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Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure

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North Block, New Delhi  
Dated 03 June, 2024

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: Re-appropriation of Funds Earmarked for NER

References have been received in this department requesting clarity on the following:

- i. The authority of re-appropriation of funds earmarked for North Eastern Region (NER) from the non-functional Major Heads 2552, 4552, and 6552 to the functional heads presently rests with the Secretary of the Ministry/Department concerned or Ministry of Finance, as applicable. Clarity has been sought whether this authority can be further delegated by the Secretary of the Ministry/Department concerned.
  - ii. This Department's Office Memorandum (OM) No. 01(14)/2016-E.II (A)(Part-III) dated 01.04.2024 states that no "no re-appropriation shall be made during the first quarter of a financial year without the prior approval of the Ministry of Finance." (Para 3(i) of the OM). Clarity has been sought whether this restriction also applies to the Non-Functional Major Heads 2552, 4552 and 6552.
2. The matter has been considered in this Department. It is noted that lump sum funds are earmarked to various Ministries/Departments, for northeast areas under non-functional heads, i.e., Major Heads 2552, 4552, and 6552. These non-functional heads are merely control heads from which no actual expenditure is made during the normal course (except in case of Ministry of Development of NER). For incurring expenditure, these funds are mandatorily routed from the non-functional heads to the functional heads in the respective schemes. The use of NER heads for obtaining appropriation from Parliament and subsequent re-appropriation to respective functional heads

arises from the need to capture the allocation for the NER region in the budget documents. Re-appropriations from these non-functional heads are therefore unavoidable and technical in nature.

3. Considering the technical nature of the re-appropriation, this Department has decided the following:

- i. Re-appropriation of funds earmarked for North East Region from the non-functional Major Heads (2552, 4552 and 6552) to the functional heads from which actual expenditure is incurred, is delegated to the Secretary of the Ministry/Department concerned, including re-appropriations during the first quarter of the financial year. The Secretary may further delegate such powers to any officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary or equivalent level officer.
- ii. All other re-appropriations from the NER to non-NER purposes shall continue to require the approval of the respective Secretaries or the Ministry of Finance, as applicable.
- iii. The relaxation allowed at 3(i) is not applicable for Ministry of Development of NER.

4. This issues with the approval of the Finance Secretary & Secretary (Expenditure).

  
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