

F. No. 1/ (12)/PFMS/2022
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure

North Block,
New Delhi, 16th September, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Revised procedure for flow of funds under Central Sector Schemes – delegation of powers to grant certain relaxations to Financial Advisers (FAs).

Based on the requests of Ministries/Departments, clarifications have already been issued vide this Department's OM No. 1/ (18)/PFMS/2021 dated 14th September, 2022 and No. 1/ (12)/PFMS/2022 dated 16th September, 2022 (copies enclosed). It has been clarified that Ministries/Departments can release funds to the CNA account and issue authorization to incur expenditure to those SAs who have returned the entire unspent balance to the CNA account without waiting for all SAs to return the unspent funds to the CNA. Similarly, it has been clarified that this Department's guidelines do not mandate opening of project wise zero balance accounts.

2. In addition to the above, the Financial Advisers of Ministries/Departments are hereby empowered to release funds under a Central Sector Scheme by relaxing any provision of DoE's OM No. 1(18)/PFMS/FCD/2021 dated 9th March, 2022, subject to the following condition –

- i. The Ministry has notified the Central Nodal Agency (CNA) for implementing the scheme and mapped the CNA in PFMS.
- ii. CNA has opened a Central Nodal Account for the scheme in a scheduled commercial bank and mapped it in PFMS.
- iii. Total fund release covered by such relaxation shall not exceed 15% of the budget estimate of the Central Sector Scheme under consideration.
- iv. Any release covered by such relaxation is made to the CNA account only.

3. The relaxation provided in para 2 shall be applicable till 31st Dec, 2022 and only for Model-2 of DoE's guidelines dated 9th March, 2022.

4. The Financial Adviser concerned shall record in a file a detailed justification for granting such exemption and also send a copy of the same to the Department of Expenditure.

5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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