

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: 21st July, 2022

To,

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

Subject: Release of funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes and monitoring utilization of funds released – Procedure for remitting the interest earned from the funds released in the single nodal account of Single Nodal Agencies (SNAs)-reg.

Respected Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to refer to Department of Expenditure's O.M 1/(13)/PFMS/FCD/2020, dated 23rd March, 2021 and 1(13)/PFMS/FCD/2021, dated 30th June, 2021 (copy enclosed) regarding Procedure for remitting the interest accrued and to say that Department of Expenditure has reviewed the same in consultation with the O/o CAG. The Department of Expenditure vide OM No. 1(13)/PFMS/2020 dated 15th July, 2022 (copy enclosed) has now conveyed revised instruction in supersession of DOE's OM No 1(13)/PFMS/FCD/2021 dated 30.06.2021.

2. It is requested to ensure necessary compliance of Ministry of Finance O.M. dated 15th July, 2022, and the interest (if any) shall be deposited as per the extant procedure.
3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

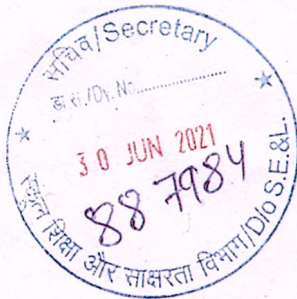
Encl: - As above

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21.7.2022

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1. The Principal Account Office, Ministry of Education (It is requested to take necessary action as described in DoE's O.M. No 1(13)/PFMS/2020 dated 15th July, 2022 for opening of Heads in respect of PM POSHAN Scheme through e-Lekha)
2. The Commissioners/Directors (PM POSHAN) of all States & UTs.
3. PS to EA (SE&L & EE.I Bureau).
4. Director (GVB)/Director (RA)/Deputy Secretary (DA).
5. US (AD)/US (SA)



F.No.1(13)/PFMS/FCD/2021
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure

5th Floor, Block 11, CGO Complex,
New Delhi, the 30th June, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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

The undersigned is directed to refer to para 10 of this Department's Office Memorandum of even number dated 23rd March, 2021 wherein it is stated that :

"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 banks."

2. In this regard, it is clarified that the Single Nodal Agency (SNA) of each CSS in the State shall compute the total interest earned out of the funds received in its account (both from the Central Government and the State Government) in the preceding financial year in the 1st week of April each year. The interest earned will be apportioned by the SNA between the Central and the State Government as per the approved funding pattern of the CSS and shall be deposited in the respective Consolidated Funds. In the current financial year (2021-22) such calculation may be done as on 15th October, 2021.

3. For Central Government, the amount shall be deposited in the Major Head 0049, Sub-major Head - 01, Minor Head (i.e.0049-01-800) by the States and in the Major Head 0049, Sub-major Head-02, Minor Head 800 (i.e. 0049-02-800) by the UTs with Legislature.

4. An undertaking shall be furnished to this effect to the Ministry concerned of the Central Government by the Secretary of the State Government in the enclosed format every year along with the proposal for release of the 1st instalment of funds under the CSS. For the current financial year (2021-22) such undertaking shall be furnished by 31st October, 2021.

5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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(Abhay Kumar)
Director

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To

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2. All Financial Advisers to the Govt. of India
3. All Pr. CCAs/ CCAs of all Ministries/ Departments

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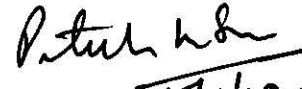
North Block,
New Delhi, 15th July, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and monitoring utilization of the funds released – Procedure for remitting the interest earned from the funds released in the single nodal account of Single Nodal Agencies (SNAs).

The undersigned is directed to refer to Para 10 of this Department's OM No. 1(13)PFMS/FCD/2020 dated 23rd March, 2021 regarding remitting of interest earned from the funds released in the Single Nodal Agency (SNA) account into the respective consolidated funds on pro-rata basis in terms of rule 230 (8) of GFR, 2017. Further, this Department, vide OM No 1(13) PFMS/FCD/2021 dated 30th June, 2021, communicated the procedure for remitting the interest accrued.

2. In view of the references received from Ministries/Departments, the procedure for remitting the interest has been reviewed in consultation with O/o CGA and following instructions are communicated in supersession of DoE's OM No 1(13)PFMS/FCD/2021 dated 30th June, 2021 -
3. The SNA of each CSS in the State shall compute the total interest earned out of the funds received in its account (both from the Central Government and the State Government) in the preceding financial year in the 1st week of April. The interest earned shall be apportioned by the SNA between the Central Government and the State Governments per the approved funding pattern of the CSS and shall be deposited in the respective consolidated funds.
4. The interest accrued in the SNA account shall be classified and deposited under the Standard Minor Head '801-Interest or other earnings from Grantee on unspent balances' below the concerned functional Major/Sub-Major Head in the Section 'Receipt Heads (Revenue Account)' corresponding to the functional Major/Sub-Major Head(s) from where the grant was originally sanctioned. The nature of the receipt i.e. interest, shall be classified at Sub-Head Level. The name of the Scheme may be classified at the detailed head level.
5. The Standard Minor Head '801' and sub-heads thereunder for distinctly identifying nature of receipt i.e. interest, below the functional Major/Sub-Major Heads can be opened without issue of formal correction slip to the LMMHA for Union and States in terms of Para 2.5 of the General Directions to the LMMHA read with Para 1.2 thereof. The Principal Accounts Office of the concerned Ministry/Department of the Government of India may get these heads opened from DAMA Section of the O/o CGA through e-Lekha.


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6. An illustration to the procedure described in Para 4&5 is given below –
- i. Interest accrued on the fund releases for educational purposes shall be credited as under –

Major Head - '0202-Education, Sports, Arts and Culture'

Sub Major Head-'01 or 02' as the case may be

Minor head - '801-Interest or Other earnings from Grantee on unspent balances'

Sub-Head - 'XX - Interest'

(Code for 'XX' shall be generated by the system viz. e-Lekha)

- ii. Interest accrued on the fund releases for Health purposes shall be credited as under –

Major Head- '0210-Medical and Public Health'

Sub-Major Head - '01, 02, 03, 04 or 80' as the case may be

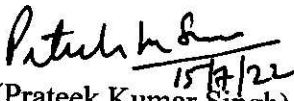
Minor head - '801-Interest or Other earnings from Grantee on unspent balances'

Sub-Head - 'XX - Interest'

(Code for 'XX' shall be generated by the system viz. e-Lekha)

7. The interest shall be deposited as per the extant procedure. However, from 1st September, 2022 onwards, the interest accrued in the SNA account shall be deposited by the SNAs online through the Non-Tax Receipt Portal (NTRP) using PFMS Login. PFMS Division, O/o CGA shall issue the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the same.

8. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.


15/12/22
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To

1. Secretaries of all Departments/Ministries, Government of India
2. Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs with Legislature
3. Financial Advisers of all Ministries of Government of India
4. Addl. CGA (PFMS), O/o CGA, INA, New Delhi

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 conditions and will work out Central and state share in the amount so available with IAs.

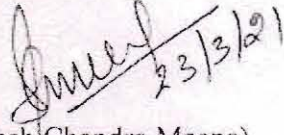
SNA's will keep a record of unspent balance lying in the account of IAs and the amount refunded by IAs.

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 SNA's 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/SNA's/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 SNA's 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 SNA's, 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. SNA's 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. SNA's 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.

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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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