

F. No 1/(08)/PFMS/2023
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure

North Block,
New Delhi, 7th March, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: **Procedure for release of funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and monitoring utilization of the funds released – relaxations/clarifications in certain provisions for release of funds in 2023-24.**

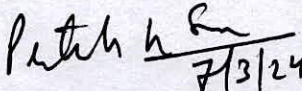
Some issues faced by Ministries/Department in release of funds under CSS have been brought to the notice of this Department.

2. The matter has been examined in this Department and following relaxations/clarifications are conveyed regarding release of funds under CSSs –

- i. In some schemes the State has returned central share of funds to Consolidated Fund of India (CFI) but the return is not reflected in PFMS report. In cases where progressive SNA 09 report is reflecting deficit in release of funds by the State but the deficit is purely due to non-reflection of central share of funds returned to CFI in PFMS reports, the Financial Adviser of the Department is hereby empowered to grant relaxation from the validation check in PFMS after ascertaining that (a) funds returned by the State have been credited into CFI and (b) Progressive SNA 09 report is reflecting excess release by the State after taking into account the central share of funds returned by the State. A copy of the relaxation order may be sent to Additional CGA, PFMS division and to DoE for information.
- ii. While Ministries may obtain Utilization Certificates (UCs) as per provisions of GFR, UCs should not be insisted upon during release of every instalment of fund under a CSS. Instead, Ministries/Department may release funds based on fund utilization reflected in PFMS reports.
- iii. To expedite release of funds, Ministries may obtain concurrence of the Financial Adviser for release of 50% of the amount earmarked in one go but actual release in one instalment should not be more than 25% of the amount earmarked. Further, Ministries may obtain proposals from States for release of 50% of the amount

earmarked in one go so that there is no requirement of obtaining fresh proposal from States for release of 2nd instalment.

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


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To

1. All Secretaries to the Government of India
2. All Financial Advisers to the Government of India

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1. Addl CGA, PFMS Division, O/o CGA.