

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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From

**Shri T. K. Pandey, IAS  
Principal Secretary to Government.**

To

**All Departments of Government./  
All Heads of Departments.**

**Sub: In the matter of reported cases of misappropriation, defalcation, theft of Government money and property etc.**

**Madam/Sir,**

As per the report received from the O/o the AG(G&SSA), Odisha, 270 cases of losses, misappropriation and defalcation etc. involving Government money of Rs.5.50 crore are awaiting final action till March 2017. All the cases are more than 5 years old. Further, Internal Audit Wing functioning in different Departments of Government have also reported misappropriation cases involving Government money amounting to Rs.26.88 crore which are also pending for finalisation as on June 2017. (Department wise pending positions as mentioned in the AG's report and in the MPRs furnished by the Internal Audit Wing are given in appendix- I and II respectively).

2. Rule 22 of the OGFR, Volume-1 provides that every officer should realize fully and clearly that he will be held personally responsible for any loss sustained by Government through fraud or negligence on his part and that he will also be held personally responsible for any loss arising from fraud or negligence on the part of any other officer to the extent to which it may be shown that he contributed to the loss by his own action or negligence.

3. In this connection, it may be mentioned that in most of the cases, Government officials are either personally involved in the misappropriation and defalcation of Government money or such cases were made possible due to the negligence on the part of the Government officials. Rule-20 of OGFR, Volume-I mentions that the Officer receiving the report of such loss, defalcation or misappropriation should submit a detail report, after completing such departmental investigation as may be necessary or expedient, on the causes or circumstances which led to the defalcation or loss, the steps taken to prevent its recurrence and the disciplinary or any other action proposed as regard the persons responsible.

4. However it has been noticed that there is inordinate delay in finalisation of these cases which resulted in non-realisation of the misappropriated Government money and in many cases the officials reported to have been involved are deprived of various service benefits. Further in some cases, pensionary benefits are also not released even after their retirement. This has led to litigations and filing of number of cases before the courts of law. Due to non-finalisation of such type of cases for a long period, proposals are received at Government

level to write off many cases of loss, defalcation and misappropriation etc. on the ground that the person involved is either dead or possibilities of recovery are remote for other reasons like non-availability of connected records/files or address of the person concerned.

5. Considering the pendency of huge number of cases and inordinate delay in finalisation of these cases, all the Departments of Government are hereby requested to review the pending position at their level and to issue instructions to the sub-ordinate offices under their Administrative Control to take early action for settlement of these cases in a time bound manner. Further strict instructions may also be issued to the field offices for putting in place appropriate mechanism to avoid occurrence of such cases in future.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-**

**Principal Secretary to Government.**