

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
FINANCE (BUDGET) DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6**

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No. BB.191/2013/85

Dated Dispur the 08th April, 2018

Subject: Efficient utilisation of State's Own Resources.

- The State Government raises between 8-10% of its budgetary resources each year from Public Debt to fund states' own priority projects.
2. The debt raised by the State Government is primarily used to finance SOPD/RIDF projects and these projects are executed either directly by the Departments or through Societies/ Corporations/ Boards etc. Though funds released by the State Government to these implementing agencies are on an actual need basis, delays in execution of the project on account of official exigencies lead to parking of these funds in commercial banks.
 3. Parking of such huge amounts of SOPD/RIDF funds outside the State Treasury costs the State Government heavily by way of loss of interest income as well as leads to a bulging of outstanding debt funds borrowed at a high cost.
 4. Keeping this in view, it is instructed that Departments/Societies/ Corporations/ Boards etc. should approach Finance Department for release of funds only on actual need basis.
 5. In case the fund is to be parked temporarily beyond 45 days due to delay in execution of projects, then the Departments/Societies/ Corporations/ Boards etc. are instructed to transfer the interest earned out of all SOPD (erstwhile State Plan & Non-Plan)/RIDF funds through such temporary parking to the Consolidated Fund of the State, by crediting the account head 0049-04-800-0000-000-00-00-GA-V- Interest Receipts, on a half yearly basis to the State Government.
 6. This is expected to reduce the interest burden of the Government while not affecting the project execution as the total cost of the project is allocated from the budgetary sources.
 7. In case of not for-profit entities like Societies/ Boards etc., this OM is limited to the interest earned on budgetary assistance that the State Government provides through SOPD (erstwhile State Plan & Non Plan)/RIDF funds and not on the interest earned out of CSS/ EAP funds/ State Share against CSS/EAP funds as these are dictated by the guidelines of the scheme. However, in case the State Government has released any advance share from State resources against anticipated CSS release, then the interest earned on this portion (till the CSS release is effected to the State Treasury) is to be credited to the State Government.
 8. In the case of for-profit entities like Corporations, this OM is limited to the interest earned on budgetary assistance that the State Government provides and not on the interest on revenue realised through their operations.
 9. Further, in case the State Government through Budgetary Assistance has supported any of the Departments/Societies/ Corporations/ Boards etc. for the execution of any project, and for various reasons the implementation of the project has not started in the last 3 years, the Departments/ Societies / Corporations/ Boards etc. are instructed to refund the entire Budgetary Support + Interest Earned on the same to the State Government by crediting the appropriate receipt head.

10. As per existing procedure, no Department is permitted to make 'Bankers Cheque' or 'Demand Draft' against Treasury claims and in case any such Bankers Cheque/Demand Draft exists, the Departments are instructed to deposit the same to the State Treasury by crediting the appropriate receipt head.
11. The OM applies to interest earned/ budgetary support outstanding as on April 07th 2018 and onwards. Thereafter the transfer of interest earned/entire budgetary support as the case may be, is to be effected from the beginning of the Financial Year 2018-19 with the following timelines:

1 st Tranche	By 30 th April
2 nd Tranche	By 30 th November

12. An advice to Finance Department & AG is required to be sent when the credits are made.

Sd/-

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Finance Department

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- 2) Accountant General (A&E), Assam for kind information
- 3) The Chairman, Board of Revenue/ Administrative Tribunal
- 4) All Heads of Department/ Deputy Commissioners for information and necessary action
- 5) The Principal Private Secretary to the Chief Minister, Assam
- 6) The Private Secretary to Minister/ Minister of State, Assam
- 7) The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Assam
- 8) All Senior Financial Advisors/ Financial Advisors/ Sr. FAOs/ FAOs
- 9) All Treasury Officers for information and necessary action
- 10) Finance (eGU) for uploading the OM

By Order etc.,

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