :-
   (i) Approval of the reply to IR Para received from Heads of Offices and onward transmission of the same to AG, Odisha.

   (ii) Compliance to Draft Audit Note within the prescribed time limit and to provide material for compliance of Draft Audit Para and C&AG Para as well as to maintain confidentiality on the Draft Audit Note/Draft Audit Para.

   (iii) To convene Departmental Monitoring Committee meeting in each month to review the progress of compliance and pending position.

   (iv) To arrange Triangular Committee meetings through the Accounts Officer for settlement of IR Para.

(c) Administrative Department :-
   (i) Compliance to Draft Audit Note, Draft Audit Para, C&AG Para and Action Taken Note on PAC recommendations within the prescribed time limit and to maintain confidentiality on the Draft Audit Note/Draft Audit Para.

   (ii) To convene Departmental Monitoring Committee meeting in each month to review the progress of compliance and Triangular Committee meetings through the FA’s/AFA’s for settlement of IR Para.

   (iii) To obtain permission of the Chief Secretary through Finance Department for necessity of a belated compliance than the prescribed time limit.

(4) Implementation of Odisha Central Audit Management Portal (OCAMP) for Audit Tracking :- Of late an IT Based Audit Management System OCAMP has been introduced to facilitate the Departments of Government and Finance Department to monitor and to take timely action on Audit Observations. It has been made operative for all Departments of Government vide F.D.O.M No. 20361 dated 9th July, 2014 and modalities of operations have been outlined in F.D.O.M No.14121 dt.29.04.2014. Hence forth the IRs, DANs, DAPs and C&AG Reports are to be uploaded by the Office of the AG, Odisha to the Odisha Central Audit Management Portal and compliance are to be submitted through the system.

    All the Authorities concerned are required to take appropriate action for compliance on different type of Audit Observations, as per the time limit fixed for the same.

    Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
    Finance Department.
Memo No. 21359/F., dt. 18/7/2014

Copy forwarded to the Principal A.G. (A&E), Odisha, Bhubaneswar / Principal A.G. (E&RSA), Odisha, Bhubaneswar / Accountant General (G&SSA), Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Under Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 21354/F., dt. 18/7/2014

Copy forwarded to the Private Secretary to ACS, Finance / Private Secretaries to Special Secretary, Finance / Private Secretaries to all Additional Secretary, Finance for kind information of ACS, Finance / Special Secretaries/ all Additional Secretaries respectively.

Under Secretary to Government

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Copy forwarded to CCT, Odisha/ DTI(Q)/ Director, LFA/ Controller of Accounts/ Director, MDRAFM and Register, Sale Tax Tribunal, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Under Secretary to Government.

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Copy forwarded to the Financial Advisors/Assistant Financial Advisors of all Departments of Government/All RDCs and All Collectors to bring it to the notice of all the DDOs under their Administrative Control for information and necessary action.

Under Secretary to Government.

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Under Secretary to Government.

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Copy forwarded to the PAS and Portal Head, CCF, Secretariat for information and necessary action.

It is requested to launch this Office Memorandum in the web-site (www.odisha.gov.in/Finance/Index.htm) for general information.

Under Secretary to Government.