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To
All Secretaries to Government

Sub: Proposals for Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for the financial year 2014-15

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for the financial year 2014-15 is likely to be presented in the Odisha Legislative Assembly sometime in the month of November, 2014. Accordingly, proposals for inclusion in the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure are required to be submitted to Finance Department strictly in accordance with the guidelines indicated below.

2. As envisaged under the Odisha Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2005 no additional expenditure should be incurred without corresponding resources being firmed up or without reducing equivalent amount of expenditure somewhere else. Hence, there is little scope for substantive provision at the Supplementary stage unless the proposed expenditure is backed by equal amount of additional firm resources. In view of the limit on borrowings, there has to be greater reliance on our own resources.

4. Odisha FRBM Act, 2005 also mandates to generate revenue balance and contain the Fiscal deficit within 3% of GSDP in 2011-12 and maintain the same in subsequent years. Further, the Debt/GSDP ratio has to be contained within 29.5% at the end of 2014-15. These conditions necessitate rationalization and prioritization of revenue expenditure.

5. The size of the annual budget 2014-15 has increased by about 33% over previous year. The State Plan size has increased to more than double that of previous year. Even the allocation under State Plan other than Central Assistance for Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) has increased by about 42%. To finance this budget, own revenue was projected to grow at 13.45% and overall revenue at 34.31%. However, the collection of revenue during the current year has not been encouraging and is falling well short of the target. Till the end of July, 2014, State’s own revenue has registered a growth of only 2.25% and the total revenue receipt has grown at only 14.86%. Thus, there may be
shortfall in realization of revenue receipts. Accordingly, it would not be possible to make substantive provision under any unit in absence of adequate resource back up. **Hence, this Supplementary Statement of Expenditure, 2014-15 is proposed to be purely an adjustment budget in which the Administrative Departments would be allowed to augment the provision in one unit only by locating equivalent savings in some other unit of expenditure.**

6. It is observed very often that Supplementary Provision more so Plan provision is being made without due care and caution which results in surrender of funds. In previous years, it is observed that the total **amount surrendered is substantial, even more than the supplementary provision in some years**. During the years 2012-13 and 2013-14, amount surrendered under State Plan were ₹ 2854.04 crore and ₹ 1701.53 crore compared to supplementary provision of ₹ 2677.21 crore and ₹ 2809.85 crore respectively. Such large scale surrender of Supplementary provision is adversely commented upon by the C&AG year after year. **Therefore Supplementary proposal should not be prepared in a routine manner; but should receive personal attention of the concerned estimating and controlling officer so that the proposals are based on actual need and should commensurate with their actual spending capacity.**

7. Upon introduction of the Cash Management System, the Administrative Departments covered under the scheme are required to spend at least 60% of the Budget provision by 31.12.2014. Hence, proposal for substantive supplementary provision shall not be provided to any department in which actual expenditure (not release) by the end of September, 2014 is less than 30% of the Budget Provision.

8. Keeping in view the above stipulations, Supplementary Schedules under Non Plan and State Plan may be furnished in the following cases:-

**8.1 Recoupment of Advance from OCF**

Sanction of Advance from Odisha Contingency Fund (OCF) has been issued from time to time and it is seen that a substantial amount is outstanding for recoupment. In absence of recoupment, it would not be possible to sanction further advance to meet any urgent requirement. While submitting schedules for recoupment, the letter No. and the date of the sanction of OCF advance and details of head of account should be clearly indicated.

**8.2 Provision for Pay and D.A.**

Additional provision for salary expenditure shall be allowed under Non-Plan where the provision is inadequate. Wherever required, it should be met only by locating savings from the existing provision for re-allocation. However, provision towards differential requirement for 2nd dose of DA (from July, 2014) would be made at the level of Finance Department. Administrative Departments need not propose for any additionality on that account.
8.3 Provision of outstanding House Rent, Electricity dues, Water Charges & Municipal Dues.

(a) Finance Department vide Letter No-3842(230)/F Dt.08.02.2013 have issued instructions that:

i. All Government Offices will not be required to make any payment towards Arrear Electricity Dues pertaining to the period up to 31.3.2012 which would be settled by Finance Department against the receivables from GRIDCO and the DISCOMs.

ii. If any payment has been made after 1st April, 2012 towards Arrear Electricity Dues by any Government Office, it is to be adjusted against the current Electricity Dues for the period beginning from 1st April, 2012.

All Administrative Departments are, therefore, requested to assess the current requirement of Electricity Dues. If the budget provision falls short of the requirement, requirement may be posed for the differential amount. Wherever possible, equivalent savings should be located to meet the additional requirement.

(b) All Administrative Departments and Heads of Departments are, requested that the outstanding municipal dues should be assessed properly with regard to legal provisions and additional requirement may be provided in the Supplementary budget, if the requirement cannot be met out of savings located elsewhere.

(c) Similarly provision is to be made for House Rent and with justification for arrear HR of rented office buildings.

8.4 Regularization of Advance Expenditure incurred by way of Authorization.

In some cases, Engineering Departments have been authorized (under para 3.7.1(b) of the OPWD Code Vol.-I) to go ahead with the works and to incur expenditure in absence of budget provision. Regularization of such expenditure should be processed indicating savings/ specific source of funding, if any, for Supplementary provision both under Non Plan and Plan, as the case may be.

8.5 Decretal dues and Land Acquisition charges.

(a) Amounts required for satisfaction of Court decrees in respect of Land Acquisition Cases, which have no scope for appeal should be proposed for inclusion in the Supplementary Budget under the “charged section”. All proposals for decretal dues should be furnished with sufficient justification with firm decision of Government to implement the orders of the Hon’ble Court without going for further appeal or revision.

(b) Normal Land Acquisition charges wherever necessary for projects/ schemes should be proposed in the “voted section” under the detailed heads meant for the project/ scheme.
8.6 Diversion of Fund.

Diversion of fund to meet the additional requirement in needy sectors by locating savings or for accounting adjustment without any additional cash outgo, if any, may be proposed. For example:- transfer of provision from Revenue Account to Capital Account or from Voted to Charged or vice-versa. Accounting adjustment in respect of receipt of External Assistance under direct payment procedure for Externally Aided Projects should also be done in the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure. The EAP Branch of Finance Department will ask the Administrative Departments to submit the proposals to P&C Department.

8.7 Additional requirement under State Plan.

Departments can propose for reallocation of provision within the existing ceiling within the similar or same resource head and Demand. Proposals for additional provision in one unit should be matched by equivalent savings within the similar or same resource head and Demand. Moreover, Planning & Coordination Department will not allow any substantive provision under any head within a demand under State Plan if actual expenditure (not release) under these heads at the end of September, 2014 is less than the percentage of expenditure specified for the Departments covered under Cash Management Scheme and less than 40% of the Budget Provision for other Departments.

8.8 Additional requirement for Centrally Sponsored Plan Schemes (CSS).

In case of a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), it is noticed that Government of India allocation towards Central Assistance varies from the provision made towards Central Share of the CSS in 2014-15 (B.E.). In such cases, provision towards Central Share of CSS is required to be aligned with the allocation of Central Assistance indicated by the concerned Ministry. If the level of Central Assistance communicated by the concerned Ministry is higher than that provided in 2014-15 (B.E.), proposal should be submitted for the additional provision is the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure. Similarly, where there is reduction in allocation by Government of India, there should be equivalent reduction in provision towards Central Assistance for CSS. The State Share of the CSS should be increased or decreased proportionately.

9. Allocation of Funds for new Building Projects and other construction works:

9.1 In the Budget Estimates for 2014-15, lump provision has been made for building works in the Budget of User Departments for ongoing and new works. The work-wise allocation of funds is being reflected in the Outcome Budgets of the concerned Departments which is placed before the Departmentally Related Standing Committee. The Departments which do not bring out Outcome Budget do not have the scope to distinguish between the provision made for ongoing and new building works. While the
expenditure for ongoing works can be met out of the lump provision, in respect of the new works, token provision is to be made in the supplementary statement of expenditure along-with the list of new work for legislative approval.

9.2 In case of other construction works being undertaken by the Engineering & Forest Departments, if a new project is omitted from Outcome Budget, 2014-15 then a token provision is to be taken in the supplementary statement of expenditure against the name of the project. If the expenditure requirement for the project cannot be met by way of savings from other projects through reallocation, then substantive provision may be sought for.

10. Improper Assessment of the requirement and accountability under the FRBM Act.

All Administrative Departments should make realistic assessment of requirement for the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure so that scarce resources can be utilized effectively, efficiently and in a prudent manner. Sound fiscal management is, therefore, of vital importance to Government. Further, the FRBM Act envisages that budget provision should be made on realistic basic. Hence, it is made clear that any deviation in this regard would attract personal liability under the provision of the FRBM Act.

11. Process for Submission of Budget Proposal

(a) The Administrative departments will be required to submit their Non-Plan proposal for the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure, 2014-15 only online using “Online Budget Compilation System”. Similarly, Plan proposals shall be submitted to Finance Department online after receiving Plan ceiling from Planning & Coordination Department. Proposals in file need not be submitted to Finance Department. The Online Budget Compilation System can be accessed using Odisha Secretariat LAN in the URL http://172.16.139.139:999.

(b) While submitting the proposals for Supplementary Statement of Expenditure, 2014-15, the Administrative Departments would be required to indicate that funds required cannot be provided through re-appropriation and then identify savings under some units of expenditure to make provision afresh or by way of augmentation in some other units of expenditure through re-allocation. On previous occasions it was noticed that actual availability of funds in some units is less than the amount of savings located by the Administrative Department from that unit at the time of taking supplementary provision. In order to ensure availability of adequate funds equivalent to savings located, the Administrative Departments would now be required to indicate availability of funds under a particular unit in iOTMS/iFMS and freeze the said savings under that unit which can be utilized through Supplementary linked surrender. If the Administrative Departments intend to locate savings against funds allotted to the Field Offices, they would be required to first withdraw the required amount of allotment from the Field Offices before locating savings for the supplementary Statement of Expenditure. iOTMS/
ifMS will freeze the allocation identified as savings and not allow any further distribution. Training to all Controlling Officers / Administrative Departments will be imparted for this module.

(c) In order to facilitate submission of budget proposals from the Estimating Officer/ DDO level, a separate module is being developed in iOTMS/ifMS platform for facilitating submission of budget proposal by Estimating Officer/ DDO to Controlling Officer and by Controlling Officer to Administrative Department. Administrative Department after due scrutiny will seamlessly transfer the consolidated budget proposal of the Controlling Officers to Finance Department using Online Budget Compilation System in Secretariat LAN. The Non-Plan Budget part of the budget preparation module of ifMS is ready for use. However, for preparation of Supplementary Statement of expenditure 2014-15, it is proposed to run a pilot to test the module in two Departments (i.e. Finance Department and Energy Department) for processing the Non-Plan proposals. Training to the concerned Officials will be imparted for using the module.

12. Time Schedule

(i) The Administrative Departments are requested to formulate the Supplementary proposals expeditiously in accordance with the guidelines indicated above and submit their proposals online to Finance Department as per the time schedule given below.

(a) In case of non-plan the proposals should be submitted online to Finance Department latest by 17.10.2014.

(b) The plan proposals should be submitted to Planning and Coordination Department by 17.10.2014. The Planning and Coordination Department shall communicate ceiling to Administrative Departments by 22.10.2014. The Administrative Departments shall make scheme-wise distribution of the ceiling and submit to Planning and Coordination Department by 28.10.2014 for concurrence.

(c) The plan proposals after concurrence of Planning & Coordination Department should be submitted to Finance Department by 31.10.2014.

(ii) The system will not allow processing of budget proposals after the due date as mentioned above. Hence, due care should be taken to stick to the stipulated deadlines.

(iii) All Heads of the Departments and Controlling Officers are being informed. This circular is being placed in the website of Finance Department at www.odisha.gov.in/finance for information of all concerned.

Yours faithfully

Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Memo No. 28226/F
Date 27.09.2014
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