

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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From

**Shri Ashok K. Meena, I.A.S.,
Principal Secretary to Government.**

To

**The Additional Chief Secretaries/
Principal Secretaries/
Commissioner-cum-Secretaries/
Secretaries to Government
All Heads of Department.**

Sub: **Relaxation of the deadlines for financial sanction, issue of allotment and drawal of funds in the remaining part of the current financial year in respect of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and Central Sector Schemes.**

Sir,

I am directed to say that Finance Department have earlier intimated the Departments and Heads of Department to avoid rush of expenditure towards the fag end of the financial year and stick to the deadlines fixed for sanction, issue of allotment, re-appropriation and surrender of funds, submission of bills in the Treasuries and submission of proposal to Finance Department for release of funds in letter No.4108/F, dt.04.02.2021, letter No.6417/F dated 24.02.2021 and letter No.6868/F, dated 26.02.2021.

2. The Administrative Departments were advised vide Finance Department letter No.4108/F, dt.04.02.2021 that budgetary Allocation pertaining to Central Sector Schemes and Centrally Sponsored schemes may not be surrendered in a routine manner where there is likelihood of receipt of Central Assistance and scope for expenditure towards the end of the financial year. In case of late receipt of Central Assistance beyond the stipulated deadline, the Administrative Departments would move Finance Department for extension of the deadlines to facilitate expenditure. Further, the Departments are required to submit the claims/bills relating to Central

Sector Schemes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), the Central Assistance for which is received on or after 20.03.2021 **by 26.03.2021**.

3. However, in the past years, Central Assistance in respect of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), Central Sector Schemes were received on the last 2-3 days of the financial year. It is understood that some Administrative Departments are anticipating receipt of Central Assistance in the last few days of the current financial year.

4. In view of administrative convenience and the desirability of avoiding lapse of budget provision, **the Administrative Departments are hereby allowed to issue sanction orders for release of funds, allotment orders and present bills/claims in the Treasuries by 12 Noon of 31st March, 2021 relating to Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and Central Sector Schemes without referring the same to finance Department.**

However, the concerned Departments should in their own interest, ensure encashment of all claims presented in the Treasury/Bank before 31st March, 2021 as the centralized and computerized payment Platform of the R.B.I and Core Banking System of Agency Banks may not process the last minute transactions.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal Secretary to Government