

F. No. 9-1/2021- Desk (MDM)
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of School Education & Literacy
(PM POSHAN Division)

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
Dated 03rd March, 2022

To,

The Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of Education/ All Nodal Department for PM POSHAN.

Subject: Regulation of Releases under new procedure for release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes - regarding.

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to this Department's letter 3-1/2021-Desk (MDM) dated 22nd February, 2022 (copy enclosed) and forward a copy of O.M No. G-21015/06/2021-IF-II dated 25th February, 2022 received from IF-II Section, Department of Schools Education & Literacy on the subject cited above which is self-explanatory.

2. Accordingly, all States and UTs are requested to forward the proposals for concurrence after due compliance of procedure dated 23rd March, 2021 as prescribed by Ministry of Finance. Every such proposal may be accompanied with SNA 01 (Comprehensive Report for Releases and Expenditure), SNA 03 (Agencies Mapping Status) and SNA 06 (Centre and State release details) reports for processing the proposal for release of funds at the earliest. Please note that this was already communicated through e-mail earlier.

3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: - As above

AK 03.3.2022

(Ajay Kumar)

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1. The Commissioners/Directors (PM Poshan) of all States & UTs.
2. Director (Finance)/Under Secretary (IS-2 Section), Samagra Shiksha.

F.No.G-21015/06/2021-IF-II
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of School Education & Literacy
(IF-II Section)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated the 25th February, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Regulation of Releases under new procedure for release of funds under the centrally Sponsored Schemes- regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the new procedure dated 23rd March, 2021 as prescribed by Ministry of Finance for release of funds under the centrally sponsored schemes and subsequent clarifications thereof.

2. Finance Secretary and Secretary (Expenditure) vide his D.O. letter dated 16th February, 2022 referred some instances in which subsequent installment of the Central Share was released to the States without the earlier installment reaching to the Single Nodal Account from the State Treasury. Finance Secretary has also advised to ensure that releases in future are made strictly in accordance with the DoE O. M. dated 23rd March, 2021.

3. Recently in the meeting of Secretary (SE&L) with the States and UTs on 14th February, 2022, it was told to State Government that funds will be released to the States strictly on the basis of transfer of Central and State Share funds from State Treasury to bank account of SNA duly reflected either on PFMS or the scheme specific portal integrated with PFMS and they are also advised to fill up SNA 01, SNA 03 and SNA 06 reports. States were also advised to make provision for matching state share in state budget and remittance of interest earned on respective consolidated Funds.

3. All the Bureau Heads are accordingly requested to forward the cases of concurrence after due compliance of procedure dated 23rd March, 2021 as prescribed by Ministry of Finance. Every such proposal may be accompanied with SNA 01, SNA 03 and SNA 06 report and these report are required to be duly examined by Bureau for processing of the case.

Manoj 25-02-22
(Manoj Kumar Shukla)
Assistant Financial Advisor

To

All Bureau Heads of Department of SE&L

Copy to:-
Director (F), Department of SE&L

F. No. 3-1/2021-Desk (MDM).
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of School Education & Literacy
(PM POSHAN)

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
Dated the 22nd February, 2022.

To,

Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of Education and Nodal Department for implementation of PM POSHAN in all States and UTs.

Subject: Submission of proposals for release of Recurring Central Assistance under PM POSHAN – reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that ad-hoc grant and balance of 1st instalment for recurring central assistance under the PM POSHAN scheme has been released to most of the States & UTs for ensuring uninterrupted implementation of the Scheme.

2. In this context, reference is invited to this Department's letter of even number dated 24th January, 2022 (copy enclosed) regarding submission of proposals for release of 2nd instalment of recurring central assistance by 31st January, 2022. However, only some of the States/UTs have submitted their proposals of 2nd instalment till now. Even some States have not yet submitted the proposals for release of 1st instalment.

3. Integrated Finance Division, Ministry of Education, while considering the proposals for release of 2nd instalment of some of the States, observed that -

"In PFMS portal (SNA-06 - Centre and State Release Details), though the total grants released by GOI indicates correctly in column-4, no entry (data not received from State) has been made in the column-6 of total amount (Central+State Share) released by Treasury of the State Govt. to SNA. Since the States/UTs have confirmed that due State share has been released, the same has not been reflected in the PFMS (columns 6 to 12). Hence, it is requested that action may be taken for proper reflection of funds (Central Share and State Share) released by Treasury to SNA in the PFMS portal. Accordingly, all States/UTs may also ensure that SNA 01-Comprehensive Releases and Expenditure report is also updated for visualizing the expenditure status so far".

4. Further, the Ministry's concurrence for release of 2nd instalment of central share would be subject to the condition that there is no duplicacy in PM POSHAN scheme due to implementation of PM Garib kalyan Ann Yojana. Please confirm that there is no such duplicacy in PM POSHAN scheme due to implementation of PM Garib kalyan Ann Yojana in your State/UT.

5. As the last quarter of 2021-22 which is about to end soon, all States./UTs are requested to submit the proposals (1st/2nd), after fulfilling all the conditions mentioned above, for release of recurring central assistance without any

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further loss of time so that recurring central assistance could be released timely for providing much needed nutrition to the children under the PM POSHAN Scheme.

Encl.: as above.

Yours faithfully,

AK 22.2.2022

(Ajay Kumar)

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Copy to:

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2. PS to Joint Secretary (EE-I), Ministry of Education.
3. Director (GVB)/Director (RA)/Deputy Secretary (DA), MoE
4. Under Secretary (SA)/Under Secretary (AD), MoE.

F.No.3-1/2021-Desk(MDM)
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of School Education & Literacy
PM POSHAN Division

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: the 24th January, 2022

To

The Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries / Secretaries Education and Nodal Department for implementation of PM POSHAN in all States and UTs

Subject: Submission of proposals for release of 2nd instalment of Recurring Central Assistance under PM POSHAN - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to say that ad-hoc grant and balance of 1st instalment for recurring central assistance under the PM POSHAN Scheme has been released to States & UTs for ensuring uninterrupted implementation of the Scheme.

2. The unspent balance lying with the States and UTs as on 01.04.2021 has also been revalidated for utilisation this year by the State. Thus, 60% of the admissible recurring central assistance under the Scheme has been made available (ad-hoc grant+ balance of first instalment + unspent balance revalidated) to the States and UTs who have submitted valid proposals alongwith all supporting documents. The States and UTs whose proposals for balance of 1st instalment are incomplete, are requested to submit the proposal complete in all respects, forthwith without any further loss of time.

3. The fourth quarter of 2021-22 has already started. As per the established practice, every year the States and UTs forward their proposals for release of 2nd instalment of recurring central assistance by submitting the following information on the component-wise expenditure statement in the format at **Annexure** along with the confirmation that :

- i. The State has utilised more than 75% of the recurring central assistance made available (Central + State share) to it by way of ad-hoc grant, balance of first instalment of recurring central assistance and unspent balance revalidated for utilisation during 2021-22.
- ii. The State has released its minimum mandatory matching contribution against the shareable components of recurring central assistance i.e. cooking cost and honorarium to cook-cum-helpers.

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iii. The State has complied with instructions of Ministry of Finance, Govt of India regarding new system of PFMS.

4. The proposal for the release of recurring central assistance may be submitted in the prescribed formats **by 31st January, 2022** to enable this Ministry to release of funds in time. The soft copy of the above proposal may also be sent by email to concerned Director / Deputy Secretary.

Yours faithfully,

Ak 24.1.2022

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5. Chief Consultants/Senior Consultants/Consultants in PM POSHAN, MoE.

PM POSHAN

Release of Central and State Share during 2021-22

State/UT:

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Component	Unspent balance as on 01.04.2021		Central Assistance received during 2021-22	Matching contribution Released by the State/UT During 2021-22	Total Funds available with the State/UT during 2021-22 ={3+4+5+6}	Expenditure incurred during 2021-22 as on			Expenditure under flexi funds		Unspent balance available as on	
		Central Share	State Share				Central Share	State Share	Total	Central share	State Share	Central share	State Share
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	11	12	13	14
A	Recurring Assistance												
1	Cost of Food grain												
2	Cooking Cost												
3	Honorarium to cook-cum-helper												
4	Transportation Cost												
5	MME												
	Sub-Total												
B	Non-recurring Assistance												
6	Kitchen Devices												
7	Kitchen-cum-store												
8	Repair of kitchen-cum-store												
	Sub-Total												
Grand Total (1 to 8)													

(Signature)

Secretary of the Nodal Department
Government/UT Administration of _____

Date: _____

F. No. 1(13)PFMS/FCD/2020
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
PFMS Division

Block No.11, 5th Floor,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi, dated 23.03.2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Procedure for release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and monitoring utilization of the funds released

The General Financial Rule 232(v) prescribes the release of funds to the State Governments and monitoring utilization of funds through PFMS. For better monitoring of availability and utilization of funds released to the States under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and to reduce float, the Department of Expenditure vide letter of even number dated 16.12.2020 had shared a draft modified procedure for release of funds under CSS with all the State governments and Ministries/Departments of the Government of India to seek their comments. The comments received from the State governments and Ministries/Departments of the Government of India were considered and the procedure has been suitably modified.

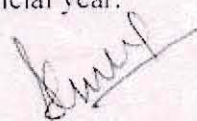
With a view to have more effective cash management and bring more efficiency in the public expenditure management, it has been decided that the following procedure will be followed by all the State Governments and Ministries/Departments of the Government of India regarding release and monitoring utilization of funds under CSS with effect from 1st July, 2021:

1. Every State Government will designate a Single Nodal Agency (SNA) for implementing each CSS. The SNA will open a Single Nodal Account for each CSS at the State level in a Scheduled Commercial Bank authorized to conduct government business by the State Government.
2. In case of Umbrella schemes which have multiple sub-schemes, if needed, the State Governments may designate separate SNAs for sub-schemes of the Umbrella Scheme with separate Single Nodal Accounts.
3. Implementing Agencies (IAs) down the ladder should use the SNA's account with clearly defined drawing limits set for that account. However, depending on operational requirements, zero-balance subsidiary accounts for each scheme may also be opened for the IAs either in the same branch of the selected bank or in different branches.
4. All zero balance subsidiary accounts will have allocated drawing limits to be decided by the SNA concerned from time to time and will draw on real time basis from the Single Nodal Account of the scheme as and when payments are to be made to beneficiaries, vendors etc. The available drawing limit will get reduced by the extent of utilization.

5. For seamless management of funds, the main account and all zero balance subsidiary accounts should preferably be maintained with the same bank. However, State Government may choose different banks for opening Single Nodal Accounts of different CSS.
6. Only banks having a robust IT Systems and extensive branch network should be chosen for opening the Single Nodal Account of each CSS. The bank chosen should have the facility to open the required number of subsidiary zero balance accounts and a robust MIS for handling accounting and reconciliation at each level. The bank should also provide a user friendly dashboard to officers at various levels to monitor utilization of funds by IAs.
7. The bank's software system should be able to monitor the drawing limits of the IAs who should be able to draw funds on real time basis from the SNA's account as and when payments are to be made. The selected bank should ensure proper training and capacity building of branch managers and other staff for smooth operation of these accounts.
8. The Ministries/Departments will release the central share for each CSS to the State Government's Account held in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for further release to the SNA's Account.
9. Funds will be released to the States strictly on the basis of balance funds of the CSS (Central and State share) available in the State treasury and bank account of the SNA as per PFMS or scheme-specific portals fully integrated with PFMS in consonance with rule 232(V) of the General Financial Rules, 2017.
10. The SNAs shall ensure that the interest earned from the funds released should be mandatorily remitted to the respective Consolidated Funds on pro-rata basis in terms of Rule 230(8) of GFR, 2017. Interest earned should be clearly and separately depicted in PFMS, scheme-specific portals integrated with PFMS and in MIS provided by the banks.
11. Except in case of schemes/sub-schemes having no State share, States will maintain separate budget lines for Central and State Share under each CSS in their Detailed Demand for Grants (DDG), and make necessary provision of the State share in the State's budget. While releasing funds to SNA, State's Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) should provide these budget heads and the same should be captured in PFMS through treasury integration.
12. In the beginning of a financial year, the Ministries/Departments will release not more than 25% of the amount earmarked for a State for a CSS for the financial year. Additional central share (not more than 25% at a time) will be released upon transfer of the stipulated State share to the Single Nodal Account and utilization of at least 75% of the funds released earlier (both Central and State share) and compliance of the conditions of previous sanction. However, this provision will not be applicable in case of schemes where a different quantum of release has been approved by the Cabinet.
13. After opening of Single Nodal Account of the scheme and before opening zero balance subsidiary account of IAs or assigning them drawing rights from SNA's account, the IAs at all levels shall return all unspent amounts lying in their accounts to the Single Nodal Account of the SNA. It will be the responsibility of the State government concerned to ensure that the entire unspent amount is returned by all the IAs to the Single Nodal Account of the SNA concerned. For this, the State Governments will work out the modalities and the timelines and will work out Central and state share in the amount so available with IAs.

SNAs will keep a record of unspent balance lying in the account of IAs and the amount refunded by IAs.

14. Refund of balance amount by IAs and the amount available in the SNA's account should be taken into account by the Program Division of the Ministry/Department while releasing funds under the scheme. Concerned SNAs shall keep a record of the unspent amount lying in the account of IAs to be deposited in the Single Nodal Account while assigning drawing rights to IAs.
15. Ministries/ Departments will ensure that releases under all CSS are made strictly as per the actual requirement on the ground, without resulting in any material float with the implementing agencies at any level.
16. The State Government will transfer the Central share received in its account in the RBI to the concerned SNA's account within a period of 21 days of its receipt. The Central share shall not be diverted to the Personal Deposit (PD) account or any other account by the State Government. Corresponding State share should be released as early as possible and not later than 40 days of release of the Central share. The funds will be maintained by the SNA in the Single Nodal Account of each CSS. State Governments/SNAs/IAs shall not transfer scheme-related funds to any other bank account, except for actual payments under the Scheme.
17. State Governments will register the SNAs and all IAs on PFMS and use the unique PFMS ID assigned to the SNA and IAs for all payments to them. Bank accounts of the SNAs, IAs, vendors and other organizations receiving funds will also be mapped in PFMS.
18. Payments will be made from the zero balance subsidiary accounts up to the drawing limit assigned to such accounts from time to time. Transactions in each Subsidiary Account will be settled with the Single Nodal Account daily through the core banking solution (CBS) on the basis of payments made during the day.
19. SNAs and IAs will mandatorily use the EAT module of PFMS or integrate their systems with the PFMS to ensure that information on PFMS is updated by each IA at least once every day.
20. SNAs will keep all the funds received in the Single Nodal Account only and shall not divert the same to Fixed Deposits/Flexi-Account/Multi-Option Deposit Account/Corporate Liquid Term Deposit (CLTD) Account etc.
21. The State IFMIS should be able to capture scheme component-wise expenditure along with PFMS Scheme Code and Unique Code of the Agencies incurring the expenditure. State Governments will ensure daily uploading/sharing of data by the State IFMIS/Treasury applications on PFMS. PFMS will act as a facilitator for payment, tracking and monitoring of fund flow.
22. Release of funds by the Ministries/Departments to States towards the end of the financial year should be avoided to prevent accumulation of unspent balances with States. Ministries/Departments will arrange to complete the release well in time so that States have ample time to seek supplementary appropriations from their respective legislatures, if required, and account for all the releases in the same financial year.



23. In case of CSS having no State share and where as per the scheme guidelines, funds are released by the Central Ministry/Department directly to the districts/blocks/Gram Panchayats/Implementing agencies, the requirement of notifying a single Nodal Agency and opening of a Single Nodal Account at the State level may be waived by the Secretary of the Central Ministry/Department concerned in consultation with the Financial Adviser.

24. UTs without legislature work directly in PFMS. Therefore, there is no need for them to open a Single Nodal Account. They will ensure that the funds are released to the vendors/beneficiaries 'just in time'. In case funds are to be released to any agency as per scheme guidelines, provision of Rule 230 (vii) of GRF 2017 will be strictly followed to avoid parking of funds, with agencies.

25. Ministries/Departments shall undertake monthly review of the release of funds (both the Central and State Share) from the State treasury to the SNA, utilization of funds by SNAs and IAs and outputs/outcomes vis-à-vis the targets for each CSS.

This issues with the approval of Secretary (Expenditure) and shall supersede all earlier guidelines on this subject.

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To.

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2. All Financial Advisors to the Government of India
3. All Pr. CCAs/CCAs of all Ministries/Departments

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