

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA Finance (Inspection NT-D) Department

CIRCULAR

No. 95/2016/Fin.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 28/12/2016

Sub: -Finance Department - Furnishing of Utilization Certificate, Reconciliation of Departmental figures, speedy clearance of pending Audit Paras and PAC Recommendations -strict compliance of instructions - reg.

Ref: - 1. Minutes of Audit Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 17.08.2016

- 2. Circular No. 5/2001/Fin dated 24.01.2001
- 3. Circular No. 50/2015/Fin dated 23.05.2015
- 4. G.O(P) No. 476/13/Fin dated 13.09.2013
- 5. Circular No. 50/2016/Fin dated 09.06.2016

As per the Circular under reference 2nd cited detailed instructions were issued to all the HODs and their respective Administration Departments for the speedy settlement of PAC Recommendations, Audit objections/Inspection Reports, Draft paras of Audit Reports etc, for strict compliance as the PAC of the legislature expressed its displeasure over the delay in this regard on the part of HODs and Administrative Departments. As per the Circular under reference 3rd cited detailed guidelines were also issued for timely furnishing of the Utilization Certificates in respect of Departments, Grant-in-aid Institutions and Public Sector Undertakings in the light of Article 208 to 210 of Kerala Financial Code.

As per the Government Order under reference 4th cited detailed orders/guidelines were issued to facilitate proper and timely reconciliation of departmental accounts. The above order pointed out that Government will be constrained to initiate stringent steps like withholding of salary of DDOs who found responsible for the delay and will consider freezing of allotment to those departments, which are quite reluctant in adhering the Government directions in

this regard. Later the above instruction were reiterated in the circular under reference 5th cited.

Inspite of all these directions, the C&AG Report on state Finances for the year 2015 shows that final action on 114 cases of misappropriation, defalcation etc involving government money amounting to Rs. 7.15 crores reported to Government departments by the Accountant General for the period up to June 2015 were pending to be realised. AG has also pointed out that Ulitization Certificates from several Departments/Autonomous bodies/Grant-in-aid Institutions etc are not furnishing in time.

The Audit Monitoring Committee in its meeting held on 17.08.2016 also expressed serious concern over the issues related with delay in furnishing of Utilization Certificates, pendency on reconciliation of departmental figures of receipts and expenditure with those figures booked by the Treasury and Accountant General and long pending paras related to misappropriation, losses defalcation etc.

In the circumstances, All Heads of Departments/Chief Controlling Officers/Controlling Officers are hereby directed to ensure that the directions issued in the Govt. Orders/Circulars cited have been complied with scrupulously within the timeline specified. Further laxity on this will attract harsh measures such as withholding of salary, freezing of allotment etc. Administrative Departments concerned should monitor the progress of action taken by their subordinate officers in this regard.

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To

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All Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Special Secretaries, Additional Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, Under Secretaries to Government

All Heads of Departments/CCO's/CO's for strict compliance

All Departments and Sections of the Secretariat (including Law, Revenue & Legislature

The Secretary, KPSC, Thiruvananthapuram

The Registrar of High Court, Ernakulam.

The Advocate General, High Court of Kerala

The Registrar of University

The Director of Treasuries, Thiruvananthapuram

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