

F.No. 42(02)/PF-II/2014
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
[PFC-I Division]

North Block, New Delhi

Dated: 9th February, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Continuation of schemes beyond 31st March, 2021 – instructions regarding.

Reference is invited to this Department's OM No. 42(02)/PF-II/2014 dated 8-12-2020 on the subject of continuation of Schemes beyond 31-03-2021 wherein it was stated that the proposals for continuation of ongoing schemes may be sent to reach Department of Expenditure at the earliest and at any rate not later than 15-1-2021. It was also advised that due cognizance of resources availability over the XVth FC cycle must be taken and the total financial outlays of schemes to be continued (both CSS & CS) projected accordingly, in order to optimize scheme outcomes within the available resource envelope. However, it is observed that many of the Ministries/ Departments have either not yet sent these proposals or are sending them in piece-meal without considering the projected resource availability, convergence strategies (both intra and inter Schemes) and recommendations of the evaluation reports. Therefore, in continuation of the guidelines given in *ibid* OM, the following is stated further:-

- i) For timely completion of appraisal and approval process for continuation of schemes, Ministries / Departments should send consolidated information indicating the details of all the schemes (SFC/EFC/Already appraised-approved) as per the format given in the Annexure in addition to the formats for appraisal of individual schemes as given in the *ibid* OM.
- ii) It is reiterated that the total projected outlay of the schemes of Ministry/Department for 5 years should ordinarily not be more than 5.5 times, the total scheme expenditure of FY 2019-20. Reallocation within the ceiling of a Ministry/Department may be proposed wherever appropriate and will be given due weight. Specific reasons in terms of enhancement of scope or cost escalation of individual components be provided in such cases
- iii) Due appraisal of all the schemes of a Ministry/Department will be undertaken simultaneously in one composite EFC, scheduled on a single or multiple days, as required, in order to undertake the review in an integrated, comprehensive and timely manner. Department may in appropriate cases invite sector experts and / or resource persons from States to aid the appraisal and approval process. Therefore, the Ministries/Departments should send all such proposals together at the earliest. If any scheme of the Ministry/Department is left out in the scheduled EFC, the appraisal for the same will be held subsequently after the EFCs of all

other Ministries/Departments for the appraisal and approval of schemes to be continued, are over.

- iv) It may be noted that no release of funds will be allowed beyond the 1st quarter of FY 2021-22 in case any scheme is not appraised and approved by then subject to any specific relaxation given by the Department of Expenditure in this regard.
2. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Expenditure).



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Annexure

SCHEMES TO BE APPRAISED BY EFC					
S.No.	Scheme	Actual Expenditure FY 2019-20 (Rs. crore)	Total Proposed Outlay for 5 years (Rs. crore)	5.5 times of Actuals of FY 2019-20	Remarks (if Any)
SCHEMES TO BE APPRAISED BY SFC					
S.No.	Scheme	Actual Expenditure FY 2019-20 (Rs. crore)	Total proposed outlay for 5 years (Rs. crore)	5.5 times of Actuals of FY 2019-20	Remarks (if Any)
SCHEMES ALREADY APPROVED					
S.No.	Scheme	Actual Expenditure FY 2019-20 (Rs. crore)	Total approved Outlay (Rs. crore) & period	5.5 times of Actuals of FY 2019-20	Remarks (if Any)
		Actual Expenditure FY 2019-20 (Rs. crore)	Total proposed and approved outlay (Rs. crore) & period	5.5 times of Actuals of FY 2019-20	Remarks (if Any)
	Total Scheme outlay of the Ministry/ Department				